

**COMMISSION ON POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS
AGENDA**

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 4:00pm

I. Approval of Minutes from April 2022

- Call to order 1601
- Motion to Approve by John Golaszewski
- Seconded by Anna Clawson

II. Commissioner Reports:

- **Holland High School – Anna Clawson**
 - Graduation is May 24
 - 13 Holland early colleges graduating with Associates degree
 - Influenza cases were confirmed within district
 - Collaboration with Discovery Center for Kindergarten/1st for next year
- **Holland Christian High – Greta Traver**
 - Three weeks left for seniors and four weeks for rest
 - AP exams this week
- **Black River Schools – Hannah Huggett – Not present**
- **Black River Schools - Atif Usmani – Not present**
- **Hope College – John Jobson**
 - Students juggling exam finals and sports finals
 - Additionally, some sports are interfering with commencement
 - Summer research starts next week
- **LAUP – Johnny Rodriguez**
 - HPOA selected LAUP for donations of ticket sales for the concert
 - \$4000 total
 - Citizenship classes for 10 weeks are wrapping up
 - Assists with process of immigrating & preparing for test
 - 15 people averaging per class
 - Three people have completed GED course out of the five that participated
 - Boulevard Church to host ceremony with music & food to celebrate youth achievements
 - May 21 Mexican Consulate at Salvation Army
 - June 5 is Summer Kickoff with food, haircuts, music, vaccines
 - July 9 is the Fiesta
- **Holland Heights – Wasana Davis**
 - Neighborhood clean-up last weekend
 - Two dumpsters filled
 - Canvas painting event
 - May 4 for Heights of Hope lunch extravaganza

- **Escape Ministries – Jennifer Jones** – Not present
- **Midtown Counseling – Sue VanWyngarden**
 - Started process to going into Jefferson this summer
 - OSCN would be present at school to facilitate counseling
 - Hopeful for three to four counselors
 - Counseling at Holland West this summer as well
- **Resident – Jennie Woehl**
 - Slight uptick in Covid (omicron) w/ Influenza as well at Holland Hospital
- **Resident – John Golaszewski**
 - Semester is done at GVSU & Davenport
- **GVSU College of Community/Public Service – Billy Wallace** – Not present
- **Human Relations - Esther Fifelski**
 - Bridges out of Poverty series, May 18 & 21 at Herrick Library
 - June 18 – Juneteenth at Kollen Park
 - June 7 – Summit

III. Public Comments – *Please Limit to 2 minutes*

- **None Present**

IV. Discussion – HDPS Updates

- **Chief Messer**
 - Present – Referred to Capt. Mulder for discussion
- **Capt. Mulder**
 - No significant investigations or ongoing complaints
 - Hired a new cadet
 - Two conditional offers given to police officers
 - One current cadet
- **Sgt. Weatherwax**
 - CRASE to HPS
 - Entire CP team got certified as instructors
 - Working directly with Nick Cassidy to instruct staff in schools
 - Ofc. Soto and Sgt. Weatherwax taught class
 - HPOA bought food for all HPS staff for appreciation day
 - Scholarships
 - Sent out to local learning institutes & similar
 - Not a single application received by PD
 - Consider placing scholarship deadline in December or March 1 to get interest by coinciding with other scholarships
- **Ofc. N. Hamberg**
 - Car giveaway last week
 - Individual who obtained vehicle was part of women’s CLEAR group led by 70x7 and Ofc. Hamberg & Ofc. Nelson
 - New businesses have come forward to donate time and resources for future & past giveaways

- **Lt. Groendyke**
 - March – April
 - Six fires
 - Two businesses & four residences
 - One caused by burner turned on by animal
 - Another caused by bathroom fan

V. HPD Significant Activity / CP Officer Report

- **Barrett**
Nothing notable in area, mostly quality of life complaints investigated
- **Nelson**
Nothing notable
- **N. Hamberg**
Junior Police Academy taking applications for current 6th & 7th graders

VI. City Council Report – Quincy Byrd – Not Present

Motion to adjourn at 1655 by John Jobson
Seconded by Chief Messer

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 7, 2022 @ 4:00pm

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Purpose Statement:

Assist the department of public safety in developing strong partnerships with community members and organizations through education, empowerment, and involvement.