

Western District View

Western District Police-Community Relations Council
8273 Telegraph Road, Odenton 21113

9 January 2021

Our Next Meeting – will take place on Wednesday, January 13 at 7 PM. Due to the pandemic, in-person meetings are not now taking place. Instead, as in recent months, WD PCRC officers and visitors will meet with WD representatives on line (visitors welcome). We hope in this way to maintain contact with our PCRC members and to remain functional and able to support WD operations as per normal until this pandemic moves on and we can resume our normal routine.

New AACO Police Chief – After the meeting was called to order at 7 PM and twenty one people had reported their presence, WD Commander Capt. Daniel Rodriguez introduced the new AACO Police Chief Amal Awad, who will assume her new duties on 17 December. Chief Awad has been a police officer for some 30 years. She retired as a major in Prince George’s County, served as Chief of Staff under former AACO Police Chief Kevin Davis and most recently has been serving as the Chief of Police in Hyattsville. She says she is excited, proud and looking forward to her new assignment. President Rusty Bristow greeted and congratulated Chief Amal on behalf of WD PCRC and wished her well in her new duties.

Meeting Minutes for 9 December 2020 –

1. A brief business meeting then took place: the November meeting minutes were approved as published. PCRC Treasurer Cathy Fleshman presented her report: WD PCRC has a current balance of \$4,030.70. Cindy Williams reported that each WD officer will receive a meal voucher from either Mission BBQ or Expressway Pit Beef in lieu of our usual holiday buffet offerings. On behalf of WD PCRC she thanked all those, who again supported PCRC’s holiday buffet efforts this year with generous cash donations, which to date amount to \$2,275.00. PCRC recently paid Mission BBQ \$450 dollars for the holiday celebration costs and purchased \$1,000 in gift cards for WD officers who have won recent commendations. PCRC still has an outstanding bill from Expressway Pit Beef.
2. There were no new candidates for any WD PCRC officer positions, thus, all incumbents were reelected to serve in 2021: Rusty Bristow as President, Cindy Williams as Vice President, Cathy Fleshman as Treasurer, and “Moose” Amos as Secretary. They will be sworn in at our January meeting.
3. WD Commander Capt. Rodriguez then presented his Captain’s Report: He thanked WD PCRC for providing gift cards for recent award ceremonies. He thanked PCRC for the gift cards that have been supplied and issued in lieu of our normal Holiday Buffet

offerings. He will be ready to provide by February 1 the names of nominees for the annual Officer of Merit Awards which will be announced in March. He discussed the activities of the Crisis Intervention Team that is rendering important services. Crime stats continue to trend down in general – normal of late because of the pandemic - except for residential and commercial burglaries. Manning is currently good and will soon get better: eight officers have just completed their field training in December and in February several lateral officers will report. He reported that WD Platoon 4 has beat out 15 competing platoons in AACO for the annual “Platoon of the Year Award.” Corporal Yee – recently reassigned to detective duties on the day shaft - won the 100 Club’s “Unsung Hero Award.” Capt. Rodriguez then answered questions from those present.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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