



POLICE REVIEW & ADVISORY BOARD

A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Minutes from the Meeting of October 25, 2017

Board Members: Ann Coyne (chair), Laurance Kimbrough, Ted Robitaille, Beverly Sealey, and Lucy Murray-Brown.

City Staff: Executive Secretary Brian Corr, Deputy Superintendent Paul Ames

Public Present: Ashley Herring

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of September 27, 2017, meeting and approved them unanimously on a motion from Board Member Murray-Brown, seconded by Board Member Kimbrough.

Executive Secretary's Report

Exec. Sec. Corr is scheduling interviews for the upcoming site visit of staff from NACOLE and the Police Foundation on November 13-14. These interviews will be about 30 minutes each and will inform NACOLE's national research on best practices in civilian oversight, funded by the COPS Office of the U.S. Dept. of Justice. Board members provided their availability for interviews. NACOLE and Police Foundation staff will be meeting with about 12 people including the City Manager, City Councilors, Cambridge Police Dept. command staff and officers, and community stakeholders.

Exec. Sec. Corr and Dep. Supt. Ames are coordinating a training for the Board on Delusional Thinking with the Mental Health Outreach Team and Alanna Klein the new Social Worker with the Community Relation Unit. The possible date for the training is November 29 from 6-8 pm at the Police Headquarters.

Exec. Sec. Corr will be conducting a training with NACOLE for the new Civilian Complaint Review Board of Newark, NJ. The Newark CCRB was established a year ago and is looking for guidance on training, meetings, trauma informed policing, effective outreach, and implicit bias.

Exec. Sec. Corr encouraged the Board to take advantage of NACOLE's upcoming webinar on Procedural Justice.

Professional Standards Unit Report

- Dep. Supt. Ames provided some information regarding the homicide that occurred early morning on Windsor Street on October 14, 2017. The victim was from Boston and the case is being investigated by State Police.
- Dep. Supt. Ames described an incident that generated some publicity, involving Traffic

Unit Officer Kathy Sullivan and a young woman on a bicycle. Dep. Supt. Ames explained that Officer Sullivan was inside a police vehicle, on traffic patrol when a woman was riding her bicycle on the sidewalk in Central Square, weaving rapidly among pedestrians. Officer Sullivan attempted to alert the woman on multiple occasions that it was not safe or legal to ride on the sidewalk. Each time the woman ignored the officer's police sirens and vocal commands. Officer Sullivan attempted to conduct a traffic stop by pulling into a driveway to block the sidewalk, but the woman rode the bike around the police vehicle. The officer left her vehicle at the next traffic light, where the bicyclist was stopped and asked the bicyclist for identification to issue a citation, and the bicyclist refused to comply. The officer warned the bicyclist that was arrest-able offense if she refused to submit. Officer Sullivan's finger was broken during the altercation with the bicyclist that ensued after the officer initiated the traffic stop. A Use of Force Investigation is being conducted.

- Dep. Supt. Ames further explained that there was a stabbing that involved 2 males and officers responded with firearms drawn. There was no deadly force used and the subjects were patted down for officer safety.

New Business

No new business.

Consideration of Complaints before the Board

Board Member Murray Brown moved that the Board go into executive session to review complaints pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, §21(a)(1). The motion was seconded by Board Member Kimbrough, and approved by unanimous vote. The Board entered executive session at 6:44 p.m.

Reconvened in Regular Session

The Board reconvened in regular session at 8:04 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Member Kimbrough moved that the Board adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Robitaille and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.