

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION (CPC)

Glenville Recreation Center

Tuesday, January 20, 2018

6:00 pm

Attendees: *Commissioners:* Anthony Body; Dr. V. Yvonne Conner; Lee Fisher; Jeffrey Follmer; Gordon Friedman; Dick Knoth; LaToya Logan; Vincent Montague; Dylan Sellers;

Staff: Jason Goodrick, Executive Director; Bethany Studenic, Senior Policy Analyst; ChiChi Thompson, Community Engagement Coordinator; Vrére Bunkley, Community Engagement Coordinator;

Absences: *Commissioners;* Paul Baeppler; Dr. Kathy Clegg; Mario Clopton- Zymler; Amanda King,

Commissioner Conner called the meeting to order.

COMMISSIONER CONNER WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE;

- **Cleveland Division of Police**
- **Cleveland Peacemakers Alliance**
- **Cleveland Rape Crisis Center**
- **Department of Justice**
- **League of Women Voters**
- **Monitoring Team**
- **SURJ**

CPC Staff Update- ED Goodrick

Key Points-

- The City filed their 5th status report on February 9th. They are authorized to complete status updates every six months.
- The Monitoring Team filed their 4th Semi-Annual report on January 24. It is on their website as well as clepc.org
- The parties (MT, City, and DOJ) are in the process of finalizing their 3rd year work plan.
- The most up to date filing information is on the Public Access Court Electronic Records System is a website that shows the docket of the Consent Decree.
- CDP is recruiting for 5 academy classes over the course of the next year.
- Budget Hearing will be set for this week and the CPC will be in front of Council tomorrow. CPC asked for \$777,181.000
- CPC will focus on several key areas for Engagement; CDCs, Nonprofits, Community Organizations and City Ward Clubs.

Training Review Report- Co-Chair LaToya Logan

Key Points of Discussion-

- Commander Jones Chairs the Training Committee and the Committee meets quarterly.
- The purpose of the Committee is to look for potential improvements regarding training for officers.
- Currently, there are two sessions per week and 48 officers attend per session.
 - CPR, Crisis, and Firearm training are a part of it as well as 4 hours of non-lethal force training
- A tracking system has been implemented to hold officers accountable.
- There will also be an 8 hour Bias Free Training for officers, as well as a 4 hour Search and Seizure, and an 8 hour Community and Problem Oriented Policing training.
- Blue Courage is an officer support training that recognizes the signs of trauma and stress. All officers were trained in 2017, except those who were in the military or those on leave. There is also a peer support option for officers.
- Community Engagement Day is a pilot program for officers to engage and build trust with the communities they serve.

Q&A for Training Review

A member of the Community asked if the families will be involved in the review of the training.

Commissioner Logan explained that Community feedback will be provided through the CPC.

An audience member asked if the presentation could be posted and asked who else is on the Committee for the CPC

Commissioner Logan stated it will be posted and she is the only Commissioner who serves as liaison.

One person in the meeting explained that fliers need to be physically posted.

Commissioner Logan stated that most promotion has been via social media. Fliers and mailers are options, but they do cost money.

An audience member asked what the CPC will do to get more Clevelanders to apply for public safety careers.

Commissioner Logan explained that the view of officers needs to change, and consider what it means to be an officer. If the community has ideas on how to recruit young Clevelanders to apply, please share your ideas with the CPC.

A community member believes it is possible to discourage people to apply to become a police officer. He then described the CPPA history on their website.

Search & Seizure Committee- Commissioner Gordon Friedman

Key Points of Discussion-

- Is in the process of preparing a presentation that will developed and delivered possibly in March.
- It will deal with police encounters, vehicle stops, and stop and frisk.
- Materials will be provided online as well as potential town halls.

Q&A

A member of the Community asked if the families can provide feedback as well.

Commissioner Friedman said yes.

Commissioner Vincent Montague with the Black Shield introduced himself as the new representative to the CPC.

Monitor Team 4th Semi-Annual Report - A Process Update Co-Chair Dr. Y. Conner

Key Points of Discussion;

- In talking with the Monitor Team, they have made a commitment to present the report at the March 27 Full CPC Meeting.

Body Worn Cameras- Commissioner Anthony Body

30 minute Small Group Discussion

Key Points of Discussion;

- Body Cameras (Wearable Camera Systems) are not mandated by the Consent Decree, but the CDP adopted a policy in 2015.
- All officers who are given WCS must activate them immediately.
- Secondary employment was not mandated in the policy.
- Should all officers be mandated to wear WCS even during secondary employment?

The group broke out for small group discussion and discussed their thoughts.

Public Comment Period

CEC Bunkley reviewed the public comment period ground rules.

The following are questions or comments posed by the community.

A member of the audience asked if there was a representative from the Community Relations Board present. They then read a portion of the CPPA website. Finally, he proclaimed that the CPC is having a private meeting for key stakeholders only.

One member of the audience wants to get the family members in the room who were killed by officers.

A community member discussed that the Monitor team 4th semiannual report stated that complaints against law enforcement made anonymously or unsigned will still be processed and his team will help people with the processing of requests.

A member of the community shared that she lost her son to murder and made a call to action for reform efforts.

One person in the audience inquired about clarification regarding next month's meeting and believes the agenda with Stop and Frisk and the semiannual report and feels the agenda is too robust. They also asked about the reports outcomes assessment and feels that the Use of Force set of numbers does not include all of the potential weapons used.

An audience member stated that the trust between the citizens and the police department; but three incidents happened that thwart trust.

A member of the audience would like to see more information about the High School Town Halls and student input.

CEC Thompson read a question on behalf of a member of the community asking why there are not more officers in the specific district. The letter also stated that body worn cameras should be on all officers and turned on at all times. They feel that officers are not patrolling high crime communities.

One of the members of the audience talked about the dismal solve rate of crimes in Cleveland and offered suggestions like peer exchanges with law enforcement agencies, the police website needs to be updated, the tip line should be updated and easier to access with easier access.

A community member stated they were disappointed with the Bias Free General Police Order and is too generic. They discussed ethnic intimidation and intimidation of a homeless person are codified ordinances in the City.

Commissioner Sellers thanked everyone for their thoughts and suggestions.

Commissioner Knoth echoed the remarks and said to please email the Executive Director with any additional comments.

Commissioner Fisher commented on the ethnic intimidation law raised by an audience member. The Bias Free Policy does get at the intent of the law, but does not invoke it.

Approval of January 2018 Full Commission Minutes

Commissioner Conner motioned to approve the January 2018 minutes.

Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion.

Yes - 9

No -0

Abstain -0

The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.