CLEVELAND COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION (CPC)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School
Tuesday, September 25, 2018
6:00 pm

**Attendees:** Commissioners: Gail Maxwell, Dr. V. Yvonne Conner; Dick Knoth; Jeffrey Follmer; Richard Jackson; Dr. Kathleen Clegg; Mario Clopton-Zymler

**Staff:** Jason Goodrick, Executive Director

**Absences:** Commissioners: LaToya Logan; Anthony Body; Gordon Friedman

Commissioner Knoth called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Welcome & Recognition of Community Organizations
Commissioner Richard Knoth

Groups present;
CDP
DOJ
Monitoring Team
Families of victims of police violence
SURJ
EYEJ Youth 25

Commissioner Knoth announcement: No Quorum present for motions and votes @ start of meeting

**Passing of August 2018 minutes**
No quorum- Action Deferred

**Committee & Work Group Updates**
Budget Update Commissioner Maxwell
Staffing Update Commissioner Maxwell
Policy Work Update Commissioner Conner
- CPOP Commissioner Conner
- Search and Seizure Commissioner Jackson

**Other**
- District Police Committees Commissioner Conner
Commission will post on website in near future (R. Knoth)

**Guest Speaker on Advertised Agenda** - Cleveland Peacemakers Alliance - Ms. Sharyna Cloud, Director

- It’s history
- It’s current work
- It’s plans
- Getting involved

Community member made request for CPC slide sharing via website
A community member representing a group of families affected by police violence discussed the group's current CPOP work and the need to include engagement with persons with mental health and address accountability. She further explained this is not a police bashing work that she is representing. She discussed the process for deep diving into a “vague” plan that needed improvement and going through it piece by piece. Here is what she called on the commission to do:

1. If the city does not respond to the Commission's CPOP work, call this group for support and advocacy.
2. Acknowledge the families in CPC meeting announcements.

Commissioner Knoth made a commitment to report back on any responses from the City related to the CPOP work or other commission work. Reports from the October meeting with the City and the CPC will be made at the next CPC meeting.

A community member identified themselves as a member of SURJ seconded the sentiment that the City does not respond to the CPC. She also mentioned the fact that she could not find copies of the search and seizure drafts on the City’s consent decree website.

Brief discussion about a search and seizure survey ensued. Commissioner Knoth informed public there is a joint survey in the work and it will be available after Friday.

Commissioner Conner informed the community present that the city and the CPC correspond in writing primarily.

A second community member who identified as a member of SURJ echoed support for other community members who previously spoke. He mentioned the importance of the extension of time that SURJ and the families of victims of police violence asked for [reference to the CPOP plan deadline] because of the size of the proposed CPOP plan. He asked for clarification on the process once the next report is given.

Dr. Conner responded with process clarification on the CPOP feedback and mentioned that any community documents submitted to the CPC prior to September 28th will go over verbatim. There will be discussions by the stakeholders about what areas will be revised.

A community member requested a copy of the report. Commissioner Conner responded that the CPOP reports compiled by CPC will be publicly available.

A community member inquired if the Commission is here to help the community?

A community member expressed feelings about the death of her son at the hands of police and then 11 years later she saw the officer who killed her son on TV. She expressed the hurt she felt based on the fact she believes the officer should be in jail. She emphasised the need for more accountability with the division of police, particularly the ones who kill community members.

Mai Moore, founder executive director EYEJ IMPACT 25 Youth Council identified herself as the speaker. She talked about the work of the group involving youth and police relationships and asked for a letter of recommendation from the commission. She also mentioned a promise from previous commissioners and staff that went unresolved in her opinion.

Commissioner Conner responded with a request for any promises in writing.

A community member inquired about the status of open positions and the need for staff. She complimented the ED for his work with the group of the families of victims affected by police violence and his ability to answer community questions. She then transitioned to the Search and Seizure draft policies and described the need for them to broaden out to include addressing mental health. She believes there is a need for youth and crisis training cross over as well. She requested the mental health advisory board meetings be posted on the CPC website. She then transitioned to the issue of officer mental health and well being and spoke on the fact that she distributed copies of a documentary about officer suicide to several key officials in the Division of police. She felt she received a cold response but reiterated the public cares about police well being. She also believes the City should do more to support the CPC.

A community member identified himself as a resident and father of 4 children. He empathized with the parents and family who spoke sooner. He reiterated the number one problem that should be focused on, that was identified in the DOJ investigation is excessive use of force. He is concerned the city is trying to run out the clock on the Consent Decree and is dragging its feet. He
inquired to the commissioners present: Do you each feel that the City is collaborating in good faith to solve this problem or are they dragging their feet?

Commissioner Knoth responded that he believes in the process of the Consent Decree and the Judge who oversees it. He emphasized that a deliberate delay strategy will not work for the City and he believes the City recognizes this. He also spoke on police officers as social workers and expressed his personal interest in seeing this program implemented here.

The same community member closed by requesting that each commissioner consider the previous question and if the answer is yes, follow up by asking themselves what is your role as a commissioner in making a change?

Elaborating on the previous commenter a community member cited the lack of an equipment plan as an example of the city “dragging its feet”. She also mentioned the previous DOJ “technical assistance plan” as not solving any problems which led to a future Consent Decree.

Commissioner Knoth closed public comment at 7:40

Call for New CPC Business made by Commissioner Knoth

No business brought to the floor

Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Maxwell at 7:40
Commissioner Conner 2nd.

Motion passed unopposed, Adjourned at 7:41

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