



**MINUTES NO. 2023-04-RG**  
**OF A**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**THE MADISON POLICE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 25, 2023**

***To protect public health during the COVID-19 Pandemic, according to State and Federal guidelines, anyone who is sick or who is living with a quarantined family member should not attend the meeting.***

The Madison Police Citizens Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Madison City Public Library, Madison, Alabama. The invocation was provided by Committee Chair Marc Highsmith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The American Flag was provided by Committee Secretary Rebecca C. Franz and her husband, Aaron.

Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Committee Chair Marc Highsmith.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

The roll call was conducted by Committee Secretary Rebecca C. Franz and recorded as follows:

Mayor's Appointment Marc Highsmith	Present
Chief of Police's Appointment Rajiv Sharma	Present
Council District No. 1 Pat Freel	Present
Council District No. 2	Vacant
Council District No. 3 Billie Goodson	Present
Council District No. 4 Frank Fletcher	Absent
Council District No. 5 Dwayne Craft	Absent
Council District No. 6 Rebecca C. Franz	Present
Council District No. 7	Vacant

City Official(s) in attendance were City Attorney Brian Kilgore

Public Attendance registered: Three.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda. Motioned for approval by Committee Member Billie Goodson, seconded by Rajiv Sharma. All were in favor.  
Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee Member Billie Goodson motioned for approval, seconded by Committee Secretary Rebecca C. Franz. Chair Highsmith called for a Roll Call Vote. All were in favor.  
Minutes Approved.

## **Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)**

Tara Bailey brought up the incident in her neighborhood on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Shots were fired at a car occupant. She stated that she found out what happened through social media. She had also been one of the community members that had called the police to report the sounds. She saw the police respond but did not receive a notification. She asked how often this kind of crime happens. Attorney Brian Kilgore asked the committee if he could be recognized to answer Tara's question. Marc recognized him and said to proceed. Brian explained the incident in question was isolated to a dispute between two parties and had concluded when the police got there. It was not an ongoing incident. If the incident was an active shooter with multiple people in danger and a gunman on the loose, we would send out a notification. As for the number of shots fired calls in our city, we don't really know if we have an uptick on that as of right now because we have no way of receiving crime stats. Tara wondered why the police didn't ask neighbors for their Ring Doorbell footage. Committee Secretary Rebecca C. Franz explained that since the police met with the victim and they identified who shot at them, that type of canvassing wasn't needed. In different situations, the police would definitely ask the neighborhood for help in gathering more information about the perpetrator.

Aaron Franz suggested the police have a D.A.R.E. Program and said we need better publicity for our meetings.

Linda Clift suggested having Public Service Announcements on the radio and flyers at businesses. She said word of mouth from those that have attended our meetings would be extremely helpful getting the word out about our committee. Also suggested having our meetings at different locations and different days of the week to allow for others to attend that are normally busy on Tuesday nights.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

None

## **BUSINESS**

### **OLD**

Topics for the Year; the committee brainstormed some ideas with help from the public attendee's:

1. Traffic Stops part 2
2. Summer Safety

3. Fire Department/Hemsi
4. SRO's part 2 (parent specific)
5. CivicReady
6. Interactive Meeting - have specific topics that the community can bring questions on to have answered during meeting
7. 911 Center Visit (sign up list for possible public involvement) - *WKC*
8. Breakdown of Detained/Arrested/Stopped
9. Address International Population - have interpreters available (Asha Kiran). Invite the various ethnic groups that exist to describe what they do/issues they may have with PD. Asha Kiran specific meeting.
10. DARE program
11. New Legislation announced/explained
12. K9 presentation/demonstration
13. Breakdown of what MPCAC is - underlying goal is to make things better. Need a Mission Statement. "Find a way to get to yes".

Committee Chair Marc Highsmith also mentioned wanting to do another Google questionnaire to seek additional ideas from the public.

Committee Secretary Rebecca C. Franz asked City Attorney Brian Kilgore if there is a way for the committee to be included and/or informed of public events so that they can participate in them. Brian said he would do his best to let us know and suggested I talk to Samantha Magnusen, the City's Communications Specialist, to find out about events.

**NEW**

None

**DISCUSSION OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING TOPIC AND LOCATION**

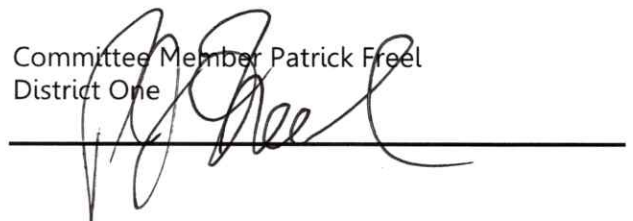
The next regular meeting for the committee will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in the Madison Public Library.

**FUTURE MEETINGS ARE TO BE THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH WITH FLEXIBILITY TO RESCHEDULE. THE MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY IS TO BE THE DEFAULT MEETING LOCATION WITH CITY HALL AS A BACKUP MEETING LOCATION.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Minutes No. 2023-04-RG dated April 25, 2023, read, approved and adopted this day of May 23, 2023.

Committee Member Patrick Freel  
District One



Committee Member –  
District Two

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Vice Chair Billie Goodson  
District Three

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Committee Member Frank Fletcher  
District Four

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Committee Member Dwayne Craft  
District Five

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Committee Member Rebecca C. Franz  
District Six

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Committee Member –  
District Seven

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Chief of Police's Appointment Rajiv Sharma

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Concur:

  
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Marc Highsmith  
Committee Chairman

Attest:

  
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Rebecca C. Franz  
Committee Secretary