

  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR OCOEE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Ocoee Commission Chambers  
1 N. Bluford Avenue  
Ocoee, Florida

January 23, 2025

MINUTES

6:15 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Lewis** called the CACOPD meeting to order at 6:23 PM, in the Commission Chambers of Ocoee City Hall, located at 1 N. Bluford Avenue.

**Chair Lewis** led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence. **Recording Clerk Maldonado** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

**Present:** Chair Lewis, Members Brown, Garay, Meeks, Mellen, and Lomneck (*arrived after the call to order*)

**Absent:** Member Garone

**Also Present:** Commissioner Kennedy, Sergeant Beck, Officer Gonzalez, and Recording Clerk Maldonado

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the CACOPD Meetings held on May 23, 2024, and July 25, 2024

**Motion: Approve the May 23, 2024, meeting minutes; Motion made by Member Mellen, seconded by Member Garay; Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion: Approve the July 25, 2024, meeting minutes; Motion made by Member Garay, seconded by Member Brown; Motion carried unanimously.**

- **OLD BUSINESS – None**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board Officer Appointments – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The floor was opened for discussion and to conduct a vote.

**Motion: Re-elect Chair Lewis for Chair position; Motion made by Member Mellen, seconded by Member Lomneck; Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion: Elect Member Mellen to the Vice-Chair position; Motion made by Member Brown, seconded by Chair Lewis; Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Introduction of Our New CACOPD Liaison Sergeant and Officer Coordinator

**Sergeant Beck** introduced to the CACOPD the new Community Affairs liaisons, Sergeant Coleman and Officer Gonzalez.

### 3. Financial Reports and Budget Discussion

**Sergeant Beck** provided an update on the \$3,000.00 allocated for the FY 24-25 budget. The board discussed maintaining the increased award amounts of \$100.00 for both the Officer of the Quarter and the Civilian of the Quarter awards, and \$200.00 for both the Officer of the Year and the Civilian of the Year awards, which total \$1,200.00 in gift cards, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,800.00.

**Motion: Maintain the \$100.00-dollar gift card awards for Officer of the Quarter and Civilian of the Quarter, and maintain the \$200.00-dollar gift card awards for Officer of the Year and Civilian of the Year; Motion made by Member Meeks, seconded by Member Mellen. Motion carried unanimously.**

The board discussed the Police Explorers program, which currently has a total of ten (10) new cadet members, with new coordinator **Officer Gonzalez**.

**Motion: Donate \$500.00 to the Police Explorers program and \$500 to the COPS program; Motion made by Member Lomneck, seconded by Member Brown. Motion carried 4-2, opposed by Members Mellen and Meeks.**

**Members Mellen and Meeks** explained their opposition to donating to the COPS Program and requested there be a separate vote for it. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Donate \$500.00 to the Police Explorers program; Motion made by Member Mellen, seconded by Member Meeks. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion: Donate \$500.00 to the COPS program; Motion made by Member Meeks, seconded by Member Garay. Motion carried 5-1, opposed by Member Mellen.**

- **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- 1. Ocoee Police Department Awards and Recognition

**Sergeant Beck** provided details on upcoming events for the Community Affairs Division:

- Ocoee Police Department Awards and Recognition Reception for 2024
    - Citizens Public Safety Academy
    - Community Picnic in May
    - National Night Out
    - Police Teen Academy
    - Casting with a Cop

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

- **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM

CACOPD Regular Meeting  
January 23, 2025

ATTEST:

  
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Recording Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Chair