



Police Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Police Citizens Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Brenham Police Department Training Room, 1800 Longwood Drive, Brenham, Texas.

Members present:

Brian Ross, JW Clampitte, Courtney Mason, Jesse Vela, Holly Johnson, Andi Liner, Phyllis McMahan,

Members Absent:

James McDonald, Matt Sweeney, Whitney Hooks, Al Patel, Neal Pieper,

Staff in attendance:

Asst. Chief Lloyd Powell, Lt. Kelvin Raven, Lt. Curtiss Schoen, Christi Korth

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Police Citizens Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Brian Ross; seconded by JW Clampitte.

2. Citizen/Visitor Comments

No citizens present or visitor comments.

WORK SESSION

3. Discussion and Update on Police Department Staffing

Powell gave an update on the status of the current staffing at BPD. Officer James Catchings has been hired and will begin his duties on the 18th of December. Staff will begin conducting interviews next week for the patrol admin position and CID admin openings.

4. Discussion of Current Events

Nothing of significance

5. Discussion of the City Manager's Recent Retirement Announcement

City Manager Carolyn Miller announced that she will be retiring in March 2024. The City Council will soon start the search for candidates.

6. Update on the Discussion on the Effectiveness of Misdemeanor Marijuana Arrests and How Marijuana has Affected Other Crimes in the Past Year (Aggravated Assaults, Robberies, etc.)

There has been quite a bit of public discussion regarding the officers issuing a citation or arresting the person if he/she is found to have < 2oz of marijuana in their possession. To help explain and show the significant effect the low-level cases have on leading to bigger cases, Sgt. Seth Klehm gave a Power Point presentation on Marijuana & THC based narcotics. THC is a Schedule 1 drug, which is in the same category as LSD, heroin and ecstasy. Marijuana/THC is one of the most used illicit substances among youth. Some of the issues that are related to marijuana & THC are social media and political

views. There is a misconception that these are not gateway drugs but use of them leads to more crimes and more drug use.

YTD 2023, there were 642 BPD/WC narcotic substance related offenses (not arrests) with approximately 80% being THC based offenses.

YTD 2023, the following number of BPD violent crime cases with connection to marijuana/THC:

- 6 – investigated shootings
- 4 – aggravated robberies
- 4 - aggravated assault
- 2 – burglary of habitation

Staff liaison Christi Korth announced the next CAB meeting will take place February 13, 2024.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Brian Ross called for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Holly Johnson.

Brian Ross

Chairman

ATTEST:

Christi Korth

Board Liaison