



**Joint Police Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2022 5:00**  
**118 Ridges Circle, OUPD Meeting Room**  
**Meeting Minutes**

*Present:* Chief Tom Pyle, Chief Andrew Powers, Maria Modayil, Andrew Chiki, Jackie Wolf, Kim Rouse, Sarah Grace, MaryKathyrine Tran

*Absent:* Ally Rapp Lee, Corrin Smith, Josh Thomas

1. Call to Order at 5 p.m.
2. Approval of previous meetings' minutes:
  - a. November 2021
    - i. Motion to approve – Andrew Chiki - Second - Sarah Grace
    - ii. Approved
  - b. March 2022
    - i. Motion to approve - Jackie Wolf - Second - Sarah Grace
    - ii. Approved
3. Updates from the Chiefs
  - a. Chief Pyle's update
    - i. Fests are all over - minimal issues
    - ii. School year is over
    - iii. There was a report of a firearm discharge into a ceiling
  - b. Chief Powers
    - i. Spring Semester was pretty quiet with the exception of some issues that were in the news
    - ii. Maria Modayil asked about the racial issues that had been reported
      1. Chief Powers responded that the suspect in the incident of urination on a door had pled guilty - there was no indication of racial motivation
      2. No suspects in the other 3 incidents
        - a. bag of trash left at a dorm door
        - b. a doll at a door
        - c. a snapchat post
          - i. Image posted was from an anonymous twitter account that direct messaged an RA about an alleged racial slur. No one else said anything else or saw it. OUPD is waiting for information to ID the owner of the twitter account
        - ii. Yik Yak - post regarding the burning of a building with racists inside. Poster was

interviewed - was someone trying to stir trouble.

- iii. Does not think that suspects will be identified in the trash or doll incidents.
- iii. OUPD has a new canine, Bach, trained in explosives detection. He's a very friendly chocolate lab. May try to get him certified as a therapy dog.
  - 1. Kim Rouse asked if this might be an opportunity for community engagement. Perhaps a retirement party for Alex?
- iv. OUPD has a few vacancies. There is no longer a community relations officer who was moved to patrol.
- c. MaryKatherine Tran - Take Back the Night event went well
- 4. Discussion Regarding Officers and Membership
  - a. Maria Modayil is willing to stay on as chair, but mentioned that her work situation is uncertain
  - b. Sarah Grace is also willing to continue
  - c. There are a lot of vacancies - especially on the University side
- 5. BBQ - plan to go forward with it
  - a. Council approval of the street closure is completed
  - b. Andrew Chiki will send out the date (date sent after meeting- October 5)
  - c. Plan for:
    - i. Kiser's if available or Starbrick as a back up
    - ii. DJ B-Funk will DJ
    - iv.
- 6. Round Table
  - a. Andrew Chiki
    - i. Parking garage cameras have been very helpful in identifying recent vandals - most of whom have gone through the diversion program, some did community service
  - b. Kim Rouse
    - i. 1st year student enrolment is up
      - 1. 4,610 (last year was 3,500)
      - 2. 2015 is the highest previous at 4,500
  - c. Maria Modayil
    - i. Has been participating in APD interviews along with Jackie, Kim, and Brandon Thompson. It has been a positive experience.
  - d. Tom Pyle
    - i. Not expecting more attrition in the next 3 years
  - e. Sarah Grace
    - i. Has received a question from a resident regarding pretextual traffic stops. Chief Pyle says that these don't really happen with APD. They do keep data on all traffic stops that may be reviewed for data comparison.
  - f. MaryKatherine Tran
    - i. Take Back the Night went well

- ii. There has been a lot of activity happening following campus events
  - students are unhappy and feeling unsafe

Next meeting is scheduled for September 1. Jackie Wolf is ending her term as she is retiring from Ohio University. Mary Kathryn's and Kim Rouse's terms are also ending. Maria Modayil will reach out to Ally Rapp, Josh Thomas and Corrin Smith about their terms. It would be impossible for this group to meet in September because of membership if seats are not filled. Maria will again email the President and the Mayor about this issue.