

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION (CPC)

Neighborhood Leadership Institute

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

6:00 pm

Attendees: *Commissioners:* Dr. Kathy Clegg; Dr. V. Yvonne Conner; Lee Fisher; Jeffrey Follmer; Gordon Friedman; Amanda King, Dick Knoth; LaToya Logan; Vincent Montague;

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

Absences: *Commissioners;* Paul Baeppler; Anthony Body; Mario Clopton- Zymler; Dylan Sellers;

At 6:07 NLI Executive Director welcomed everyone in attendance and presented a brief overview of their programming.

Commissioner Conner called the meeting to order at 6:08.

COMMISSIONER CONNER WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE;

- **ACLU**
- **Cleveland Division of Police**
- **Department of Justice**
- **League of Women Voters**
- **Mandel School Case Western**
- **Monitoring Team**
- **SURJ**

Garry Kanter questioned the validity of Jeffrey Follmer and Montague as Commissioners because the public has yet to see resignations from former Commissioners.

CPC Staff Update- ED Goodrick

Key Points-

- The Monitor approved the Bias-Free GPO
- The City filed its 5th Status report and the MT filed their 4th Semi-Annual report.
- PACER (reminder from last week).
- 138th Police Academy graduated 42 officers.
- OPS Community Engagement Coordinator job opening is posted
- Please check out CPC website for breaking news
- Update on CPC events;

Monitor Team 4th Semi-Annual Report - Mr. Charles See, Dr. Ayesha Hardaway, Mr. Tim Tramble

Local Monitoring Team Representatives

Key Points of Discussion;

Mr. See presented an overview of their procedure.

- An overview of the Community and Problem Oriented Policing section of the report was presented by Mr. Tim Tramble
- The Crisis Intervention Training report was presented by Mr. Charles See
- An overview of the Office of Professional Standards was presented by Ms. Ayesha Hardaway
- Mr. See also presented an overview of Use of Force.

The Monitoring Team answer questions from Social Media and email;

They received 25 questions from members of the Community and answered 5 live in the audience.

Search and Seizure: Police Encounters with Citizens

Educational Presentation with Q & A

Commissioner Gordon Friedman & Ms. Bethany Studenic, SPA

Key Points of Discussion

- Commissioner Friedman and SPA Studenic provided an overview of;
- Police encounters
- Searches
- Discussed definitions

Q&A

A member of the Community reminded the audience that people can refuse to search someone's car.

Commissioner Friedman explained you have the right to say no always watch what is happening and report to your lawyer what happened. It is very tricky. Listen to the officers.

Another audience member asked why are we talking about this and noted the importance of being able to articulate a specific crime if possible

A member of the community asked how can this be changed; there needs to be an "or else" in the Constitution.

A member of the Community read the CPPA history from their website, then asked if the language is biased in Search and Seizure?

What is the difference between Search and Seizure? Seizure is a problematic word. It is dehumanizing.
Commissioner Friedman agreed.

What happens when a family calls 911 regarding a mental health crisis?

Does the CDP have a database to have these kind of reports?
Commissioner Friedman could not answer.

Has the divisions use of body cameras changed?
Commissioner Friedman said yes, the film makes it more clear cut and lawyers can challenge it.

A member of the Community then discussed a personal case.

Public Comment Period

CEC Bunkley reviewed the public comment period ground rules.

The following are questions or comments posed by the community.

A member of the audience is concerned that families have not been informed of the CPC meetings. They want the families to have a voice. Then they stated that the Consent Decree was amended to have an OPS administrator, this member of the Community is frustrated how an OPS Meet the Candidates night was organized.

One member of the audience wants to know what will happen if these policies will not get met? This member of the audience also discussed the importance of keeping officers accountable. They read an article regarding a personal case.

Capt. Simons said that the Dept. does not currently track traffic stops, but they are currently developing software.
Commissioner Knoth discussed that in the summer the CPC will look at equipment and resources.

A community member discussed the Mayors' initiative for a Cold Case Task Force then asked the status of said initiative.

A member of the community acknowledged there is no one representation from the City, nor representation from the Community Relations Board. They then read the CPPA websites history and believes it goes against bias free policing.

One person in the audience discussed the training of officers, and had two interactions with officers about the Use of Force training; they partook in the training. The officers told the individual they did not really understand the policy. The audience member then asked how effective the training is.

An audience member stated that the safety forces are having a hard time getting the resources they need.

A member of the audience inquired about the consequences for officers who do not complete training.

One of the members of the audience believes that 16 hours of Crisis Intervention Training is not enough.

A community member discussed suicide by cop and feels it was inadequately addressed in the Consent Decree. They asked about the current Use of Force policy and what it is going to do to address this. They suggested looking at the Las Vegas PD that uses aggressive de-escalation policies.

A person in the audience discussed the police encounters presentation.

One audience member is very concerned when the Consent Decree is completed. They asked what will happen after it is done.

One member of the community discussed their frustrations with the Tanisha Anderson case and how a Commissioner responded to the case.

An audience member reminded the audience to be respectful of one another.

By-Laws Discussion and Vote- Commissioner Dick Knoth

Key Points of Discussion

- The Commissioners looked at the by-laws and the Co-Chair governance model to see if it could be streamlined.
- Commissioner Knoth revised the current set of by-laws; mainly looking to move from the current co-chairs model to a one chair model.

Commissioner Knoth motioned to move to change the by-laws,
Commissioner Fisher second.

Commissioner Fisher then asked if there is a Vice Chair in the new model.
Commissioner Knoth said yes.

Commissioner Knoth motioned to vote.

Votes by Commissioner:

Commissioner Knoth: Yes

Commissioner Montague: Yes

Commissioner Fisher: Yes

Commissioner Friedman: Yes

Commissioner Logan: Abstain

Commissioner Conner: No

Commissioner Clegg: Yes
Commissioner Follmer: Abstain
Commissioner King: Abstain

The motion does not pass.

Approval of February 2018 Full Commission Minutes

Commissioner Friedman motioned to approve the February 2018 minutes.
Commissioner Clegg seconded the motion.

Yes - 9
No -0
Abstain -0
The motion carried.

New Business-

Commissioner Fisher motioned for an Executive Session after the Full CPC Meeting.
Commissioner Friedman seconded the motion.

Yes -8
No -1
Abstain -0
The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11.

Executive Session ran from 8:20 pm and concluded at 9:15 pm.

Moved by Commissioner Knoth, seconded by Dean Fisher to end the executive session.