



# POLICE REVIEW & ADVISORY BOARD

*A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts*

## **Minutes for the Meeting of February 27, 2013**

**Board Members present:** Mertin Betts (chair), Lucy Murray-Brown, Ann Coyne, Alexandra Detjens Donovan, Laurance Kimbrough

**City Staff present:** Executive Secretary Brian Corr, Sgt. Thomas Glynn, Project & Outreach Coordinator, V. Muna Kangsen

**Member of the public present:** Jay Chawla

**The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.**

### **Public Comment:**

Cambridge resident Jaideep Chawla spoke about the prevalence of illicit drugs in Massachusetts, proposing that communities should stop using the provisions of Mass. General Laws Title XV Chapter 94C regarding controlled substances to prosecute drug traffickers and instead use of Mass. General Laws Title IX Chapter 64K regarding taxation of controlled substances. This would involve issuing tax stamps and prosecuting and fining people for tax evasion rather than pursuing criminal convictions.

### **Review and approval of minutes from the January 30, 2013 meeting:**

Board Member Kimbrough moved that the Board accept the minutes from the meeting of January 30, 2013. Board Member Murray-Brown seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

### **Executive Secretary's Report:**

Executive Secretary Corr asked board members their impressions on the use of force training, which took place on February 13, and about the trainings they would like to receive in the future. In response to a question about Cambridge submitting a proposal to host the Fall 2014 conference of the National Association for the Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), Corr informed the Board that he had made some initial inquiries into Cambridge submitting a proposal, and that several other municipalities had already expressed interest in submitting proposals. The deadline for proposals is May 1, 2013.

### **Report from Sergeant Thomas Glynn:**

Sgt. Thomas Glynn of the Professional Standards Unit informed the Board that the Unit had recently completed two investigations of complaints from the Police Review & Advisory Board, and final reports to the Board will be completed before the next meeting of the Board. Sgt. Glynn reported that the Unit has received four more complaints, two of which might be candidates for mediation.

Glynn offered several training options for Board Members. These training options included: firearms simulation training, fair and impartial policing; legitimacy/procedural justice; and a workshop called "Community Engagement: Your Department, Your Vision" as well as a review of bias-based policing. Glynn also noted that the Unit was very busy conducting background checks on new Fire and Police Department applicants.

**New Business:**

During new business, Board members discussed some of the training options suggested by the Professional Standards Unit.

**Adjournment:**

Board Member Coyne moved that the Board adjourn. Board Member Murray-Brown seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.