

BOWIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE!



Minutes of the August 25, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Meeting called to order: 7:31 pm by the Chair

Attendance:

Del Billings, Chair
Bill Healy, Member
Bill Grayson, Member
Jill Hochman, Vice Chair
Jeffrey Cooper, Member
Ronnie Gill, Member
Jackie Rhone, Member

Ad Hoc Members

Deputy Chief Preston, BPD
Council Member Ingrid Harrison

Guests:

Tameka Washington
Arthur Washington
Langston Clay
Keith Jackson

Excused:

Monica Best-James, Esq. Member

Approval of June Minutes: Motion by Bill Healy, seconded by Bill Grayson to accept the minutes. Approved.

Reports:

City Council Update—Council Member Ingrid Harrison

- Community Policing event to be held on Thursday, August 26 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Allen Pond Amphitheater.

Bowie Volunteer Fire Department Update – Chief Jonathan Howard

- Not present

Police Department Report – Deputy Chief Dwayne Preston

- FDA has formally approved the Pfizer COVID Vaccine
 - Bowie employees who interact with the public must be vaccinated by September 22

- Two PD personnel may choose not to vaccinate
- Staffing down with 3 vacancies
- 4 Applicants for vacancies under review: 3 new hires/1 lateral transfer, next Academy is scheduled for October
- 3 Dispatcher and 1 additional hire candidates in background check process
- October 9 Bike Ride highlighting Domestic Awareness/Prevention is scheduled
- IMPACT
 - Planning began on September 16, 2021
 - Met with Commanders
 - Bill Grayson also part of meeting
 - Will try to get citizens involved, especially HOAs
 - Meeting will be held weekly
 - Development of responsible areas
 - Address crime and speed
 - Possible having Officers be on foot to meet residents
- Lt. Jefferson is to be appointed Captain and other promotions pending

Bowie Public Safety Committee

- NNO Bowie Volunteer Fire Department assisted in promoting citizens be trained in CPR and was well attended
- Request to invite Maryland State Police Lt. Colonel Roland Butler to our next meeting to discuss traffic issues along State routes

Next meeting: September 22, 2021, 7:30 pm (virtual meeting)

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded—Unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.