



POLICE REVIEW & ADVISORY BOARD

A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Minutes for the Meeting of April 11, 2012

DRAFT: subject to the approval of the Board

Board Members Present: Mertin Betts (chair), Susan Melucci, Rich Peters

City Staff Present: Executive Secretary Brian Corr, Project and Outreach Coordinator V. Muna Kangsen, Deputy Superintendent Steve DeMarco, Detective Anne DiMascio

The meeting began at 6:05 PM.

1. Public Comment
 - a. There was no public comment
2. Review and approval of minutes
 - a. Motion The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 22, 2012 meeting and approved them unanimously on a motion from board member Melucci, seconded by board member Peters.
3. Report from the Executive Secretary
 - a. Executive Secretary Corr gave an update on the process of selecting new members to fill vacancies on the Board. He and board member Detjens completed the first round of interviews and had provided information to the City Manager, who is in the process of conducting final interviews. Corr also informed the Board that he met recently with Deputy Superintendent DeMarco to review protocols and discuss training for new board members and staff.
 - b. Project and Outreach Coordinator Kangsen updated the board on his recent attendance at a 33-hour mediation training conducted by the Community Dispute and Settlement Center, as well as his work to develop a community engagement and outreach plan.
4. Report from the Cambridge Police Department
 - a. Deputy Superintendent DeMarco updated the Board on new role as commanding officer of the Professional Standards Unit of the Cambridge Police Department. DeMarco also informed the board that he had also participated in the 33-hour mediation training with several other Cambridge Police officers and found the training very useful.

5. New Business

- a. Board member Peters stated that it would be helpful to have some overlap between outgoing and incoming board members, so that new board members can benefit from the experience of those who have been serving on the board, and asked the staff to explore how outgoing board members may help train and advise new board members.

6. Consideration of Complaints Before the Board

- a. Board member Melucci moved to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. chap. 39, s.23B(2). The motion was seconded by board member Peters and approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM after executive session.