



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
JOHN PIGGOTT, CHIEF

CITIZENS POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2026

1. Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting

- a. Called to order by Chief Piggott at 12:07pm.

2. Approval of January Minutes

- a. Approved.

3. Parties Present

- a. John Piggott, Chief of Police
- b. Pam O'Malley, Co-Chair & Community Organization
- c. Fred Sharp, Co-Chair & Residential
- d. Lindsay Santilli, Secretary to the Chief
- e. Brian Moore, Assistant Chief
- f. Matt Friedrich, 47th DC Court Admin and Magistrate
- g. TR Carr, Neighborhood Associations
- h. Rabbi Aaron Bergman, Faith-Based Community
- i. Marsha Koet, Community Organization
- j. John Firment, Residential
- k. Jerry Ellis, Residential
- l. Marc Wilkins, Neighborhood Associations
- m. Morris Cotton, Residential
- n. Bob Houhanison, Director of Public Safety
- o. Allyson Robinson, Schools
- p. Brian Rich, Business
- q. Dr. Lauren Bryan, Faith-Based Community
- r. Keith Ciaramitaro, Health Care
- s. Asim Khan, Faith-Based Community

4. Community Reports

- a. Fred Sharp: thanked the group for taking the time to participate.
- b. Bob Houhanison: Announced Deputy Chief is retiring in June - promotions coming, hiring again.
- c. TR Carr: Discussed recent changes in FH City Hall/CMO and his history as a politician in Missouri during civil unrest and turnover there in St. Louis Co. and discussed the importance of keeping politics out of law enforcement.
- d. Marc Wilkins: Asked questions re: drone fleet, # officers who are operators, how its affected by Chinese ban, and the future of drone technology.
- e. John Firment: Discussed his role as an Airport Ambassador, keeping inventory of locations for AEDs and fire extinguishers throughout the airport, and asked whether the PD or FD could benefit from that.
 - i. Chief Piggott described the Heart Smart Initiative the FD is working on, AED mapping online, and that he'd pass this along to the FD.

- f. Marsha Koet: Thanked PD and officers for helping citizens with the cold temps and the Costick as a heating center/outreach center. She stated there is a great partnership with the PD/Teresa Jergovich.
- g. Brian Rich:
 - i. Echoed TR Carr on his thoughts regarding politics staying out of law enforcement.
 - ii. Addressing John Firment – Pulse Point is the FD program, not open for general public yet, but there is an app and Dispatch can tie into that and see photos or location descriptions in the app to guide first responders to AED sites.
 - iii. State of the City is March 6th, Business Expo from 430-6pm VIP Reception at 5pm (pay for), State of the Cities Address at 7pm at Farmington High. The Mayor of Farmington, Superintendent of FPS, Chancellor of OCC, and Mayor of FH will attend, put on by the Chamber of Commerce.
 - iv. An initiative called Feed the Need in FH has had great response, and they meet on 2nd Monday of each Month at 2pm at Nardin Park. At the last meeting one group brought rice, another was going to cook it, and the plan was to deliver to unhoused population residing in hotels. Government-Faith Community-Schools-Interested Citizens all work together in this initiative.
- h. Rabbi Bergman: Local security concerns/programs/holiday tonight. Thanked Chief for being accessible and helpful during their events and security.
- i. Allyson Robinson:
 - i. Discussed the State of the Cities event and that the boys' swim team would be helping vendors unload.
 - ii. Projects just finished at schools – "Go Bucket" with backpack full of first aid items in case of building evacuation. She worked to improve and restock those.
- j. Matt Friedrich:
 - i. Informal hearings are still virtual – traffic infractions biggest portion of case load, much higher than it was years ago.
 - ii. 300 bladed weapons and 100 pepper sprays were intercepted last year at the Court's front door. Great support from FH/FPS in addition to security officers in the Court.
- k. AC Moore: Touched on keeping communication open for events in the City, such as Alice training for houses of worship, keeping communication open and training on how to respond during active assailants.
- l. Pam O'Malley:
 - i. Neighborhood House seeing heavy volume of homelessness (unhoused), thank the PD for their response and also recognized Teresa Rich for putting a group together to feed people and serving as resource to help find people resources to fit their needs by partnering with NH.
 - 1. Marc Wilkins: Added that the American Red Cross can provide cots and blankets for unhoused.
 - ii. Beginning "Good Neighbor" Group, put out ways people can donate on regular basis (autopay etc). There was an increase in donations last year, much appreciated. Good Neighbor Fund information to be brought by Pam next meeting.
- m. Lindsay Santilli: Provided an overview of the CPAC website with the group.
 - i. Chief Piggott elaborated on how we're structuring the CPAC website.
 - ii. "Become a Member" – finalize a policy to post on the process.

1. Option to fill out an application on there when vacancies are available.
2. Objective - Want to make sure members are active in community representing the group and getting feedback, improvements in addition to praise and also be sure that membership isn't politically motivated.

5. Old Business

- a. CPAC Website (discussed)
- b. Increased school safety: Approved by legal teams from City and Schools – agreement for SRO, adding a 4th SRO (3 from FH) so each high school has a dedicated SRO, and Warner, Power, East all have an SRO. School safety security is also important in keeping kids from getting into trouble (hall monitors added previously) + the additional SRO for next school year.
- c. PD Hiring – Signing bonuses newly implemented for lateral transfers, (Livonia lost 5 officers in 1 month to the Federal agencies, due to offered signing bonuses).

6. PD Happenings:

- i. Exec Staff went to MACP conference in GR, discussed local trends:
 1. Drones were heavily discussed – advent of Walmart/Amazon Prime drone delivery, lots of drone traffic. Anticipated complaints from residents about drones flying over property. LE will need to know if drones are friendly/malicious, who they belong to etc. Technology will need to be able to ID these and we'll have to be able to access it.
 - a. Flock, Axon, drones for first responders programs.
 2. AC Moore – Discussed recommendations for drones in a city like Farmington Hills that could be electronically launched and controlled in real time, increasing officer safety and decreasing the time it takes to gather information on a scene. Costly systems but they are the future and would be a long-term budget item. Also discussed dedicated pilot / fulltime role vs. having a person in Patrol, etc. Logistics, warranties, etc.
 - a. Wilkins – with the Chinese ban, does that limit the types of drones?
 - i. AC Moore – currently have 4 drones, 16 pilots. All FAA pilot licensed. FAA course and retest every 2 years as FAA pilots. Currently have DJI drones (Chinese). Their tech is higher than others, but concern over Chinese gov products. SkyDeo is a US manufacturer, but tech isn't quite there and more expensive made in US. Currently registered drones are grandfathered in, but FAA won't likely allow you to register them in the country.
 1. Axon are replacing DJI with SkyDEO as they come online.
 2. Concerns over what all is in the sky, and if it is handed over from FAA to local policing if it gets too much volume down the road.
 - ii. Chief Piggott - Current drone info is maintained through Axon and their digital evidence platform, BWC etc. Discussion of costs and difficulties in switching platforms when one maintains so much past data.
3. Fred Sharp –shooting in WB

- b. A question was submitted prior to the meeting about recent crime in the north end of Farmington Hills:
 - i. Violent crime is pretty much non-existent in that section of FH. Only 4 incidents in last 6 months in entire north end of the City – no increase in crime trends there.

7. Meeting Concluded at 1pm.