

9th POLICE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PDAC)
9th Police District Headquarters
401 N 21st Street - Philadelphia PA 19130

Meeting Notes – Tuesday, September 28, 2021
Via Zoom.

PRESENT: 9th Police District: Officer Jesse O’Shea, Captain, Officer Steve Kiefer, Captain Michael Hooven; PDAC **Members:** Chet Wichowski (FCA) Wendy Gosfield (RIT-FIT), Michael Leigh (The Cathedral), Marc Glassman (2601 Parkway), Harriet Williams (The Philadelphian), Colleen Walsh (LSNA) Elaine Petrossian (SGCA), Patricia Coyne (PCHR, retired), Jaycie Hricak (Central District Victim Services), Lawrence Reynolds(FCA), Gina Shapiro (CCRA), Aliza Schmidt (resident), Jonathan Hunter (BARN), David Harrison (Kennedy House), Eilene Frierson (One Franklin Towne), Kristen Wells (City View).

The September 28, 2021 meeting of the 9th Police District Advisory Council (PDAC) was held via Zoom and called to order at: 5:02 pm by Chester Wichowski, Chairman.

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH: Per Officer O’Shea: two officers have been selected, but will defer until in-person meetings resume; they received gift cards.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: The minutes for the August 31, 2021 meeting, submitted by Kristen Wells and previously distributed via email, were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period since our last meeting, submitted by Treasurer Wendy Gosfield and previously distributed via email:

- Previous Account Balance as of August 31, 2021 **\$26,476.33.**
- **PDAC** Allocated Funds Balance as of August 31, 2021 \$3,022.24 Receipts \$50 from Chet W. Expenses \$297.70 for events at the 9th District (MIA overtime meals, 25-year plaque for 4 officers). Balance as of September 28, 2021 **\$2,774. 54.**
- **9th District** Allocated Funds Balance as of August 31, 2021 \$4,152.08. No activity for the period. Balance as of September 28, 2021 **\$4,152.08**
- **9th District Police Bicycle Fund** Balance as of August 31, 2021 \$19,302.01 Receipts \$0.00 Expenses \$414.74 for bike parts and equipment. Balance as of September 28, 2021 **\$18,887.27**
- **Total Funds** in PDAC Account as of September 28, 2021 **\$25,813.89**

P.A.L. CENTER UPDATE: No report.

PROJECT H.O.M.E/HOMELESS UPDATE: Discussed the increase in agitated homeless individuals in general, and at specific places, including the Cathedral.

Jaycie H. from CDVS noted that there are many homeless victims of abuse, many do not have addresses, and requested officers to supply any data available in order to reach out to them.

Harriet W. suggested the PDAC invite a rep from Department of Behavioral Health to discuss homeless issues.

Elaine P. suggested that these issues could be aligned with the DA’s office to connect and help to evaluate this.

Harriet noted homeless people setting up camp on lawns, seems non-threatening, but needs addressing.

Marc G. requested that we reach out once again to Project Home for a representative at our monthly meetings.

B.A.R.N. REPORT: No Report.

CAPTAIN’S REPORT: Captain Hooven reported that he has received more requested staffing now, and that we should be seeing more police on the streets. He expects the office buildings in Center City to begin opening up, which should help alleviate some crime issues. Harriet W. thanked Captain for his efforts in curtailing the motorcycle groups racing along the Parkway; it has made a markable difference.

The recent 15th Street shooting: a suspect has been identified, and will be arrested. Although he is not a local resident, he attends school in the area. Captain had meetings with the school administration and said he does not expect any more issues from that school and will continue to monitor.

Pat C. asked if there has been any progress made on catalytic converters theft? Captain said many arrests were made. Police have been checking salvage yards for stolen components. Plain clothes police and decoy vehicles are being used to catch potential thieves.

RACING ON THE PARKWAY: Harriet updated all on a meeting with City Council, including Councilman Clark. They are trying to make it less attractive for bikers, many from NY, to hang around. The issue is finally being taken seriously, with tickets issued for bike violations.

Wendy G. reported a mass gathering of motorcycles recently.

HUMAN RELATIONS UPDATE: No report

ADA: No Report

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Officer O'Shea gave a Big Thank You for the contributions on the Hero Show tickets. He is starting up school meetings and other activities halted by COVID. He commended Captain on his out-of-the box solutions to newer issues, many related to COVID. A substation of sorts is being established on Locust Street with a cop car visible on the street. An outdoor event for the District, which had been postponed, is back in the planning stage.

AREA NEEDS:

Gina S. asked about "sleepers" at PATCO station, about 30-40, who are woken up by service detail in the morning. Gina said the improvement is notable.

Per Officer Kiefer: The 911 issue is being resolved with the hiring of more staff, but is still a work in progress. Do not hang up after calling, stay on the line to remain in the queue.

Question raised on the Bike Fund and how we can use it to help with ATV and bike issues. Discussion followed.

Marc asked about the status of the District move: Oct-Dec. 2021. The mural transfer is still a concern, and perhaps can be addressed by Jane Golden of Mural Arts Program.

Jayci H reported that the Victims' Service last month reached out to 50 victims in the 9th District. Anyone in need of these services should be referred to Jaycie.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held as follows:
Tues, Oct 26thrd at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Colleen Walsh