Attendees: Commissioners: Dr. V. Yvonne Conner; Dick Knoth; LaToya Logan; Jeffrey Follmer; Mario Clopton-Zymler; Richard Jackson; Dr. Kathleen Clegg; Anthony Body; Gordon Friedman; Lee Fisher

Staff: Jason Goodrick, Executive Director

Absences: Commissioners: Gail Maxwell;

Welcome everyone. Commissioner Conner called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Commissioner Knoth introduced Sgt. Richard Jackson, Black Shield Delegate

Commissioner Jackson provided a brief biography to the audience

Commissioner Knoth announcement: Quorum present for motions and votes

Passing of May 2018 minutes

Commissioner Knoth Motion to approve
Commissioner Clegg 2nd

All present approved

Passing of June 2018 minutes

Commissioner Knoth Motion to approve
Commissioner Follmer 2nd

All present approved

Absent for votes on minutes Commissioners Anthony Body; Lee Fisher; Gordon Friedman

Community and Problem-Oriented Policing (CPOP) - CPC August 10 Report

Commissioners Yvonne Conner, Richard Knoth, and Mario Clopton-Zymler Presenters

Highlights

- Executive Summary & Demographics (VYC)
- Staffing & Resourcing (DK)
- Consent Decree Analysis, Policing Project and Community Comments (MCZ)
- Next Steps (VYC)
  - Community member activities
  - Community Networking
  - Supplemental Report
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Community Member Alicia Kirkman representing round table in CPC report made brief public remarks

Guest Speaker on Advertised Agenda Cancelled
Public Comment Period
The following are questions or comments posed by the community.

A community member identified herself as a member of SURJ. The member described her feelings on the monitors report/ focus group with officers. She called for the commission to help work on a solution to the negative feelings inside the department that hinder the Consent Decree's success.

A community member spoke on the monumental task of improving policy and the work involved. She referenced families who have lost loved ones to violence and the need to return to the basic law enforcement principal of getting bad people off the street. Her expressed opinion was that focus should be on removal of criminals and there is a considerable amount of over thinking in the current policy work of the Consent Decree.

The SURJ member returned to the microphone and discussed the Corner Alley Shooting by CDP Officer of Thomas Yatsko. She wonders where the transparency is because there is a missing element of information related to the shooting. She expressed concern that this is counter productive to trust and transparency.

Alicia Kirkman, mother of Angelo Miller, who was killed by Cleveland police officers, commented on the disregard for the law by the police. She mentioned the “fear for their life” defense of police officers is also something that young people experience in the neighborhoods when exposed to officers. She advocated for far more training and a dramatic reinvention of the training for the next generation of officers.

Tim Tramble a resident of the City of Cleveland and member of the Cleveland Police Monitoring Team spoke. He provided a rebuttal to a statement of CoChair Richard Knoth related to 20% work time in CPOP. He shared the perspective that 20% can be counted not above the current workload, but inclusive of the current workload of officers when routine police work is done with the philosophy of community and problem oriented policing. He believes CPOP as proposed does not increase the time an officer must spend working on top of their current duty but actually will, in the long run, decrease the response workload of an officer if done correctly.

Commissioner Knoth responded and corrects his previous statement on time, labor and 20%. He agrees that good community policing will decline the workload on law enforcement for traditional crime response and advocates for more technology which will enable officers to be in the community more. He cites conversations with officers who have asked for more technology.

A community member spoke on a grant that he has received to conduct focus groups in the community. He described his work with youth and his experience in advocacy all over NE Ohio. He stated a commonality is that youth do not trust the police. He called on the Commission to act and find a way to build the trust as charged in the Consent Decree. He stated a possible bridge to the trust issue is good communication and speaking to each other respectfully. He mentioned the YouTube factor - the idea that youth is watching videos that are harmful to the relationship with police. He asked how together we can pull this off [build trust]? October the 17th will be a conference to unveil the study on youth and trust. No additional details were given.

Commissioner Richard Jackson responded in agreement on greater communication and the idea of officers living in the City enhancing that communication. He advocated for officers living in the city and incentive for training and education. He suggested working with Council on these issues. He also commented on the issue of salary and over discipline of police. He stated that some discipline is extremely harmful to the stress of the department. He called for the public's assistance in getting the change that is needed to get officers out of the car and doing more engagement work. Incentives may help.

Commissioner Conner closed public comment at 7:10

Call for New CPC Business
NACOLE Annual Conference Delegate Discussion;
Commissioner Clopton-Zymler was asked to explain NACOLE and the upcoming conference
Motion to authorize Commissioner Clopton-Zymler as the delegate for the national conference made by Yvonne Conner
Seconded by Commissioner Knoth

Pass All present in support

Absent; Lee Fisher and Gordon Friedman

Announcement by Commissioner Conner - NACOLE Regional Training, November 30 at CSU
A motion was made to approve the draft budget as printed and presented to the Commission by who?
Commissioner Jackson 2nd
All in favor 5
Against 4

Motion passed

Absent; Gordon Friedman

Move to amend line item to add paid interns throughout the year made by Commissioner Fisher
2nd by Commissioner Clegg
Against 5
Favor 4

Motion does not pass

Absent; Gordon Friedman

Motion to amend the 350k line item back to 250,00 made by Commissioner Clopton-Zymler
Commissioner Logan 2nd
All in favor 5
Against 5

Tied- No tie-breaking protocol invoked.

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

Motion by Commissioner Body for election of new Co-Chairs
No second

Motion to Adjourn made by Richard Knoth
No second

Call for further discussion on budget issue made by Commissioner Clopton-Zymler
Discussion ensues with no movement or motion on issue

Motion to table discussion made by Commissioner Clegg
Commissioner Jackson 2nd

All present in favor

Question posed to Co-chair Knoth from Commissioner Clopton Zymler related to budget being sent to the City. Knoth response is that budget as passed including 350k will be sent.
Protest entered on record from Commissioner Clopton-Zymler about sending any budget to the City at this time and mention of a letter of opposition regarding split vote.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Lee Fisher @ 7:40

No second, no vote, no formal adjournment was conducted.

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