

POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019, 6:00 PM
Room 24, City Hall

Members Present: Michael Harris, Chair; Luke Beland; Reggie Parson; Emily West; Maria Testa; Rev. Kenneth Lewis

Staff Present: Chief Vernon Malloch; Lt. Cliff Strout; Anne Torregrossa, Associate Corporation Counsel

Public Present: Glen; Southern Maine Democratic Socialists; Madison Raymond

6:00 Call to Order

Subcommittee member and staff introduction.

Motion to approve minutes from 1/9/19. Second. Approved 5-0 (Rev. Lewis abstained).

Subcommittee discussion of outreach opportunities.

- Mr. Harris shared that outreach is defined as sharing what the Subcommittee does with the people it is intended to serve. Reaching out to the community to educate the community on what the Subcommittee does.
- Ms. Testa thinks that the goal should also be to ask the community what they think the Subcommittee should do.
- Mr. Parson shared the idea of participating in existing established neighborhood/district meetings.
- What is the goal of the Subcommittee in doing outreach? Mr. Beland shared that the Subcommittee may act as a conduit for questions from the public to the PD.
- Rev. Lewis questioned whether the Subcommittee should hold multiple meetings dedicated to gathering public comment, and perhaps other than at City Hall.
- Ms. Testa suggested going to where the people are, instead of asking them to come to the Subcommittee.
- Mr. Harris suggested that the goals might be to educate on what the Subcommittee does, the process for complaints, getting feedback on the process, etc.
- Ms. West cautioned that the Subcommittee has to be ready to consider changes to the structure of the Subcommittee. Mr. Harris clarified that the Subcommittee's role is to ensure that people understand the complaint process, but that its ability to create change is more limited. And to be careful not to promise changes the Subcommittee can't make.
- Ms. Testa clarified that the Subcommittee is on a fact and an opinion gathering mission.
- Mr. Harris will put together a talking points document for consistency when discussing Subcommittee.
- Rev. Lewis suggested the need to expand beyond outreach to neighborhood associations and to have information in a readily accessible format.

- Rev. Lewis and Ms. Testa are tasked with recommendations on groups to meet with.
- Mr. Beland will draft a brochure covering resources for citizens and overview of Subcommittee.
- Discussion of editing website to make more useful.

6:34 Motion to move into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(A) to review IA investigations. Seconded. Passed 6-0.

7:21 Motion to move out of Executive Session. Seconded. Passed 6-0.

Motion to find that IA investigation 2018-012 was timely, objective, fair, and thorough. Seconded. Passed 6-0.

Motion to find that IA investigation 2018-015 was timely, objective, fair, and thorough. Seconded. Passed 6-0.

Discussion whether to hold meeting in April.

7:23 Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed 6-0.