

**POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
Minutes
Regular Meeting April 23, 2015
Starting at 5:45 p.m.
350 Fifth Street, Room 241, Minneapolis, MN 55407**

Committee members Present: Jennifer Singleton (Chair) and Laura Westphal; quorum 2.

Committee Members Absent: Adriana Cerrillo.

Staff Present: Leda Schuster, Committee Clerk.

Chair Singleton called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m. A quorum of the Commission was present.

Westphal moved to adopt meeting agenda.

No discussion. All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Westphal moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 26, 2015

No discussion. All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

New Business

Presentation from Jim Rhodes from Minneapolis Police Community Outreach:

Mr. Rhodes addressed the Committee and those in attendance. The following are the main points from the discussion:

- Outreach to the youth within the community and issues facing their community.
- Works with students on issues associated with accountability, developing value in what they do and their role as community members.
- Discussed issues associated with teaching to standardized tests but not adequately addressing other issues the youth population may be experiencing.

With the conclusion of his presentation the Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers during the discussion and an abstract of the points presented:

Westphal – expressed appreciation indicating that Mr. Rhodes had addressed many of

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the same issues she had identified in working with outreach efforts. Also indicated that outreach may become more effective when approaching individual teachers and student groups.

Singleton – also expressed appreciation and stated that she approached the balanced approach; indicating that she appreciated that idea that everyone, not just the MPD, has some level of accountability.

With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

New Outreach Opportunities

Commissioner Westphal indicated that she has sent out notices and is still awaiting responses, however there are no new updates; will continue discussions at the next Outreach meeting.

With no further discussion on the matter, Chair Singleton moved to the next item on the agenda.

Ongoing Business

Cinco de Mayo Preparation

The following are the main points from the discussion:

Singleton – sent an email to the other Commissioners regarding availability and intends on following up with them. Also suggested producing a stress ball to distribute at the event.

Westphal – volunteers to assist with follow-up efforts.

Schuster – indicated that there is a draft of the PCOC brochure, which will be finalized on Wednesday. It will contain information on meetings, recruitment, policies, and community impact, in addition to an OPCR brochure that contains a bit more information. They will be available at the next PCOC meeting. Also working on a magnet for distribution.

Public Comment

With no members of the present, Chair Singleton closed the floor and moved to the next item of the agenda.

Adjournment

With all of the Committee's business being concluded, the Chair entertained a motion:

Westphal moved to adjourn.

All in favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Chair Singleton adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.