

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Outreach Committee

Minutes

Regular Meeting April 20, 2016

Starting at 12:00 p.m.

350 Fifth Street, Room 241, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Committee Members Present: Adriana Cerrillo, Afsheen Foroozan, and Laura Westphal (Chair).

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leda Schuster - Commission Clerk.

Chair Westphal called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

A quorum of the Committee was present.

Foroozan moved to adopt the meeting agenda.

Seconded.

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

The motion carried.

Foroozan moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 17 and March 16, 2016.

Seconded.

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

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With no members of the public wanting to address the Committee, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

PCOC Forum on Body Cameras

Chair Westphal addressed the Committee. The following were the main points from her update:

- The forum will be held on Saturday May 14, 2016 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
- There are community partners, who are interested in expressing how the policy affects their community, such as the NOC, NAACP, and ACLU.

Pending Approval

- The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights is interested in partnering, but will not speak at the event.
- The Commission on Civil Rights on Monday night the Civil Rights Commission passed three motions about body camera policy; they agreed and support our policy, they ordered their Chair to write the Chief, the Mayor and the City Council in support of the PCOC policy, and also wanted to partner with us.
- The goal is to reiterate the PCOC's position and what is left out of the MPD policy, which will hopefully draw attention that we are all organizing together, not just factions to make a more powerful presentation to the Chief.

With the conclusion of the update, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments.

Foroozan - suggested time limits for each group speaking indicating that the forum will be focused on the affected policy rather than taking ideas and could easily become disorganized.

Westphal - indicated that the focus is more on the education and perhaps allow a small amount of time if there is any to have limited public comment.

Cerrillo - asked how the forum will look, stating that the Commission should allow other groups to participate; asked if there is a title for the forum and if there will be a press release.

Westphal - indicated that she is working with Clerk Schuster to put together a list and Commissioner Cerrillo should submit recommendations to either of them. She also mentioned that there is no title and asked for contributions, in addition to stating that the press has been good and alignment with community groups will provide a good show of power.

Foroozan - recommended that all Commissioners should be present, explain the differences and why they matter to the PCOC at the beginning of the meeting to set the tone for the meeting. Additionally, he went on to say that it would be beneficial to let the community know how this affects them. He also mentioned inviting the inspectors to the forum.

Westphal - indicated that she will draft the invitation letter and the agenda for the next PCOC meeting.

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

Pending Approval

New Outreach Opportunities

Meet the Precinct Inspectors

The Chair indicated that she would like to invite precinct inspector Mike Sullivan and others to come and have a real conversation on what they do. With no further discussion on the matter the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Presentation by Commander Schoenberger

The Chair stated that Commander Schoenberger has a presentation on de-escalation tactics and moving from stress learning models to an adult education format and community policing. With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Listening Session at Little Earth

The Chair stated that she would like to hold a listening session and allow for full community participation given that they have had difficult experiences with the MPD. Lieutenant Halvorson has a good connection with the community and there is also a group from St. Paul that can help address the community better.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Cerrillo - indicated that she knows a community liaison with the sheriff's office and will connect with her.

Westphal - mentioned that she has had contact with Black Churches United for Change, who are trying to be a bridge for all of the activist organizations to kindly work with one another and feels it would be a good opportunity to listen.

Schuster - asked about a date for the event.

Westphal - indicated that there needs to be a conversation with Open Streets and the Civil Rights Commission on which events were more successful than others last year to figure out which ones are more beneficial to attend.

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

Pending Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cinco de Mayo Event: May 8, 2016

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Westphal - stated that Commissioner Foroozan will create a doodle calendar for PCOC use.

Cerrillo - asked if there are materials available for use at the event.

Schuster - indicated that if someone could connect with her by the sixth, she can have the materials assembled for the event.

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

Follow-Up on Community Connections Conference

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Westphal - stated that the PCOC was able to connect with Councilmember Gordon at the event; it was a good event for networking opportunities but it wasn't a great set-up.

Schuster - indicated that more working time would be helpful if the Commission wants to continue participation next year.

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

Civil Rights Commission Liaison Update

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Westphal - indicated that she will keep going to the meetings; the Commission likes to be debriefed.

Foroozan - asked when the meetings are held.

Westphal - stated that she didn't think all of the seats on the Commission and there is a group that is inactive, but they have interesting speakers. She indicated that the meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Pending Approval

ADJOURNMENT

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

Foroozan moved to adjourn.

Seconded.

All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Chair Westphal adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.