

GREENBELT STATION MASTER ASSOCIATION
TOWN HALL MEETING
Tuesday December 5, 2023
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cornell Lynch, President
Mike Sundermann, Vice President
Alex Campbell, Treasurer
Danielle Peterson, Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Rosana Gilmore, Community Manager/CAMP
Leslie Benitez, Portfolio Manager/CAMP
Kristen Weaver, Activities Committee Chair – City of Greenbelt Council Member
Silke Pope – City of Greenbelt Council Member
Josue Salmeron – City of Greenbelt Manager
Alonzo Washington – MD Senator
Tina Kumar – Verde Apartments Manager
Chief Richard Bowers – City of Greenbelt Police Department
Deputy White – City of Greenbelt Police Department
Officer Rahman – City of Greenbelt Police Department
Members at large

OPENING ADDRESS

Chief Bower started the meeting at 7:15 P.M. The Greenbelt Police Department and the Greenbelt Station Board of Directors hosted the town hall meeting to address public safety concerns.

POLICE UPDATES

Chief Bower gave a police update on the City of Greenbelt police structure and crime at Greenbelt Station. Some of the meeting highlights:

Low Crime Rates: the crime rates at Greenbelt Station are among the lowest in the city, with property crimes by juveniles being the primary concern.

Safety Recommendations: The police department recommends safe practices for Facebook Market transactions using the nearby police station or the Beltway Plaza Mall for meetups. Also recommend using Amazon Dropbox for the delivery of packages.

The police department posts major incidents on its Facebook page. They encourage residents to follow them on Facebook for updates at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Greenbelt-Police-Department/154282361274736/>

Video Surveillance: The City of Greenbelt Police encourages residents to contribute to public safety by providing video surveillance footage related to incidents. Residents witnessing a crime or capturing anything relevant on their surveillance cameras are encouraged to Contact the City

of Greenbelt Police's non-emergency number at (301) 474-7200. The Police will provide a secure link where to upload pictures or videos related to the incident. This streamlined process ensures the prompt sharing of crucial information while respecting residents' privacy.

Safety assessment walkthrough: Members of the Board of Directors conducted a Safety Assessment walkthrough with City of Greenbelt council members and City of Greenbelt Police Chief Bower to identify areas of improvement. Recommendations were made, and the Board is considering measures that could improve the safety and well-being of residents in Greenbelt Station.

Upcoming Initiatives: The Police Department and the Greenbelt Station Master Association Board of Directors are investigating the installation of NPR Cameras as a proactive approach to enhancing security. The Police should have an update on the cameras by the Spring.

Police Patrol: The Greenbelt Police patrol the community daily. Chief Bowser and the City Manager met with the City of Berwyn Heights to address safety concerns regarding the Indian trail.

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION

Residents raised concerns regarding police presence, addressing parking issues, neighborhood engagement, rentals, and better lighting in the community. They also raised concerns about the potential problems of the proposed FBI Headquarters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 9:30 pm.