

Citizen Review Board

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2017

I. Call to order

Doug Bowen-Bailey called to order the regular meeting of the CRB at 5:30 on December 6, 2017 at Room 303 Duluth City Hall.

II. Roll call

Doug conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Ken Kimber, Sara Vaccarella, Archie Davis, Patricia Behning Oakes, Renee K. VanNett, Mike Ceynowa.

Absent: Cherise Peyton excused.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

. The minutes were approved with correction.

IV. Open issues

a) Police Liaison Report.

Report was given about the overall crime indicators and allegations. Discussion followed. Lt Ceynowa- All complaints have been vetted through the City Attorney's office. Commissioner Vaccarella had questions about the disposition unfounded, sustained or exonerated. Discussion followed. Lt. Ceynowa gave an explanation and example

b) Commissioner Renee VanNett officially resigned from the commission as she is newly elected to City Council. There was also an ask from the commissioner to make sure someone from the CRB was engaged with the hiring process for new officers. Commissioner Vaccarella asked If there were any words of advice? In which Commissioner VanNett expressed to just continue to ask a lot of questions.

c) There was discussion from Commissioner Behning Oakes Surprised that the Chief and Deputy was not in attendance. There was discussion about the CRB being a part of the budget process.

d) There was a brief discussion about the sale of the mounted patrol equipment.

V.

- e) Discussion about investigating a complaint –There was conversation that followed with Commissioner Davis asking for clarification on the report. Definition of what is a DV was given.
- f) Lt. Ceynowa reported on the work that is been done on the complaint form. Discussion followed and Commissioner Behning Oakes mentioned it is important that the first thing someone see is a warning about making a false claim. Commissioner Bailey mentioned having a box to check.
- g) It was mentioned the John Beyer will be joining the board in January. Commissioners Kimber and Vaccarella expressed some concern about losing some of the knowledge from this group as we will lose a number of commissioners in March that have been engaged for years. It was acknowledged that we lost a lot of wisdom from commissioner McNamara.
- h) Commissioner Van Nett brought up that there needs to be a clear understanding of our role in community. They must understand that we do not do investigation but we can have input on policy.
- i) Commissioner Bailey had suggested that he would be happy to continue to consult as time permits. Commissioner Vaccarella mention she would like more training if possible. Board discussion followed.
- j) There was discussion about the hiring process as well as discussion about the candidates for hire. Potential 15 officers, 3women and some people of color. Discussion followed about the challenges of hire diverse officers.
- k)

VI. new business

VII. Adjournment

Doug Bowen-Bailey adjourned the meeting at 6:45

Minutes submitted by: Carl Crawford

Minutes approved by: Board