

Joint Police Advisory Council
Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 5:30-6:30 pm
Via Zoom

Minutes

JPAC Members in attendance via Zoom: Chief Powers, Chad Barnhardt, Jackie Wolf, Andrew Chiki, Ally Rapp Lee, Maria Modayil, MaryKathyrine Tran, Toby Stock, Amanda Graham, Sarah Grace

Guests: Mayor Patterson, Ellie Hamrick

This was the third special meeting called by JPAC since the killing of George Floyd.

Police-Community Open Forum Updates/Discussion

Chad announced that JPAC will likely host an outdoor Police/Community Forum in July, either at the Scripps Amphitheater or on the West Portico of Memorial Auditorium. JPAC will work with the city and social media to advertise the Forum.

Update on Course Development for APD/OUPD “History of Racism in America”

Jackie explained that the course will begin with the first 90-minute class at the end of July and continue every other week for ten weeks. The course will eventually be made available to the public through the Ping Center.

JPAC Statement on Policing and Systemic Racism

With only 10 JPAC members in attendance, the members in attendance agreed that we could not come to a consensus on the content of the statement. **Andrew Chiki** suggested that instead of issuing a statement that JPAC, as an organization charged with bringing in outside voices for conversations with police, issue an invitation rather than a statement, asking people to bring their voice to JPAC. The group agreed on issuing an invitation in August.

Discussion/Questions

Ally asked: what are the OUPD and APD use-of-force policies? **Chief Powers** explained that both sets of policies are public record. OUPD is planning on creating a website that connects calls for police reform with policies that are already in place at the OUPD.

Ellie Hamrick asked: Does the APD have mutual aid agreements with other police departments? **Chief Powers** responded yes, with the OUPD as well as with other departments in Athens County; mutual aid agreements are also a matter of public record.

Sarah asked if we have a date for the annual JPAC BBQ yet. **Chief Powers** said, yes, September 16 with 9/17 as a rain date. **Maria** noted that, due to Covid-19, plans for the BBQ are actually tentative.

The next JPAC meeting will from held via Zoom on Thursday, August 6 from 5 to 6:30.