

POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019, 6:00 PM
Room 24, City Hall

Members Present: Michael Harris, Chair; Luke Beland; Maria Testa; Reggie Parson

Staff Present: Commander James Sweatt; Lt. Cliff Strout

Public Present: Kate Sykes, Southern Maine Democratic Socialists of America.

6:00 Meeting called to order. Motion to approve minutes from April 10, 2019 meeting. Seconded. Approved 4-0.

Mr. Beland reviewed a draft of a pamphlet designed to complement community outreach conversations and presentations. Subcommittee members discussed and suggested various language changes to improve clarity for each panel of the pamphlet. Mr. Beland suggested that Subcommittee members may want to pass out the pamphlet if attending tabling events such as the Wednesday and Saturday Farmer's market in Portland. One topic discussed concerned how to handle public comments and input sent to a Subcommittee email address without delaying individual officer complaints that need to be directed to the Police Department. Mr. Harris suggested that this topic and an updated draft of language changes be added to agenda for the next Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Beland agreed to update the pamphlet and re-distribute to the Subcommittee and city attorney Anne Torregrossa prior to the next meeting.

Lt. Strout shared that there will be no cases ready for review in June. Subcommittee members agreed to still meet as scheduled in order to make progress on outreach matters and other business, including creating definitions for the criteria used in case reviews and deciding what data to include in the 2018 annual report.

7:20 pm. Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed 4-0.