

# PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

## ***Meeting Minutes***

Thursday, June 18, 2020 @ 4:00PM  
ZOOM Conference Meeting Online

### **Call to order**

**Chairperson Tyson Begly** called to order the regular meeting of the **Public Safety Advisory Commission** at 4:07 p.m.

The following persons were present: Byron Hickey, Dr. Dothel Edwards Jr., Donald Watkins, Bill Ward, Lisa Branchcomb, Pete Temesgen and Tyson Begly.

Absence: Father Noel Danielewicz (Sick), Geraldine Buckner, Julio Portillo, Scott Taft.

Visitors: No Visitors

Approval of May Minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: D. Watkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: D. Edwards

### **Chair Tyson Begly Welcomed the Committee**

Chairperson Tyson Begly welcomed the committee. Review of last meetings topics.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Officer Shortage:
- Visibility of House numbers
- Jail backlog
- Use of Force

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mission of Public Safety Advisory Commission

- Does not allow commission to get into detail of investigations
- With the nationwide events, it is crucial for our local departments to build trust with citizens.
- To build trust, CPD needs to be proactive in both transparency and communication.
- Proactive measures to create transparency:
  - CPD is making efforts via the 2019 Use of Force report that was distributed (Note: only 1 use of deadly force in 2019)
  - The city agrees that footage should be released in a timely manner, but a clear policy, if not already in place, would be reassuring.
  - We should research exceptions to the transparency process to ensure those exceptions do not happen again.
  - Having random audits of body cam footage by an outside agency would be helpful.
- Proactive ways to communicate:
  - CPD could get ahead of the media and explain controversial moves (e.g. Mark Jones arrest).
  - CPD can be proactive to explain current practices (e.g. body cameras), and planned areas of improvement.
  - Press conferences, "Deputy Chief of Public Information" or social media would help get their message out.

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- Connecting with the citizens and helping them with what they need within the community
- Updating police body cameras

Investigations, what is allowed for the Public Safety Advisory Commission to see?

- October 2019, a video that was posted to Facebook of a Columbus Police Officer beating a suspect.
- A lengthy discussion on the October 2019 video that was posted on Facebook showing a police officer beating a suspect.
- A lengthy discussion on what actions should be taken when police officers' actions (Use of Force) are shown to the public.
- A lengthy discussion on police using Use of Force.
- How this type of investigation should be handled?

Group discussion concerning Use of Force and officers violating Use of Force.  
Discussion among the commission concerning beating a person while handcuffed.

Supervisors should review body cameras and do random checks of body cam videos.

Handout given to commission on 2019 Use of Force Analysis.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Tyson Begly thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting ended at 5:03 p.m.

## **Next Meeting**

PSAC Meeting, Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 4 p.m., ZOOM Conference Meeting.

Deborah Gasaway  
Recording Secretary

Submitted by: Deborah Gasaway Approved: 8-20-20