

Citizen Review Board

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2017

I. Call to order

Doug Bowen Bailey called to order the regular meeting of the Citizen Review Board at 5:00 on February 4, 2017 at Room 303 City Hall.

II. Roll call

[Secretary Name] conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Joan McNamara, Patricia Behning Oaks, Doug Bowen-Bailey Renee Van Nett, Archie Davis

Staff Carl Crawford

Liaison to DPD: Lt Ceyona, D.C. Mardquart, Police Chief Mike Tusken

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

IV. Open issues

- a) Police Liaison report: Review and discussion an Incident on the High Bridge, there was a questioned about whether it was connected to the shooting in Duluth because there was a lot of police presence.
- b) Discussed about how people can contact the police. How would you prefer community to contact the police and it was discussed that if it is not an emergency to contact the non-emergency number 218 730-5400..
- c) Police Chief Tusken gave an overview of the shootings of Duluth. Gave assurance that all of the shootings had different reasons and motives. A brief discussion followed about the difference between a shooting vs and assault with a deadly weapon.
- d) Discussed ways that the DPD is making the community feel safe. Placing more officers in hotspots and adding more officers to certain shifts.
- e) Commissioner raised concerns form the community about people having access to guns who should not be having guns. Community would like to do something people are stirring and wanting to do something good. More discussion followed about the reasons why some people cannot have guns.
- f) Discussion about the community complaints. All of 2016 have been closed out and 2017 have just started. Included now are complaints for the parking staff.

The reason that the Parking staff is now included in the report is because this now falls under the police command.

- g) The Duluth Police Dept. Strategic plan has wrapped up and training will follow soon.:
- h) New recruits have started and we now have 156 sworn officers.
- i) Issues with concerning the letter that is sent to people regarding complaints. Many commissioners felt this letter could be re-written to show more empathy and understanding. More discussion followed about the letter and why it is used. It was agreed that ‘We can do better’.
- j) Discussion about the implicit Bias training and how this training will be implemented to staff.
- k) Discussion about the size of the board and how can we add more members to the CRB

V. New business

- a) Announcement that one of the commissioners is running for City Council

VI. Adjournment

Doug Bowen Bailey adjourned the meeting at 6:15.

Minutes submitted by: Carl Crawford

Minutes approved by: [Name]