



MINUTES NO. 2023-05-RG
OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MADISON POLICE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 23, 2023

The Madison Police Citizens Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 23, 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.

Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 6:07 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 Phyllis Smith Campbell	Present
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 Colon Franz	Present
Council District No. 7 Wyndie Meyer	Absent

City Official(s) in attendance were City Prosecutor Tim McFalls and Chief Gandy.

Public Attendance registered: none

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

No changes to the agenda. Motioned for approval by Committee Member Billie Goodson, seconded by Committee Member Pat Freel. 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)

none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None

BUSINESS

OLD

Chief Gandy answered a few questions from our last meeting:
CivicReady replaced Nixle. If anyone had been subscribed to Nixle they would have been notified and given instructions on how to join CivicReady.
The Police Department doesn't participate with DARE anymore because they developed their own program with all the 5th graders in our city. There is a drug awareness program while in school and then during the Summer there is a police camp.

The following calendar was developed for the committee's meetings for 2023 to help promote them using Social Media and CivicReady.

June – Summer Safety: awareness/precautions on increased summer crimes

July – Traffic and Field Stops with reasonable suspicion and arrests

August – School Resource Officers (SRO's)

September – Meet Our Leaders (Interactive Meeting)

October – AshaKiran: Domestic Violence and resources they provide

November – Mental Health: Wellstone and Nova Center

December – No Meeting: Happy Holidays!

New Committee Member Phyllis Smith Campbell suggested we reach out to NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Health) for our November meeting.

NEW

Two of our new members introduced themselves:

Phyllis Smith Campbell – recently retired from A&M, married with 2 daughters and one granddaughter, personally familiar with mental illness because of a family members suicide, joined the committee for mental health awareness.

Pat Freel – has experience with the committee for attending almost every meeting, is retired from the Federal Government after 50 years of service, his job was very similar to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS).

Committee Chair Marc Highsmith directed the committee members to be prepared to speak about why we volunteer our time for this committee at our next meeting. He also took time to express his gratitude to Chief Gandy for his guidance and patience.

DISCUSSION OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING TOPIC AND LOCATION

The next regular meeting for the committee will be June 23rd at 6pm in the Madison Public Library. We will discuss our June Topic – Summer Safety.

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 7:17 PM.

Minutes No. 2023-05-RG dated May 23, 2023, read, approved and adopted this day of June 27th, 2023.

Committee Member Patrick Freel
District One

Committee Member Phyllis Smith Campbell
District Two

Vice Chair Billie Goodson
District Three

Committee Member Frank Fletcher
District Four

Committee Member VACANT
District Five

Committee Member Rebecca Colon Franz
District Six

Committee Member Wyndie Meyer
District Seven

Chief of Police's Appointment Rajiv Sharma

Concur:

Marc Highsmith
Committee Chairman

Attest:

Rebecca Colon Franz
Committee Secretary