

**9<sup>th</sup> POLICE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PDAC)**

*9<sup>th</sup> Police District Headquarters  
401 N 21<sup>st</sup> Street - Philadelphia PA 19130*

**Meeting Notes - Tuesday, December 29, 2020  
Via Zoom**

**PRESENT: 9<sup>th</sup> Police District:** Officer Jesse O'Shea **PDAC Members:** Chet Wichowski (FCA) Wendy Gosfield (RIT-FIT), Colleen Walsh (LSNA and Tivoli), Michael Leigh (Cityview and The Cathedral), Marc Glassman (2601 Parkway), Fred Blazky (Kennedy House), Harriet Williams (The Philadelphian), Tina Ginnetti (CCRA), Patricia Coyne (citizen, retired PCHR), Elaine Petrossian (SGCA), Jessica Tomchick (CCCVS), Jonathan Hunter (B.A.R.N), David Harrison (Kennedy House.)

The December 29, 2020 meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> Police District Advisory Council (PDAC) was held via Zoom and called to order at 5:02 pm by Chester Wichowski, Chairman.

**OFFICERS OF THE MONTH:** Deferred.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes for the November 24, 2020, meeting, submitted by Colleen Walsh and previously distributed via email, were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for the period since our last meeting, submitted by Treasurer Wendy Gosfield and previously distributed via email, was reviewed. The December 29, 2020 balances are as follows: **Total** balance of \$31,874.32, consisting of: **Bicycle Fund** \$23,700; **9<sup>th</sup> District** \$5,702.08; and **PDAC** \$2,472.24, including a receipt of \$200 from Fairmount Civic Association.

Colleen W. mentioned that looking back into files, we solicited bike funds 3 years ago, and it is our fiduciary responsibility to use them. P.O. O'Shea will submit list of items needed for approval from Captain.

**P.A.L. CENTER UPDATE:** No report.

**PROJECT H.O.M.E./HOMELESS UPDATE:** No rep from Project Home. P.O. O'Shea: there is still a homeless population at Dilworth and MSB. The 9<sup>th</sup> District began a 15<sup>th</sup> Street Initiative with other districts to monitor drugs, guns, stolen merchandise and will share personnel. Marc G: The Academy House bottom floor is retail and, being closed, is attracting homeless, needs support. P.O. O'Shea will follow up.

**RACING ON AREA STREETS:**

Colleen W: mentioned the effort by Crosstown Coalition to address the issue with Council member Allan Domb and offered contact information to Harriet W. for involvement. Harriet stated the focus is on 2 things: red light cameras and the apron of Art Museum that has become a gathering place for speeding vehicles. The Museum does not own the property, so cannot control it. Parks and Rec, and Streets Department are involved. Fred B reported a race today on JFK Blvd. Discussion ensued regarding this problem.

**B.A.R.N. REPORT:** No Report

**A.D.A. REPORT.** No report.

**HUMAN RELATIONS UPDATE:** No report.

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT:** P.O. O'Shea reported the Mummies may be protesting and PPD is preparing for that. Total violent crimes increased across the city for year, but gun violence was down 8.7% in the 9<sup>th</sup> District. Theft from autos up 5%, half being from autos that are unlocked.

Elaine P. noted that gun violence seems to be up, especially recently; P.O. O'Shea responded not here in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Elaine asked if there is spill-over crime from the 6<sup>th</sup> (Broad St): response is that there is no indication of that happening.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Pat C said to expect city-wide bylaws soon and briefly discussed specific topics in draft copies.

P.O. O'Shea reported that seven new officers were hired before Christmas and the District will be working fully staff for the first time since May. No Christmas Party for the District due to COVID, but will be planning COVID-safe meal in the future.

**AREA NEEDS: None.**

Fred B.: Residents in his building interested in donating food/meals to support the district. Chet W. gave suggestions.

Fred B asked if PDAC minutes distributed to residents of his building. Chet responded that it would not be appropriate

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held as follows:

**Tues, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.**

**via Zoom**

*Respectfully Submitted by Colleen Walsh*

### **Treasurer's Report**

Please see attached.

### **Homeless Services**

Code Blue is expected to go into effect due to the freezing temperatures projected this weekend.

### **Racing on the Parkway/JFK/Disruptive Vehicular Behavior**

Red-light cameras are expected to be installed at five locations along the Parkway between March and May 2021. The Department of Parks and Recreation will be working with the PPD to help patrol the Art Museum apron between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. PPD is attempting to get removable barriers installed there. Incidents should be reported to 9-1-1. There is legislation pending in Council that might provide additional ammunition to Police to remove vehicles.

### **PDAC Bylaws**

Draft bylaws are under review by district captains.

### **Bars, Area Restaurants and Nightclubs Report**

These establishments are currently operating at 25 percent capacity indoors and are expected to remain so, as long as there is no spike in Covid cases. It was commented that outdoor structures may not be in compliance with Covid-19 requirements. Complaints may be reported to Jonathan Hunter. Please practice patience, especially with smaller establishments.

### **Crime Report**

Officer Kiefer reported that theft of catalytic converters from automobiles (for precious metals) continues to be an issue, citywide, especially in Spring Garden, Fairmount, and Logan Square. Please contact 9-1-1 if you see someone under a vehicle.

There has been a spike in gun robberies in Fairmount—one on January 19, 2021, and another January 25, 2021—the first for a cellular phone and the latter for a woman's purse. Both incidents involved an African American male suspect.

Thefts from automobiles are increasing, especially in Fairmount and Spring Garden, up 6 percent from the same time last year.

On New Year's Day there was a shooting at 21<sup>st</sup> and Walnut. There was a shooting at 15<sup>th</sup> and Market on January 23, 2021, believed to be a robbery gone bad. The Police have good images of the suspect.

There were a couple incidents involving AirBNB house parties, including one at 15<sup>th</sup> and Pine.

### **Area Needs**

Submitted by PDAC Representative Tina McLintock  
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The following area needs were raised:

Drug dealing at 1600 block of Mount Vernon. PPD responded and issued CVNs to two individuals. Bicycle police are monitoring.

Thefts from mailboxes continues to be an issue for Fidler Square, and Citywide from outside of personal residences.

**Treasurer's Report – January 26, 2021**

Previous Account Balance as of December 29, 2020                      \$31,874.32

**PDAC Allocated Funds**

Balance as of December 29, 2020	\$2472.24
Receipts	\$250.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Balance as of January, 26, 2021	\$2722.24

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**9th District Allocated Funds**

Balance as of December 29, 2020	\$5702.08
Receipts \$250.00 Expenses	\$2500.00
Balance as of January 26, 2021	\$3452.08

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**9th District Police Bicycle Fund**

Balance as of December 29, 2020	\$23,700.00
Receipts	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2806.96
Balance as of January 26, 2021	\$20,893.04

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**Total Funds in PDAC Account (including 9th District, PDAC & Bike)  
As of January 26, 2021    \$27,067.36**