260805 PAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2026, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

5005 Minnetonka Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN 55416, US

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1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order and confirmed as a live session.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chair Karl Gamradt, Michael Rydberg, Diane Slais, Renee Bruesch, Anthony Del Percio, Tommy Hines, Derek Fradenburgh, Rachel Nieves

Absent: Saul Eugene (excused), Carrie (schedule conflict, status pending), Jillian (term expired)

A quorum of seven members was established. Commissioner RaNae Bruesch was formally welcomed, having had prior scheduling conflicts that prevented her earlier attendance.

3. Approval Of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented, with the note that new business would address the upcoming city council study session.

> Motion to approve the agenda was made by Chair Gamradt. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval Of June And July 2026 Minutes

July 2026 Minutes: Two minor spelling corrections were identified — "particular" in Section 6 (page 4) and "Axcel" in Section 7 (page 6). Both were non-substantive typographical errors.

> Motion to approve the July 2026 minutes as amended was made by Chair Gamradt. The motion carried unanimously.

June 2026 Minutes: One correction was identified — Saul Eugene was omitted from the roll call despite being present. A previously noted inaccuracy regarding "domestic violence follow-up protocol" language was reviewed and deemed sufficiently accurate in context. No further substantive changes were required.

> Motion to approve the June 2026 minutes as amended was made by Chair Gamradt. The motion carried unanimously.

The commission also briefly discussed improving the minutes review process, agreeing to continue using AI-generated minutes while committing to submitting corrections within two days of distribution to avoid approval backlogs.

5. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

6. Updates – Community Conversations With The PAC

Lieutenant Matt Blomsness presented departmental statistics for the prior month, totaling 4,475 calls for service. Key categories included traffic stops, medical calls, shoplifting (concentrated at Knollwood and Target), and domestic disturbances. Two bias-related incidents were reported: one involving a slur shouted at a pedestrian (suspect identified via license plate) and one involving a call from out of state to a community resident.

Employee updates included: Officer Matt Weierke beginning employment, former intern Rachel Carter appointed as a Public Safety Information Specialist, multiple CSO candidates in pre-employment, CSO Kylie Johnson Evans starting Monday, and an ongoing sergeant promotion process. The Explorer program currently has four members, with recruitment efforts planned for fall.

The commission then reviewed and finalized the Community Conversations presentation. Key outcomes:

- **Traditional vs. Community Policing:** Revised language was approved, emphasizing a proactive, collaborative model. The commission agreed to prepare informal, high-level examples for each concept to aid audience comprehension without overloading the presentation.

- **Behavioral Health Unit (BHU):** A video clip featuring Officer Erin Nordrum, the embedded Hennepin County social worker, and the alternate response paramedic was reviewed and approved for inclusion. The commission noted that Officer Lewis, the second BHU officer not featured in the video, should be verbally acknowledged during the presentation.

- **Domestic Violence Response:** The commission agreed to keep this section intentionally general to protect victim safety and avoid publicizing protocols that could be exploited. A note will be added directing community members who are uncomfortable contacting police to search for domestic violence resources online.

- **DHS Response:** The section outlining the department's policy of not enforcing federal immigration law, not requesting immigration status documentation, and prioritizing response to all 9-1-1 callers regardless of status was reviewed and approved without changes.

- **How to Learn More:** The use-of-force online dashboard will be retained; the bias crime dashboard will be removed if confirmed no longer active. PMAC and Citizens Academy (September 4 – November 12, Thursdays 6–9 PM, registration open until August 21) were noted as engagement opportunities.

The presentation was deemed ready for submission to Chief Kruelle and City Manager Keller for final approval.

7. Updates - Community Survey

The commission discussed the long-standing work plan item to conduct a broad community survey. With several new members who have not reviewed the Humphrey School survey materials, the commission agreed it was premature to characterize the full commission as endorsing the effort. Chair Gamradt will share all relevant survey materials — including the Humphrey School survey design, implementation suggestions, and a legacy 2017 PAC-designed survey — with all members for review. Language in the council presentation will be updated to reflect that the PAC, particularly with its new membership, will be revisiting the survey materials to discuss content and potential next steps.

8. Senior And School Outreach

Lieutenant Blomsness noted the following upcoming outreach opportunities:

- **Senior Social Hour:** August 12 at 10 AM, Lenox Community Center
- **Basketball in the Park:** August 13, 20, and 27 at 6 PM, Ainsworth Park
- **Fishing with a Cop:** August 19 at 10 AM, Wolf Park

9. New Business

The commission reviewed the three-slide format provided for the upcoming city council study session on Monday, August 17, beginning at 6:30 PM (with the study session to follow the regular council meeting). Chair Gamradt will ask the council whether it has any work direction for the PAC, summarize the year's work plan progress, and present updated materials including the Humphrey School survey documents. The work plan update will include the status of community conversations, outreach to other cities (deprioritized), youth recruitment and involvement (staff liaisons informed; credit

opportunity not yet reflected on city website or in onboarding), community survey (to be revisited), and bylaws (noted as 23 years old and in need of updating to align with current city ordinance).

10. Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for **September 2 at 7 PM in the Westwood Room, 3rd Floor**.

11. Adjournment

> Motion to adjourn was made by Chair Gamradt. The motion carried unanimously.

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