

Public Safety Citizen Relations Board
Osborn Conference Room
305 S East St; 2nd Floor, Bloomington, IL 61701
Wednesday, May 9, 2018; 3:30 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened in the Osborn Room, Bloomington Police Department, at 3:30pm by Chair Arthur Taylor.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the roll. Members Bennett and Lancaster were absent.

Staff present: Chief Brendan Heffner, Assistant Chief Wheeler, Greg Moredock, Nora Dukowitz, Steve Rasmussen

3. Public Comment

One comment was offered by Detective Heinlein regarding a recent WGLT story (<http://wgl.t.org/post/emails-detective-severs-ties-ywca-over-police-board-black-lives-matter#stream/0>). He welcomed members of the Board to follow up with him directly with any questions or concerns, since public comment does not allow for a back-and-forth conversation.

4. Consideration of approving the Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2018

Motion by Member Woodard, seconded by Member Fish to approve minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting.

Ayes: Members Bosquez, Fish, Rudolph, Taylor, Woodard

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

5. Discussion of Pending Citizen Complaints Received

No complaints have been received for the review of the PSCRB. The Police department has received nine total for the year. Three of those are pending.

Member Fish inquired if the Board could review a complaint that has gone through the Police department's process. Staff indicated that probably was not possible due to confidentiality. However, staff could provide training as to what typically goes into the process of investigating a complaint. This training is tentatively planned for the PSCRB's June meeting.

6. Discussion and Action on Public Safety Community Relations Board Brochure and Poster

The PSCRB and staff reviewed the brochure and posters again (this included the “community poster” that Members Fish and Woodard produced). It was decided that the goal would be to have these ready for distribution in June. Chairman Taylor wants to come up with a list of organizations to make sure to give the poster for display.

Motion by Member Bosquez, seconded by Member Rudolph to approve the Police poster, pending a photo change to remove any officers/staff no longer with the City.

Ayes: Members Bosquez, Fish , Rudolph, Taylor, Woodard

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Member Rudolph, seconded by Member Fish to approve the brochure as presented.

Ayes: Members Bosquez, Fish , Rudolph, Taylor, Woodard

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Member Woodard, seconded by Member Bosquez to approve the community poster as presented.

Ayes: Members Bosquez, Fish , Rudolph, Taylor, Woodard

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

7. Discussion with Chief Heffner

The Chief and the Board discussed his upcoming departure in general terms. The Chief expressed his appreciation of the Board and vice versa.

8. Discussion to set Future Meeting Dates and Times

The next regular meeting will be June 13 at 3:30pm in the Osborn Room. The next Quarterly Meeting will be on June 20 at 6 pm. Chair Taylor is going to inquire with Member Bennett about using the church again. There was some discussion about whether a regular meeting and a Quarterly meeting were both necessary at this time, but ultimately the board determined they would proceed with both.

The Board discussed a presentation at a future City Council meeting and decided to aim for the May 29 meeting. This would be for the Council to approve the rules of the PSCRB and the posters and brochure. Chair Taylor would be the main presenter from the PSCRB.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Member Rudolph, seconded by Member Bosquez to adjourn. Time: 4:30pm

Motion carried (viva voce)

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Dukowitz
Communication Manager, City of Bloomington