

Public Safety Citizen Relations Board
Quarterly Meeting
City of Refuge Ministries
401 E. Jefferson, Bloomington, IL 61701
Wednesday, September 19, 2018; 6 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting convened at the City of Refuge Ministries at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arthur Taylor.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the roll and all members answered present, except Member Woodard was absent.

Staff present: Chief Clay Wheeler, Nora Dukowitz

3. Public Comment

There were no comments offered.

4. Update on Previously Discussed Items

a. PSCRB's Stance on "Welcoming City" Topic

Member Lancaster reported that she, Chair Taylor, and the Mayor met and discussed the PSCRB's stance on the topic of "Welcoming City." Chair Taylor and Member Lancaster informed the Mayor that the PSCRB intends to stay neutral on this topic, to which the Mayor more or less agreed.

b. Regular Meeting Location

Member Fish reported that the location is important and the PSCRB is looking at different meeting locations for the future, to be decided. Chair Taylor noted that September's meeting was held at City Hall rather than the Police Station.

c. Brochure Language

Member Fish clarified the use of the word "citizen" in the PSCRB brochure. It is not intended to exclude anyone and will be staying in the brochure language.

5. Discussion of Five Questions

Member Bennett gave his report as to the "Five Questions" (which turned out to be four) that the PSCRB would like to have more discussion on: (1) Is there clarity that the PSCRB cannot review complaints until after an initial complaint is filed with the BPD and a response received from the BPD? (2) Is there clarity that after BPD sends its response, a person must fill out a PSCRB form to send the complaint to the PSCRB? (3) Are fears of filing a complaint being addressed by the processes BPD and the PSCRB have established? (4) Do stakeholder groups still believe a need exists for the PSCRB? If so, why have no complaints been received?

Discussion among the board and with the few audience members ensued. Camille Taylor expressed disappointment that more people were not in attendance to hear the comments and discussion and PSCRB

meetings. Chief Wheeler shared with the group that while it pained him to see the PSCRB's frustrations, he has confidence they will carry out their duties seriously and fairly and that the PSCRB is valued and valuable.

6. Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Times

Mid Central Community Action has offered their facility for the October 10 meeting of the PSCRB, which will occur at its regular time of 3:30 pm. December 19 is the next scheduled Quarterly meeting, place to be determined.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Member Rudolph, seconded by Member Fish to adjourn. Time: 6:47 pm

Motion carried (viva voce)