

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION (CPC)

Jerry Sue Thornton Center

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

6:00 pm

Attendees: *Commissioners:* Anthony Body; Dr. Kathy Clegg; Mario Clopton- Zymler; Dr. V. Yvonne Conner; Gordon Friedman; Amanda King, Dick Knoth; LaToya Logan; Gail Maxwell Vincent Montague;

Staff: Bethany Studenic, Senior Policy Analyst; ChiChi Thompson, Community Engagement Coordinator; Rosie Jovic; Assistant Administrator

Absences: *Commissioners;* Lee Fisher; Jeffrey Follmer; Dylan Sellers;

Commissioner Conner called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

COMMISSIONER CONNER WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE;

- Cleveland Division of Police
- Cleveland Division of Police Recruitment
- League of Women Voters
- Monitoring Team
- SURJ

Commissioner Conner Welcome Commissioner Gail Maxwell representing the FOP.

Commissioner Conner commented on Executive Director Paid Administrative Leave. On April 6, ED was placed on non-punitive paid leave and there are no further updates at this time.

Commissioner Conner reviewed the agenda.

CPC Staff Update- SPA Studenic and CEC Thompson

Key Points-

- We are waiting on policy releases from the City on May 18 Community Problem-Oriented Policing, Search and Seizure, Equipment and Resources, and Staffing.
- Policies will be on the website on May 18 as soon as the City releases them.
- AA assists with logistics, and email at info@clecpc.org or call her cell 216-857-7650 with any questions.
- CEC Thompson in the last 6-7 weeks, engagement has been going on with the youth and Council,
- CEC Thompson spoke at the Panel (look it up),
- An update of the website was provided regarding police districts.

Commissioner Work Group Updates

Key Points of Discussion

- Police Encounters Work Group will meet and discuss policies
 - A community member asked if the families can attend of these meetings.
 - Commissioner Friedman said they will be able to attend the Community Events.
 - One member of the audience asked if there is an opportunity for the City to change the language in Search and Seizure.
 - Commissioner Friedman hopes there will be an opportunity.
- Community Problem-Oriented Policing Work Group will include Millennials, LatinX, and crisis survivors. There will be two community events.
 - A member of the community asked about the policy feedback process.
 - Captain Simons explained provided an overview and stated that the City will receive public comments, then will reexamine the policy, and will provide another chance for the public to provide feedback on the policy.
 - A community member asked if the CPPA website will be changed during these policies.
 - One member of the audience believes the CCPC is out of touch with what needs to happen and should get the families who have been affected by this involved.

- Equipment and Resources and Staffing is more facts and numbers based. There will be many town halls and surveys to get community feedback. The business Community will also be engaged. The City will release the documents in Mid-May. Most of the Community engagement will occur in late June to early July.
 - Will homicide get new software?
 - Commissioner Knoth stated that software nationally is huge, and it will be examined.
 - An audience member asked how the CDP can be spending so much money on police but pay them so poorly.
 - A member of the audience expressed that body cam footage should be housed by an independent party. Also, when officers
 - Commissioner Knoth stated that body cameras also keep officers safe. Additionally, all of this has been done before and looking at other communities will be key.

Showing of Video and Table Discussion with Commissioners and the Community

A PBS Video-

<http://www.pbs.org/video/one-one-building-trust-race-police-and-community-part-2>

Public Comment Period

CEC Thompson reviewed the public comment period ground rules.

The following are questions or comments posed by the community.

A member of the audience discussed the Civilian Police Review Board, stating there should be an effort on the part of the Commission to ensure the members are not appointed by the Mayor or Council.

One member of the audience stated that black females in suburbs has a different view of police than females in Cleveland. They asked for a common ground and to see the CPC succeed. They would also like to be present at the police training academy.

A community member discussed the history of the CPPA website. They asked what anyone has done about the blatant bias on this website. They also asked if anyone from the Mayors office, or Council was present this evening. He then described an email from the ED regarding Commissioner Representation and the 2018 CPC budget.

A member of the community discussed a news article regarding the reassignment of officers to the homicide unit and asked why the FBI cannot help aid with homicides. They implored for more officers in the homicide unit.

One person in the audience discussed the Consent Decree and the phrasing by the City. They feel that Council is not talking about the Consent Decree and the audience member feels they were pressured not to discuss the Consent Decree. They are also upset that the March agenda and minutes as well as the April agenda are not on the CLE CPC website.

An audience member said there are many ambiguous laws that make it easy for officers to apply it to individuals. This needs to be addressed when reviewing the CPOP policy.

A member of the audience stated that City Council proved their ignorance of the Consent Decree when they asked to reopen the mini-stations.

One of the members of the audience suggested to talk with the Cleveland Clinic who also deal with continuous training.

A community member echoed the former suggestion saying that poor training leads to many lawsuits.

Commissioner Knoth believes Judge Oliver will ensure the Consent Decree will be

Approval of March 2018 Full Commission Meeting Minutes-

Commissioner Friedman motioned to approve the March 2018 minutes.

Commissioner seconded the motion.

Yes -10

No -0

Abstain -0
The motion carried.

New Business-

Commissioner Body discussed the MyComm event this Saturday, April 28. Commissioner Body also has had many interactions with officers.

Commissioner King seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:46 PM