

Cleveland Community Police Commission (CPC) Minutes

Full Commission Quarterly Meeting - Agenda

Thursday, September 24, 2020

6:00pm - 7:45pm

Webex Virtual Meeting

Attendees: *Commissioners:* **Sgt. Richard Jackson; LaToya Logan; Dr. Megan Testa; Harriet Hadley; Lewis Katz; Lt. (Ret.) Gail Maxwell; Rev. Frederick Knuckles; Victoria Marion; Dr. Terry Echols**

Staff: **Jason Goodrick**, Executive Director; **Ryan Walker**, Policy Analyst; **Shalenah Williams**, Community Engagement Coordinator; **Sara Anderson**, Marketing Communications Specialist; **Junita Thomas**, Administrative Assistant.

Absences: *Commissioner* **Jeffrey Follmer; Mayele Ngemba; Gordon Friedman**

Director Jason Goodrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome & Recognition of Community Organizations:

Director Jason Goodrick **acknowledge all organizations in attendance.**

Groups present:

Cleveland Monitoring Team
City of Cleveland Division of Police
SURJ

Presentation:

Mr. Ronald Bakeman, Superintendent Internal Affairs Unit, Cleveland Division of Police

- City of Cleveland Internal Affairs Update.

Commissioner Comments in response to presentation:

- **Commissioner Richard Jackson** asked is there any criteria that you're looking for that the officers must have in order to get into Internal Affairs before they're selected. Also can you speak to any resource issues that are causing the additional delays for those large those cases.
- **Commissioner Lewis Katz** asked do you have total authority to choose any case to take into your office? the tragedy that took place in December 2019 some 275 day ago where is that case in terms of your office?

Public Comment Period:

Joyce Hood a resident of the City of Cleveland asked as it relates to general notifications what do you think was the reasoning that internal affairs did not notice give notice to the civilian that the complaint was closed? What held up the complaints? How will the Community receive their notification.

Representative David Lima from SURJ Showing Up for Racial Justice stated that he appreciate the presentation and how Mr. Ronald Bakeman, Superintendent Internal Affairs Unit identify some of the

systemic issues that are important in police oversight and the administration of a discipline with regards to officers.

A resident of the City of Cleveland asked during the presentation a sex crime was mentioned, has anything been done since to help these women? and is it feasible to discreetly reach out to these women and offer them treatment etcetera if they want it?

A resident of the City of Cleveland asked is there opportunity for civilians to participate or have a job in your office?

A resident of the City of Cleveland asked so how do you follow up on a complaint if the letters aren't coming out?

A resident of the City of Cleveland asked if a person is in jail how do they reach you to make a misconduct complaint if they're incarcerated at this time.

Commissioners Community Update: (Co-Chairs & Commissioners)

Public Interest/ Status of Relationship with City (Retreat) (Co-Chairs): Commissioner Richard Jackson gave an update: On August 19th The CPC Commissioners along with members of the Division of Police and other various City Employees meet at a retreat. the purpose of the retreat was to reset the relationship between the CPC and the City, in all the divisions that we work with primarily CPD.

What are we working on? Work Group and Project Updates for Community:

- **Operation Legend/ Operation Relentless Pursuit (Jackson/ Logan/ Katz)** Commissioner Richard Jackson gave an update, the US Attorney's Office gave the CPC a briefing on Operation Legend and answered all of our questions and concerns.
- **Discipline Matrix Committee Work Group:** Commissioner Richard Jackson gave an update. is a subcommittee with under the heading of Accountability Commissioner Richard Jackson gave an update. the CPC submitted new version of the policy in July 2020, we had a meeting with the city regarding the new policy on September 3rd.
- **Officer Wellness Work Group:** Commissioner Megan Testa gave an update. This groups goal is to look at the current wellness policies of the police department and to make some recommendations to better protect the officer's wellness. they're in the initial stages of the group so what we've done so far is a literature review of best practices and officer wellness and we're creating a survey for needs assessment so once they finalize the survey we're going to get input from the police department and EAP there and then work on our recommendations
- **Homicide Investigations from Community Perspective (G. Maxwell)** Commissioner Gail Maxwell gave an update. They're at the beginning stages where we're trying to contact loved ones of homicide victims.
- **Leaders of Tomorrow Workgroup (LOT Youth Commission):** Commissioner Fredrick Knuckles gave an update. The CPC is looking for individuals between the ages of 18 - 26 who live in the City of Cleveland to join the work group. The Leaders will contribute to the Commission's policy recommendations by representing the views of youths and young adults based upon experiences with the Cleveland Police Division.

- **Community and Problem-Oriented Policing (CPOP) (H. Hadley)** Commissioner Harriet Hadley gave an update. This work group has the voice of the community and makes recommendations to the police force. This Work Group meets every 4th Thursday at 6pm.
- **Accountability Work Group:** Commissioner LaToya Logan gave an update.
 - **Community Training Feedback:** we need your Feedback on the District Awareness training curriculum assessment.
 - **District Awareness Training:** Announcement, October 5, 2020 invited citizens to come out and weigh in on the Public Training Review Forum.
- **Search & Seizures Work Group:** Commissioner Gordon Friedman no update given.

Commissioner Business:

Election of Co-Chairs- Commissioner Richard Jackson, Co-Chair Nominations:

- Ms. Victoria Marion
- Mr. Lewis Katz

Commissioner Megan Testa nominated the following individuals:

- Ms. Victoria Marion and Mr. Lewis Katz

All present approved accepted the nomination.

Motion to approve **Commissioner Fredrick Knuckles**

All present approved

Community Q&A/Comment Period:

Representative from SURJ David Lima supplied information for Commissioner Gail Maxwell Homicide Investigations Work group and Operation Legend.

Gwen a resident of the City of Cleveland made asked how can she get involved to advocate for the CPC to become permanently installed?

Commissioner Lewis Katz responded to the question

Representative from SURJ Jennifer commented on the retreat and the need for the City to hiring the OPS General Manager.

Representative from SURJ David Lima Commented in making the CPC a permanent entity.

Commissioner Richard Jackson announced his retirement from the CPC and the Cleveland Police Department.

ADJOURNED at 8:18 pm

not sure of the attendees by headcount not including staff, commissioners, MT members, or City Personnel.

