

## CLEVELAND COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION (CPC)

Glenville Recreation Center

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

6:00 pm

**Attendees:** *Commissioners:* **Dr. V. Yvonne Conner; Gordon Friedman; Dick Knoth; LaToya Logan; Vincent Montague; Jeffrey Follmer**

*Staff:* **Jason Goodrick**, Executive Director

**Absences:** *Commissioners;* **Anthony Body; Lee Fisher, Dylan Sellers, Amanda King, Gail Maxwell; Dr. kathleen Clegg; Mario Clopton-Zymler**

Welcome everyone. Commissioner Conner **called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.**

### **Passing of may meeting minutes was not conducted due to no quorum**

Dr. Conner began with second item on agenda and gave highlight overview of CDP Draft CPOP Plan including;

- The CPOP Philosophy/Principle

Commissioner Knoth covered additional information on CPOP related to survey while community actively took survey

Summary of community comments interjected during presentation;

IS the issue of re-entry dealt with in the demographics in the surveys?

A community member brought up restorative justice and explained concept via his own words

Commissioner Knoth briefly discussed an upcoming town hall at Tri-C for July 12th staffing and recruitment

A community member was given the microphone to comment on the importance of the consent decree process and engagement on July 12th

An additional community member asked for the microphone, request was not allowed

Commissioner Knoth reiterated the importance of the survey and possibility of combining staffing and recruitment feedback with CPOP survey before submitting to the City

An additional question was asked; Will city come to a CPC meeting and discuss the recommendations the CPC submits?

Commissioner Knoth responded with an example of feedback that can make a difference by using example of response to alarms. He stated that the City will not accept all feedback but issues like alarm response the city and the CPC can come to terms on. He made a commitment to take any large issue of disagreement between City, community and CPC directly to the monitor

Commissioner Conner opened the floor to Public comment at 7:16

### **Public Comment Period**

*The following are questions or comments posed by the community.*

A community member spoke about the design of the consent decree and the struggle of getting the change that is required. The member encouraged the Commission to engage with families of police victims.

A community member spoke about the CPPA website. They read verbatim a reference to an incident in 1968 in Glenville neighborhood. The speaker then followed up with how the "racism" in the statements fits into the CPOP plan. The member asked where is representation from City Council and the Mayor's Office at the meeting? The member also expressed a belief the consent decree is a failure and called out the actions of the Consent Decree Coordinator and the monitoring team as complacent in the failure. The member cited an article from the plain dealer related to conflict within the CPC staff and Executive Director as an example of failure.

A community member discussed an observation about a reduced level of engagement and time allowed for feedback on the Consent Decree.

A member identified as speaking as a representative of Black Lives Matter. The speaker wanted to point out that it is an opinion of many in the community that there is no genuine show of trust in the consent decree process. The member questioned the authority of the Police Chief to be able to decline any recommendations from the community and called out the power structure. Where is the true power? The member used the analogy of the fox is in charge of the henhouse to emphasis the point. His statement also included a fact that the meeting exists because of the DOJ's findings due to the actions of CDP. This moment is a repeat of history from 2004 and the member believes that since the first DOJ intervention power has still been withheld from the community. Until the City gives some power to the community things will remain the same. The speaker asked where is ongoing community evaluation in CPOP plan? The member believed we are headed in a doomed direction and encouraged the commission to take a lead in empowering the community.

A community member identified as a member of the Mental Health advisory community. The speaker took credit for the tweet to the media about the recent resignations of CPC staff which resulted in a story. The member expressed it as a matter of public concern due to the budget and tax money related to the new department. The speaker continued with a statement of the excellent work of staff and made mention of a personal belief that this is an extension of the ED's leadership. The member mentioned Due Process for the ED. The member shifted focus and made reference to an MOU with the County Mental Health Board and criticized the memorandum and its exclusion of many individuals which makes it a failure. There was reference to lack of social media presence of Critical Incident Response and a fear of residents with mental health issues that calling 9-1-1 will result in death. The member questioned the monitoring teams assessment of CIT training in the status reports and the work that has been done on mental health.

Commissioner Conner closed public comment at 7:30

Commissioner Conner called for additional comments from Commissioners- none responded.

T. Tramble from monitoring team was granted time to speak. He clarified that the City is not in compliance for paragraph 26, in response to accusations that the monitoring team "just checks boxes" made during public comment period.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:37 BY DR. CONNER**

17 attendees by headcount not including staff, commissioners, MT members or City Personnel