



BRENHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING
BRENHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM
1800 LONGWOOD DRIVE
BRENHAM, TEXAS**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Citizen and Visitor Comments**
- 3. Approve the Minutes from the October 10, 2023, and December 12, 2023 Brenham Police Department Citizens Advisory Board Meetings**

WORK SESSION

- 4. Discussion and Update on Police Department Staffing/Training**
- 5. Discussion of Current Events**
- 6. Discussion of Chief Parker's Retirement Announcement**
- 7. Update on the search for a new City Manager**
- 8. Adjourn**

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the February 13, 2024 agenda of items to be considered by the Brenham Police Department Citizens Advisory Board was posted to the City Hall bulletin board at 200 W. Vulcan, Brenham, Texas on Friday, February 9, 2024 at _____ AM/PM.

Christi Korth
Brenham Police Department Chief of Staff

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I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Brenham Police Department Citizens Advisory Board was removed by me from the City Hall bulletin board on the ____ day of _____, 2024 at _____ AM PM.

Signature

Title



Police Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Police Citizens Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Brenham Police Department Training Room, 1800 Longwood Drive, Brenham, Texas.

Members present:

Brian Ross, Matt Sweeney, Whitney Hooks, JW Clampitte, Courtney Mason, Jesse Vela, Holly Johnson, Andi Liner

Members Absent:

Al Patel, Phyllis McMahon, James McDonald, 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 Holly Johnson.

2. Citizen/Visitor Comments

No citizens present or visitor comments.

3. Approve the Minutes from the August 8, 2023, Brenham Police Department Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

JW Clampitte made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 08, 2023 meeting; Matt Sweeney seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Mason called for a vote to approve minutes:

Chairman Brian Ross	Yes
Vice Chair Pastor Matt Sweeney	Yes
Board Member Neal Pieper	Absent
Board Member Phillis McMahon	Absent
Board Member Whitney Hooks	Yes
Board Member Pastor James McDonald	Absent
Board Member Alpesh Patel	Absent
Board Member JW Clampitte	Yes
Board Member Andrea Liner	Yes
Board Member Jesse Vela	Yes
Board Member Courtney Mason	Yes
Board Member Holly Johnson	Yes

WORK SESSION

4. Discussion and Update on Police Department Staffing

The department has a new hire - Officer Nicolas Conforti started with the department October 8th. CRU has officially started back up.

Powell gave an update on Chief Parker.

Powell let the board know that the department does not have enough officers, but our recruiting is still actively seeking potential new hires. He explained that BPD is going to hire quality, not quantity; we will keep searching for the right candidates.

Raven stated that the SRO's are at their respective assigned campuses (BMS, BJHS, BHS). At the end of every month, there is a designated time/date for officers to sign up for security at all other BISD campuses for the upcoming month.

5. Discussion of Current Events

There have been many questions brought up regarding the shortage of SRO's, such as what options are available. The Marshal Program was briefly discussed. It was said the Marshal is on the campus only for an emergency and unlike the SRO's, they do not interact with the students. Also, the only training that is required of the Marshal Program is to complete an 80-hour TCOLE program.

Last week dispatch received a call regarding a weapon involved situation on the BHS campus. In addition to the SRO's on campus, within one minute, there were almost a dozen officers there; within twelve minutes, there were forty-five to fifty officers on campus. Ultimately, it was determined the call was a hoax, but it was a great impromptu training experience for all the local departments to work together in this type of situation.

6. Update on the City of Brenham Police Department End of Year

Staff liaison Christi Korth announced the next CAB meeting will take place December 12, 2023.

ADJOURN

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

Brian Ross
Chairman

ATTEST:

Christi Korth
Board Liaison



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

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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