

**MINUTES**  
**Joint Police Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**February 6, 2020, 5:00-6:30**  
**City Hall, First Floor Conference Room**

**JPAC Members in attendance:** Chief Powers, Chief Pyle, Chad Barnhardt, Jackie Wolf, Jordyn Zimmerman, Kim Castor, Liesl Gyurko, Toby Stock, Andrew Chiki, Maria Modayil, Mary Katherine Tran, Barb Harrison, Amanda Graham, Karen Dahn, Sarah Grace, Josh Thomas

**Announcements:**

**Please see two fliers for Accessible Ohio, attached to this email.**

**Chad** urged everyone to read the JPAC charge.

Currently, we have some open slots on JPAC.

**Kim:** Take Back the Night will be April 2 and JPAC members should join right after JPAC's April 2 meeting.

**1. JPAC Strengths and Opportunities**

**Chief Powers:** JPAC is a place he can turn to for ideas, insights, and solutions. We do a great job as proxies for the sponsorship of forums, the annual bbq, the twitter feed, etc. that the police departments and city should not host. **Karen:** We've lasted and maintained an upward trajectory. But we don't have enough diversity and we don't have a high enough profile in the community. **Toby:** the safety tours have worked out well. **Barb:** JPAC has been a great place to get clarity on what is going on in the community.

**2. Spring Safety Tour**

**Chad:** It's been two years since we've done a safety tour. **Amanda:** Classified senate would like us to do a walking tour. **Sarah:** We'd have to do two tours: campus and parts of the city near campus—townie neighborhoods. One in spring and one in fall. Current proposed date for a fall safety tour: November 5, 2020.

**3. Spring Fest Dates and Updates**

**Chad** supplied a list of Fest dates for the rest of the school year.

**4. Spring/Fall Planning Dates for JPAC Events**

**Chad:** what should we consider sponsoring in addition to the BBQ and safety tour in order to be more proactive? **Chief Pyle:** Halloween is rapidly changing. Last year, after the University Halloween party, the streets were open to traffic by 11:30 pm. Maybe JPAC could play a role during the day. There has been a push toward involving children and families on Halloween day. JPAC could sponsor programming for children during the day—Community Center Halloween events might move to town. This year October 31 will fall on a Saturday,

making it an especially busy day and night. And from now on Halloween trick-or-treating in Athens will always occur on 10/31.

**Barb:** CVS will be supplying 5,000 Rufus Readiness Kits (toothbrushes, bandaids) for off-campus students and JPAC can help distribute the kits; that's an opportunity for us to talk to off-campus students. **Chief Pyle:** JPAC reps should go before OU senates and international student organizations every September to talk about the purpose of JPAC. With the 25% turnover of students annually we need to make the presentations each year. A discussion about students of color, who have had negative experiences with the police in their communities of origins, ensued. Although the OUPD and the APD might be different, we agreed that we should not be naïve about the fact that there is pervasive racism in Athens. **Jackie** will send a link to her podcast episode on Race and Racism in Medical School as an example of the experiences of students of color in Athens. **Liesl:** do we want to sponsor active shooter training? We did not come to a conclusion on that question. **Andrew:** By April we should set the date for the annual BBQ.

## 5. 1804 Update/Discussion

**Chad:** should we manage our own publicity or continue to work with 1804? **Chief Power:** There have been some missteps with 1804. **Kim:** If we can review what they do and edit their work, we should not have problems. **Maria:** going through a third party is not efficient. One or two members of JPAC should be doing the work. **Barb:** We can narrow the scope of what 1804 has traditionally done for JPAC.

## 6. Roundtable

**Barb:** community ambassadors are encouraging all students to complete the 2020 census. The Arbor Day Commission is planning on planting trees the entire month of April as one small step to mitigate global warming; JPAC can get involved. **Jordyn:** Access Ohio begins on February 20, see attached leaflets. **Jackie:** The Richland Ave. pedestrian crosswalk is becoming increasingly dangerous. **Chief Powers:** The crosswalk, and that entire section of Richland, will be closed beginning March 1 as the construction of the underground crosswalk begins. **Toby:** How can we help educate the public about the police and best practices in policing? Chief's Corner Communication? Add this topic to March agenda. **Liesl:** March 28 is a day of service with several community service organizations out at Alexander. April 4<sup>th</sup> is KidFest in the Convo. Does JPAC want to host a table? Lots of community engagement opportunities there. April 8<sup>th</sup> is Wear Blue for Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness. **Sarah:** Max Norris from Ohio State Highway Patrol will be invited to the March meeting. The Athens County Sheriff's Office may also attend and will ask to partner with JPAC or contribute to our ongoing discussions.