

Minutes
Ames Resident Police Advisory Committee
Police Briefing Room, City Hall

Wednesday, November 30th, 2022

Call to Order:

This meeting was called to order at (5:33) p.m. by chair Emily Rebollozo. Members present were Virginia Speight, Chunhui Xiang, William Arce, Roberto Dubiel, Edna Clinton, Tim Rasmussen, and Emily Rebollozo. Chief Huff was not in attendance as well.

Jason Tuttle took over for Chief Huff

Adi Johnson will be leading crime investigations Nathan was also there who is an evidence technician. Adi has been in the force since 2005. She is one of the few people in the state who has a designation as a crime scene analyst.

Approval of minutes

It was approved by (), () seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 12th, 2022 ARPAC meeting.

Motion to Approve Still needs to be Carried - Carry out Approval at 1/11/2023

Chief Comments

Adi Johnson grew up in Davenport and came to Iowa State University and played softball. She started as a mechanical engineer but with so much before her 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. class. She changed to a different major from engineering to psychology. She ended with a psychology major and graduated. Her first job out of college was softball coach for the University of Massachusetts.

Adi went over crime scene procedure and explained how the force works a scene. She began with the history of fingerprints such as who the first people were to use fingerprints for a practical purpose. The Chinese knew that everyone's fingerprint was different and started using fingerprints as sort of a signature. The Chinese would put their fingerprints on clay tablets and would bury them at the corners of their land so that if they needed they could settle land disputes. She then talked about more modern events such as the JFK assassination and MLK assassination.

Adi went into the characteristics of fingerprints. She said this “arguably more reliable than DNA. I know it sounds crazy but you wouldn’t believe the amount of criminal cases where the defense is ‘my twin brother did it, he's just gone’, so. Then the police have to prove that a twin brother doesn’t exist and it's really really hard to prove that somebody doesn’t exist, so, I’ll take fingerprints over DNA any day.”

She went on to talk about the main characteristics which were the friction ridges and how they are unique for every single person. We then got to see how to find fingerprints on plates with magnetic dust.

Committee Member Comments

Upcoming Events

Next meeting January 11th 2023

Adjourned

Tim Rasmusin left at 6:49pm

Moved by Edna Clinton to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.