

**City of Cleveland Heights  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
November 15, 2016**

**Executive Conference Room, Cleveland Heights City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| David Benson     | Gail Larson      |
| Douglas Dykes    | Allison McCallum |
| Bradley Eckert   | Marian Morton    |
| Dawn Ellis       | Donalene Poduska |
| Cory Farmer      | Steve Titchenal  |
| Jonathan Goldman | Sarah West       |
| Christine Henry  | Parker Zabell    |
| Robin Koslen     |                  |

MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Vetella Camper (exc.)     | Amanda Shaffer (exc.) |
| Kim DeNero-Ackroyd (exc.) | Katura Simmons        |
| Menachem Lubling (exc.)   | Meg Vanderbilt (exc.) |
| T. Nadas (exc.)           |                       |

COUNCIL PRESENT

Carol Roe

GUESTS PRESENT

Chief Annette Mecklenburg

STAFF PRESENT

Nancy McLaughlin

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allison McCallum called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Steve Titchenal called the roll; a quorum was present.

PRESENTATION

Chief Annette Mecklenburg spoke with CAC about the recent murder of Sunny Patel at Mr. Hero and the apprehension of the suspect within 48 hours. He has now pleaded guilty in order to avoid the death penalty. He will serve a life sentence, without parole. This was agreed to by the Patel family. As far the Chief knows, the crime was not gang

related. The Police Department is meeting with businesses to discuss how to prevent crimes like this in the future. An increase in the number of surveillance cameras in business districts well as continued sharing of information with them has been discussed.

All of CH uniformed police officers wear body cams and they are in the process of purchasing new ones for the department. Many cruisers are equipped with dash cams and all should have them within a few years. The department is down a few officers, but is in the process of hiring right now. The Chief reminded CAC that crime stats are posted on the website. Robberies and assaults are slightly up over last year. This is true in neighboring communities as well. All other crimes are down as compared to previous years.

The Department has instituted many programs to get out into the community more, including the bike patrols, Meet Your Police monthly meetings, Citizens Police Academy and the Explorers group with the high school.

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Nancy McLaughlin reported that sufficient CDBG funds were expended prior to the end of October allowing us to meet our timeliness goal with HUD and avoid any penalty for this year.

Nancy gave the committee an update on the status of the Commercial Loan program. She reported that all seven outstanding loans are current and being paid as agreed. Between 1994 and 2004 only four loans have had to be written off. Since that time only one has gone unpaid, due to bankruptcy being filed. All but one of the storefront loans are also current. That loan will be written off this year.

The City generally uses real property as security on the loans. The City will take a second position on a property in most circumstances. Only in rare instances would we take equipment as collateral. City Council acts as loan committee on all Commercial Loans.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nancy presented the CAC calendar for 2017 to the committee noting that the March and April meetings have been moved to the second and first Tuesdays due to the Passover holiday and trying not to have meetings too close together.

Nancy thanked all members for returning the forms indicating their intent to return to CAC in 2017. At this time, all CAC members are interested in returning for 2017.

Carol Roe gave an update on the city. She spoke briefly about the Top of the Hill project and the Master Plan.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

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Allison McCallum, Chair

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Steve Titchenal, Vice Chair