Cleveland Community Police Commission (CPC) Minutes
Tri-C Jerry Sue Thornton
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
6:00 pm

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

Staff: Jason Goodrick, Executive Director; Ryan Walker, Policy Analyst (Snider-Blake Contractor)

Absences: Commissioners; All in attendance

Commissioner Knoth called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Welcome & Recognition of Community Organizations:
Commissioner Richard Knoth

Groups present:
League of Women Voters
SURJ
Chasing Justice LLC,
Cleveland State Law School Students
Cleveland Police Foundation
Representatives of the City Division of Police
Black Lives Matter Cuyahoga County

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

Passing of October and November 2018 minutes deferred until after Monitoring Team Presentation.

Motion to approve MCZ and 2nd GM. All in attendance approved.

Staffing Update - ED Jason Goodrick

Budget Update - Commissioner Gail Maxwell

Committee & Work Group Updates:

Presentation on 5th Semi Annual Report by Federal Monitoring Team 6:07 PM

7:21 Commissioner Comments in response to presentation:

Comments made by Commissioner Knoth reiterated the Consent Decree may continue much longer than the perceived “2020”

Commissioner Body called on the community in the room to continue to engage with the Commission until the work is done and his hopes for the best 9 months of this commissions terms through community engagement and leadership.

Commissioner Fisher asked to learn more about OPOTA and follow up on the Concerns.

Commissioner Conner wanted to make Commission aware of our CPOP work group - Called for interest to expand group especially from individuals willing to attend DPCs.
Commissioner Logan spoke on the issue of accountability as an umbrella for all the Consent Decree work. Policy implementation means that afterward looking for action. The search for action through evaluation needs to be the focus - what are the measures and methods. She let the community know that the CPC Accountability work group will be meeting bi-monthly beginning in February. Called for Community to join via email to llogan@clecpc.org.

Commissioner Friedman echoed community concerns about OPOTA that were expressed. He briefly discussed the Search and Seizure work group and one particular recommendation to have legal experts serve as instructors on legal issues. He stated the City rejected this recommendation and that negotiations are ongoing on this issue an other issues on Search and Seizure policy work.

Commissioner Jackson spoke on his support for Commissioner Logans work group to examine where the “rubber meets the road” as we switch from policy work to evaluation work. He re-encouraged the community to work with her on this.

Public Comment Period opened at 7:43
Commissioner Knoth opens public comment:

A community member with business interests commented on his personal interest to continue to engage with the Commission and build a better Cleveland.

Commissioner Knoth commented on the essential component of private firms to get involved in CPOP.

Commissioner Knoth commented on incentivizing recruits.

A member of the Adams board spoke that the Crisis Intervention Team is monitored by the ADAMS board.

A community member commented on the September terms of Commissioners.

Commissioner Knoth responded by clarifying the selection process and the Commission will NOT end but the first (4) year terms are ending.

A member who identified with the group Black Lives Matter of Cuyahoga County inquired about campaign contributions by the CPPA.

Commissioner Follmer responded by correcting that the CPPA does not give campaign contributions but does make endorsements.

A community member asked a question about where is the investigation related to the Shooting of a Community member at Corner Alley.

Commissioner Follmer clarified that an outside agency is investigating but gave no disposition.

A community member inquired about who calls her house and asks for money for police.

Commissioner Maxwell responded that nobody knows the origin but its not this group or the local police

A community member told a personal story about a bad experience with his family

A community member expressed her desire to participate in accountability, She reiterated a letter she sent to the Commission about pursuing legislation. She spoke on behalf of families of victims who have experienced police violence. She reiterated the support of the families for the Commission and asked the community to join the families to engage with the commission.

Commissioner Conner re-iterated go beyond coming to the meetings - Join the CPC work groups.

A community member made a statement that there are officers who have not met requirements and expressed his belief that it is criminal to allow them to continue to be officers.

A community member made a request to list the work groups that are available to the public.

Commissioner Conner gave the third Thursday of each month and gave the CPC office address.
A community member re-iterated on the need to pursue prosecution of officers and asked if there will be any pursuit of that via the accountability group.

Commissioner Friedman responded that is outside the scope of the Commission and the Consent Decree at this time.

Knoth called for adjournment

Call for New CPC Business made by Commissioner Knoth @ 8:00

Mario Clopton -Zymler asked a question of the Co-Chairs. How was Lee Fisher appointed and questioned authority to appoint. He asked who was consulted in that decision?

Commissioner Body expressed that other leaders, including himself should be considered for chair of the future of the Commission committee.

Co-Chair Knoth agreed to defer the discussion and will consider the expectation

A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson 2nd Commissioner Maxwell to vote this evening to send a letter to the City to start the selection process for the next 10 commissioners now

Discussion prior to vote.

Call for question Yvonne Conner.

Vote:

Yea- 7 yays
Nay - 4

Motion Carries

No formal motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Knoth at, 2nd by multiple commissioners. Motion passed unopposed, Adjourned at 8:13

30 attendees by headcount not including staff, commissioners, MT members or City Personnel
Community Questions to MT

A community member expressed concerns that Hillard Hines cannot be contacted and OPS does not respond either. Monitoring Team promised to follow up.

Hillard Hines reports to the City via contract. There is no known reports or updates that can be shared with public or Commission.

Sustainability of the consent decree is tied to the new policy. It is difficult to revert to the old ways when there is new policy - TT

The Superiors to the CPC is the people of Cleveland. The peoples call for the CPC will dictate sustainability of the CPC - Do we currently have the call for the CPC to stay? If not we should be working on it. The relevance is tied to quality of work but also marketing of the brand.

“substantial and effective compliance” - Search and Seizure 1 year and other areas 2 consecutive years.

DPC’s are already working to inform police on what is the predominant issues in their district. They will play a critical role in SARA model.

30 million in the next 5 years for equipment?

CAD will not be used to track de-escalation or community engagement? * a different system will be used- Monitor Barge?