



POLICE REVIEW & ADVISORY BOARD

A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Minutes from the meeting of September 14, 2016

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

City staff present: Executive Secretary Brian Corr, Administrative Coordinator Crystal Rosa, Deputy Superintendent Paul Ames, and Sergeant Casey McGrath.

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

No Public Comment

Review and Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 29, 2016 regular meeting and approved them unanimously on a motion from Board Member Sealey, seconded by Board Member Murray-Brown.

Executive Secretary's Report

- City Manager finalist candidates will share their vision and answer questions at a public forum on Tuesday, September 20, in the Fitzgerald Theater at CRLS between 6-9 pm. This is an opportunity for the public to meet the three finalists vying to succeed outgoing City Manager Richard C. Rossi. Members of the public can submit suggested questions until noon on September 19 to cambridge@GovHRUSA.com.
- After meeting with the Board and becoming involved in NACOLE, Boston's Community Ombudsman Oversight Panel has proposed a new oversight model to Mayor Walsh.
- Executive Secretary Corr attended the MIT Community Dialogue about Responding to the Recent Tragedies on July 13 and participated in facilitator debrief, which is a model for an upcoming NACOLE conference roundtable discussion on policing communities of color while addressing systemic injustices. This forum was held in response to the Dallas shooting and the killing of Philando Castile in Minnesota and Anton Sterling in Baton Rouge.
- The meetings with Cambridge Community Center and The Hip Hop Transformation on July 14 were also postponed by CCC. Executive Secretary Corr was planning to meet with Margaret Fuller House ED Christina Alexis on June 28, but that was also postponed because of planning for a community meeting and vigil. Executive Secretary Corr will continue his attempts to reschedule.
- Board Member Kimbrough and Board Member Robitaille will take the lead on improving the Boards community outreach.
- During a Community Conversation: Sister-to-Sister forum, Board Member Sealey provided participants information about the Board.
- Executive Secretary Corr and CPD have discussed conducting a training for the Board with Psychiatrist Dr. Givon and Cathy Pemberton LICSW, on how to serve individuals who are living with a delusional disorder. Currently, the training is being finalized for CPD in service training.
- Executive Secretary Corr provided an update regarding his ongoing planning of workshops at the NACOLE conference and strategic planning progress. Executive Secretary Corr is a candidate for President of the Board.

Professional Standards Unit Report

- Dep. Supt. Ames reported that CPD is in the process of making PSA announcements on what to do if a community member sees someone under the influence. Dep. Supt. Ames explained that law enforcement is changing the way officers respond to these issues by taking a similar approach used in their focused deterrence program. Their goal is to break the cycle that people addicted to opioids experience and ensure individuals are medically safe and receiving systematic follow up.
- CPD will participated in Park(ing) Day on Friday, September 16 and in Danehy Park Day on Saturday, September 17. Additional future events are on Sunday, September 18 and on Saturday, September 24 - North Cambridge Community Fest Block Party and Port Community Pride Day, respectively.
- CPD will be at the International Association of Chiefs Police annual conference presenting on the Crisis Intervention Team model, and Social Media and School Thefts.
- The Domestic Violence Vigil will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

New Business

- Commissioner Kimbrough has attended BLM meetings on the topic of Policing in the Cambridge Community. The Board deliberated on how it bridges the gap and opens the lines of communication with BLM. The Board asked Executive Secretary Corr to consult with the City Manager for advisement on how to engage with BLM Cambridge.

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 7:45 p.m.

Reconvened in Regular Session

The Board reconvened in regular session at 8:55 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Member Murray-Brown moved that the Board adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sealey and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.