

A regular meeting of the Royal Oak Crime Prevention Council was held on August 10, 2021 at the Royal Oak Police Department, 450 East Eleven Mile Road - Second Floor Conference Room, Royal Oak, MI, 48067.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Lindsay Warren, Robin Winter, Ted Page, Marc Comptois, Kiel Opperman, and City Commissioner Shar Douglas, and Sgt. Rich Millard

Members Absent: Faye Faraci, Heather Lewis, and Ellen Kehoe

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- The May 11, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by all in attendance. The June meeting was replaced with the New Police Station Open House and the July meeting was cancelled.

Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was presented, as posted, and was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

- No public comment was provided.

Announcements/Communications

- The fall session of the Royal Oak Citizens Police Academy is taking applications now for the classes beginning on October 6, 2021. The classes are seven consecutive Wednesday evenings. Applications can be found on the city's website www.romi.gov.
- Council Member Ted Page asked if a new version of the police department's annual report was available. Commissioner Douglas informed the committee there is a new report for 2020 and it can be found by following this link:

<https://www.romi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/29389/2020-Police-Department-Annual-Report-March-22-2021?bidId=>

Old Business

- The Senior Safety event has been tabled for this year. Once the pandemic clears, we can revisit this agenda item.
- Promoting sponsors for our activities will be revisited after businesses begin to recover and we have open events again.
- Our next event was intended to be "A Safe Neighborhoods Dialogue" but it had to be postponed based on current health safety protocols. We will review scheduling over the next couple of meetings to determine when the police department could host this, potentially informative, presentation on "Scam awareness and prevention along with Crime Trends in a post pandemic environment".

New Business

- Council Member Kiel Opperman presented his research on monthly crime stats for Royal Oak. The idea was to gain an understanding of what our cities biggest issues are and determine if our group can provide a supportive role in awareness and reduction in crime. Specific topics being considered is domestic and personal violence.
- Commissioner Douglas presented to the council the possible consideration of topics we can get involved in that effects resident's safety and quality of life. The broad topic presented was code enforcement, but several categories can be reviewed and turn into some very positive community involvement in support, assistance, safety and wellness checks, aging in place assistance, etc. Lindsay will begin the process and pursue information to move this topic forward.

Adjournment

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.