

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION (CPC)

CPL Lorain Branch

8216 Lorain Ave

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

6:00 pm

Attendees: *Commissioners:* Anthony Body; Dr. Kathy Clegg; Mario Clopton- Zymler; Dr. V. Yvonne Conner; Lee Fisher; Gordon Friedman; Lynn Hampton; Dick Knoth; Dylan Sellers;

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

Absences: *Commissioners;* Paul Baeppler; LaToya Logan; Steve Loomis; Amanda King:

Commissioner called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

COMMISSIONER CONNER WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE;

- Cleveland Division of Police
- Cudell Improvement, Inc
- Department of Justice
- EYEJ
- Indivisible CLE
- League of Women Voters
- Monitoring Team
- Peace in the Hood
- SURJ

Introduction of new Commissioner, Richard Knoth & Review of Agenda - Co-Chair Dr. Yvonne Conner

CPC Staff Update

Key Points-

- Overview of CEC's Eastside/Westside Coverage Plan
 - CEC Thompson & CEC BunkleyCEC Bunkley will be covering 4th and 5th District and CEC Thompson will cover 1st and 2nd District. They will share coverage of the 3rd District.
- Learnings from community member comments- SPA Studenic
 - Public comment data from Full CPC meetings from 2015-2017 was analyzed. Themes, Clusters, Sentiment Analysis, and Entity Extraction occurred. The
 - Commission was the most discussed topic, discussing clarification and suggestions about Commission work.
 - Findings suggest a need for continued education.
 - Comments will continue to be complied going forward.

Role of the Community Police Commission - Our Mandate Part I by Dr. Yvonne Conner, Co-Chair

Key Points-

- Co-Chair Conner reviewed the history of how Commissioners came to be on the Commission.
- She reviewed the mission of the CPC and the importance of policy.
- Commissioner Conner then discussed the goals of the CPC and decision-making.
- Making recommendations, reaching out to the Community, and reporting to the City are duties of the Commission.
- The Semiannual report from the Monitor should be out in the next week and it will be made available to the public.
- Community Problem- Oriented Policing will be one of the next policies to analyze.
- In 2018, collaboration is key with the CPC. Commissioner Conner made a call to action.

Commissioner Dick Knoth introduced himself to the audience.

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 read the Consent Decree and discussed transparency and is disappointed that Commissioners meet privately monthly.

One member of the audience was disappointed that the doors were locked at previous meetings.

CEC Thompson explained that the CPC has to adhere to the policies of the buildings we are guests in during our meetings.

A community member discussed the Use of Force Policy that asked if the CDP has responded to the Commissioners recommendations. They also questioned if this would happen with the Bias Free recommendations.

A member of the community explained a situation they are having with another attendee.

Commissioner Sellers apologized for what transpired. The Commission does not want anyone to be alienated and thanked the individual for their continued support.

One person in the audience inquired about the diversity of the Commissioners and believes it is not representational of the Community.

Commissioner Sellers explained there is a huge diversity of thought and people who are committed to the work. The Commission is not as diverse as it could be, especially lacking certain communities.

An audience member discussed the loss of an important Mental Health advocate and echoed the importance of working with the ADAMHS Board and focus on Crisis Intervention Training.

Commissioner Clegg explained her role as a Mental Health advocate on the Commission.

SPA Studenic also explained she is a Licensed Social Worker.

Commissioner Hampton explained that officers are also preparing for the CIT training.

A member of the audience would like to see more information about the High School Town Halls and student input.

CPC Commissioner Reflections

“Finding Balance” - 2015 to 2017 by Detective Lynn Hampton, Black Shield & Community Leader Dean Lee Fisher, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law & Community Leader

- **Key Points-** Commissioner Hampton explained his perspective from 2015-present. Commissioner Hampton said the Constitution says, “We the People, not We the Police”. Community input is imperative.
- Commissioner Fisher explained that there is a lack of trust between the CDP and the Community. The Community should question the CPC, but should not question the motives.
 - All Commissioners are volunteers. Commissioner Fisher has immense respect for community leaders who show up to every meeting of the CPC.
 - The Community deserves to hear all of the information at one meeting instead of multiple meetings.
 - There needs to be better interactions with the public at CPC meetings. We should be less ridged and provide more opportunities for speaking.
 - Engage in mutual respect- all members of the Community. The mission of tonight was echoing fairness and equity. CPC should be the model.

Training Committee Report provided by Co-Chair LaToya Logan- Tabled for a later meeting.

Approval of November 2017 and December 2017 Full Commission Minutes

Commissioner Clopton-Zymler motioned to approve the November and December 2017 minutes.

Commissioner Sellers seconded the motion.

Yes - 9

No -0

Abstain -0

The motion carried.

Upcoming Topic(s)/Theme

The Role of the Community Police Commission: Our Mandate II

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44 PM.