



Police Community Advisory Council Monthly Meeting

Date of Meeting: July 15, 2026

Location of Meeting: Malden City Hall Room 113 (Anderson Room) and virtual via Microsoft TEAMS

MINUTES

Welcome/Attendance/Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order shortly after 7:00 pm.

Council Member Name	Present Y/N	Virtual/In Person
Chloe Cheung	Y	In person
Kevin Graham	Y	Virtual; joined at 7:36 pm
Jayden Ddhir	Y	Virtual
Brittany Torelli	Y	In person
Nour Jaayfer	N	
Manny Perez	N	

Additional Attendees

Name	Virtual/In Person
Lieutenant Powell	In person
Carey McDonald	Virtual
Jim	Malden resident
Ty	Malden resident/Board of Bike to the Sea and Malden Safe Streets
Additional Malden residents, names not noted during call, unable to review meeting recording to obtain.	

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- At the time agenda item raised, quorum was not achieved, June meeting minutes tabled to August meeting.
- Quorum was achieved when member Kevin G. joined at 7:36 pm however the committee did not go back to the agenda item to approve minutes.

Feedback from the Community

- Chloe shared she attended July 4th celebration, shared that she noted police interaction with community members throughout.
- Brittany and Jayden reported they attended Malden PRIDE, distributed flyers and introduced PCAC to booths/attendees.

E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety

- Committee continued conversation from previous month's meeting around e-bike and e-scooter safety in Malden. Prior to meeting, Brittany sending Lieutenant Powell questions from the month prior (noted on June meeting minutes), these served as the jumping off point of the conversation.
 - Who/what entity monitors the bike path? What role does the MPD play in monitoring the bike path?
 - Lieutenant Powell sharing there is a city ordinance in place of 15 mph, e-bikes are authorized to that certain speed and no further; shared that it is ongoing difficult to know if bikes are modified, if a bike reaches 20 mph downhill for example, it is hard to know if it is a street/non-motored bike versus an e-bike.
 - Chloe inquired what resources MPD has to allocate to the bike path, Lieutenant Powell shared at this moment staffing is tight within MPD, their goal is to have their motorcycle unit to the area when possible. Lieutenant Powell sharing that staffing restrictions do not allow dedicated time and resource, suggested community education as an additional path to follow to help support the need while the department does not have the resources.
 - Carey encouraged the group to review the Ride Safe Act, a bill brought by the Governor's office to increase public safety and regulate use of e-bikes, e-scooters, and mopeds in the state.
 - Jayden brought up the concern group has received around unsafe actions on the bike path, suggested that it is possible that individuals are not properly educated signage/restrictions and how to share the space.
 - Carey suggested that there is space for feedback to the Northern Strand master plan and the strategic planning committee office, and potential to talk about ways to change the physical trail, adding speed humps or curves for example.
 - Jayden inquired if Lieutenant Powell would know how many days in a calendar month the department was able to allocate resources, Lieutenant Powell shared not many. Jayden followed up and inquired if when

presence is possible what the department finds, Lieutenant Powell shared that he believes being visible changes the behavior, clarified that this is reported from one section of the bike path where that officer happened to be, is unsure if it is applicable to the path as a whole.

- Kevin asked if Malden was considering the use of cameras for the bike path, Lieutenant Powell reported being unsure but that he could connect with the Chief and follow up, shared that cameras come with additional cost so his initial thought would be that it would not be possible without a grant of some sort.
- What are other communities doing on their sections of the bike path to monitor and ensure safety?
 - Ty shared that he can offer comment on the mentioned camera question, identified that no other communities utilize cameras, if Malden chose to do so they would be an outlier. Ty also shared that Saugus and Lynn have rotating officers on pedal bikes that have presence on their sections of the path to help with reckless behavior.
 - Ty also shared that Saugus held an information session for community members on micro-mobility, suggested committee review. Chloe to find recording if possible and send to group.
 - Jayden to reach out to neighboring communities to obtain information about education, any resources they can provide and how they are utilizing resources to monitor their sections of the bike path.
- Committee will continue to assess the concerns and work to obtain resources and further education for Malden residents.

Elections:

- Chloe followed up on efforts to reach out to mayor's office for appointed member to form full committee, reports no update currently.
- Brittany presented developed roles and responsibilities for committee elections.
- Committee conducted yearly elections
 - Chair: Chloe nominated for reelection by Brittany, confirmed and approved by all remaining members.
 - Co-Chair: Jayden D. nominating Kevin G. for appointment, confirmed and approved by all remaining members.
 - Clerk: Brittany nominated for reelection by Chloe, confirmed and approved by all remaining members.

Updates on PCAC Working Groups:

- Committee reviewing upcoming outreach commitments and confirmed attendance planned at National Night Out in August.

Follow Up on Previous Action Items:

- Brittany confirmed that a welcome email was sent to Chief Gatcomb, will reach back out to invite to another monthly meeting, was unable to attend this meeting.
- Brittany confirmed and presented on developed roles/responsibilities for elections.

- Kevin and Jayden report collaboration ongoing around social media presence of committee.
- Kevin confirmed that attended walk out ceremony for Chief Cronin, no longer pursuing citation.
- Chloe confirmed follow up with mayor's office on appointment of new council member, confirmed no updates provided at this time.
- Chloe confirmed attempts were made to reach out to youth members, no response obtained at time of meeting.
- Brittany confirmed and provided follow up in the meeting regarding the question list sent to Lieutenant Powell for review and discussion on e-bike and e-scooter safety.

Action Items & Next Steps

- Committee will attend planned outreach events.
- Chloe will send follow up to mayor's office about filling spot for committee member, will also reach out regarding new youth appointments for the fall.
- Jayden will work to collaborate with neighboring police departments on what they are currently doing for e-bike safety and monitoring of their sections of the Northern Strand Bike Trail.
- Chloe will work to find the referenced public meeting that occurred in Saugus regarding e-bike education and safety and share with the council.
- Carey shared committee could create a Wish List and send to them if interested for additional resources for tabling items and they can see what can be supported.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm