

A RESOLUTION THANKING THE CURRENT AND PAST COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DISSOLVES THIS COMMITTEE (2024-11-20/R-3)

WHEREAS, the Council established a Community Policing Advisory Committee on March 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Council set the charge of the committee to be:

- Make recommendations to the Town Manager and Chief of Police with regard to organizational matters and procedures
- Serve as a liaison to enhance community and police relations
- Participate in annual review of the Police Department's Citizen Academy
- Receive, review, and consult on the quarterly professional standards report,
- Consult and advise on the Police Department's strategic plan, and
- Provide an annual report to Council on a Council requested topic; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has provided valuable insights to the Police Chief and Town Manger on a variety of issues and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has been one of many stakeholders that have influenced the Police Department's adoption of a community-based approach to policing; and

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Police Department is locally, regionally, and nationally recognized for their community-based approach to policing, and

WHEREAS, some Council members petitioned for Town staff to assess Town advisory boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, over fourteen months, Town staff have conducted that assessment using multiple lenses, including an equity lens; and

WHEREAS, that assessment identified three shared interests of 1) meaningful, diverse public input and equitable community engagement 2) good stewardship of staff and community resources, and 3) clear, common understanding of roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, that assessment found that the Town's advisory boards and commissions were created before the Town committed to and invested in equitable engagement; and

WHEREAS, that assessment found that while the Town has implemented policies and procedures aimed at increasing board diversity, those policies and procedures have not significantly increased board diversity; and

WHEREAS, that assessment found that the Town spends an estimated \$120,000 annually on staff support for advisory boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, that assessment found that many advisory boards and commissions were created to advance a priority that is now being staffed and funded by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has committed to equitable engagement and has professionally trained staff to implement equitable engagement strategies and tactics; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council can create time-limited, issue-focused working groups and task forces that can be formed with equitable practices and procedures from the start.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Mayor and Town Council thank past and current Committee members for their time and dedication and offer our deepest appreciation for sharing their expertise, ideas, and lived experiences to inform the recommendations to the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council finds that the Community Policing Advisory Committee, having fulfilled its charge, is hereby dissolved.

This the 20th day of November, 2024.