

CRB Meeting Minutes 06/22/21

I.Call to Order: 5:36 pm

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

III.Police Liaison Report

Went over the complaints and compliments, no discussion about the report.

Deputy Chief Marquardt gave us an update that the 1st round of hiring was completed and there are now 26 applicants moving to the next stage. She explained that this was the lowest amount of applicants that they have had, they usually receive over 100 applications when they are hiring they only received around 30-34 this time. discussed the reasons why this is happening. (enrollment in LE programs are way down, low pay and political climate).

Deputy Chief Marquardt announced there was a new public information officer hired. This person will be in charge of doing media releases, social media posts, recruitment and retention duties as well as being a liaison with the media.

Also reported that Grandma's marathon and the Air Show went well for the department.

IV.Approval of minutes

Minutes approved - Member Kimber motioned, Member Byer seconded- all approved

V.Committee Reports

Web page- Member Powless outlines his process on getting things done

Task Force on complaint compliance. Talked about what this would look like, Duluth Police would like to have Lt Ceynowa as their rep on the task force. Member Kimber and Beyer volunteered to help from the CRB side. Will table the talks about how to have community members involved until we find out how or if we are allowed under our rules to include community members.

VI.Other Business

Talked about a complaint audit and how we would do this while protecting officers and reporters. We will look at a subcommittee that will look at how to do this safely. This committee's were tabled for now, could be more of a task force with more than just the CRB meeting about it.

Member Powless presented on the web page, many suggestions about how to proceed with The web page and also a request that he talk with the City Attorney's office about some of The items before they are changed.

VII.Executive Reports:

New officers voted officially voted in. Motion made to approve the slate of nominee's as submitted last meeting. Member Kimber motioned, Member Powless seconded. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Discussion around Roberts Rules of Order being outdated and not in line with diverse groups. Talked about consensus rules- all agreed to read up on it before the next meeting and discussion was tabled until next meeting. Vice Chair Dunphy will check in with Chelsea to talk about what is the process to change those rules.

VIII.Announcements:

none

Community Correspondence:

none

Public Comments:

Kids, Cops and Cars event hopefully happening August 19th

Questions around COVID 19 protocols for Police and are vaccines required- it is voluntary

Member Powless asking questions around where in the agenda is it appropriate to just ask a question. This is a great section for that.

Request to move other business to right before public comment so that there is a clear place to ask a question not on the agenda.

Asked about in person sessions and when they will be able to do this, no decision yet.

IX.Adjournment: 6:42 Member Beyer motioned, Chair elect Vaccarella seconded. Motin carried