

CRB Meeting Minutes special session 04/27/21

I. Call to Order: 5:33 pm

II. Roll Call: Human Rights Officer Carl Crawford, Vice Chair Sara Vaccarella. Member John Beyer, Secretary Dani Dunphy, Member Ken Kimber, Member Kevin Wu, Member Blair Powless, Lt Mike Ceynowa, Deputy Chief Laura Marquardt, Duluth City Councilor Gary Anderson

III. Police Liaison Report

There was a request made by Lt Ceynowa that he would like to have volunteers from this committee to be on the interview panel for new officers sometime around June 8, 9, 10 and would ask that those that are interested to please email him.

Went over the complaints and compliments, no discussion.

Deputy Chief Marquardt talked about an equity audit that they will be doing and would like this board to nominate someone to be on a team that will be writing the RFP for that audit. The nomination board will meet later this month to nominate someone for this team at the next meeting. All members were encouraged to reach out to the executive board if they would like to be on this RFP committee.

IV. Approval of minutes
Minutes approved

V. Committee Reports

Discussion around the election for new executive officers of this committee. Went over the bylaws. John Beyer selected as vice chair for now so that we can have an executive committee until the new executive board can be elected. They will also be the nomination committee and will come back with nominations next meeting. Anyone interested in being nominated for chair, vice chair or secretary should contact the nomination committee.

The June 22nd meeting will be the new annual meeting for this year and elections will happen at that time.

VI. Other Business

Concerns from Member Powless about the minutes not being specific enough and would like the meetings to be recorded and dictated or done word for word. We would need to have a person hired for this to complete minutes this precisely. The secretary is member of the board and is actively participating in the meeting making this near impossible to accomplish.

Concerns about member resigning and having concerns about the meeting. Discussion around this and how to move forward with those concerns. Conversation about reaching out into the community for input in what they see as the most important issues.

- Transparency in complaints coming in, can we see more, are the complaints against multiple officers or against some officers with multiple complaints against them. What does coaching and training mean in this context, how is that decided?
- What kind of follow up should we do with board members who leave
- Talk with the city attorney about the limits of our role and influence?

Member Powless would like to work on the web page and would like to set up a committee to complete this project. Member Powless and Lt Ceynowa will make up this committee and work on the web page.

VII. Executive Reports:

New officers need to be elected. The nomination committee will have nominations next meeting and the election of officers will be at the annual meeting in June.

VIII. Announcements:

Peaceful event happened after the Chauvin verdict and there was no issues. They are expecting that more will happen.

Recruitment of new members to fill our vacancy, talked about the process, they can still take applications.

Community Correspondence:
none

Public Comments:

There will be an article coming out in the paper about a motor vehicle accident in Kenwood involving a Duluth Police Officer

IX. Adjournment: 7:04