



POLICE REVIEW & ADVISORY BOARD

A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Minutes for the Meeting of December 7, 2011

Board Members Present: Alexandra Detjens, Susan Melucci, Richard Peters

City Staff Present: Executive Secretary Brian Corr, Lieutenant George Sabbey

Members of the Public Present: David Kushner

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM by acting chair Melucci.

Public Comment

David Kushner posed a question regarding any plans developed by the City of Cambridge and/or the Cambridge Police Department (CPD) regarding the possibility of an "Occupy Cambridge" encampment on Cambridge Common. In response, Lieutenant Sabbey noted that because the Common is a historical park, there is a City ordinance specifying that no structures may be built on the Common.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November meeting and approved them unanimously with minor edits on a motion from Board Member Peters, seconded by Board Member Detjens.

Report from the Executive Secretary

Executive Secretary Corr reported that the City's Personnel Department received more than 200 applications for the new Project and Outreach Coordinator for the Police Review & Advisory Board and the Peace Commission. He is working with Personnel to establish hiring and interview committees. The goal is to have a person hired by the end of January 2012.

Report from Cambridge Police Department

Lt. Sabbey reported that due to rotations among the command staff of the CPD, Deputy Superintendent Elow will be moving to Operations, and Deputy Superintendent Steve DeMarco will be taking over the Professional Standards Unit and will become the liaison to the Police Review & Advisory Board. They will overlap for two to three months and Deputy DeMarco will be attending the next meeting of the Board, along with Deputy Elow.

Consideration of Complaints before the Board

Board Member Detjens 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 7:22 PM after executive session.