

Public Safety & Community Relations Board
Quarterly Meeting
City of Refuge Ministries
401 E. Jefferson, Bloomington, IL 61701
Wednesday, December 19, 2018; 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 6 pm by Chair Arthur Taylor.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the roll. Member Lancaster was absent. Staff present: AC Bays, AC Donath, Nora Dukowitz

3. Public Comment

-Ky Ajayi said even though the PSCRB had yet to receive any complaints, it is still a valuable entity.

-Linda Foster echoed that the PSCRB has value to the community.

-Tom Cullen echoed that the PSCRB has value to the community, perhaps more communication is needed.

-Matt Drat wanted to make sure the public understands the BPD and PSCRB processes and has access to them.

-Michael Herzog experienced some frustration from his clients about not having a process beyond a BPD complaint. Now they have the PSCRB process available, and he is pleased about that. He sees value in the PSCRB existing.

-Carla Campbell-Jackson volunteered to make her notary services available to those filing a complaint.

4. Body-Worn Camera Presentation (Chief Bays)

AC Bays gave a presentation about body-worn cameras.

5. Discussion of Five Questions

Mr. Taylor gave an overview/introduction. So far, there have been 20 BPD complaints but none that have come to the PSCRB. AC Donath brought attention to the last paragraph of the BPD closure letter, which gives instruction on how to elevate a complaint to the PSCRB. Linda Foster suggested the PSCRB brochure be included with the BPD closure letter, and the board favored her suggestion. Member Woodard noted that the stakeholder groups also need to help educate the public about the PSCRB. Member Bennett stated that stakeholder groups should emphasize trust in the process. Member Bosquez made the suggestion that the PSCRB brochure be available in Spanish.

6. Discussion of future meeting dates, times, and topics

The next regular meeting will be January 9 at 3:30 pm in the Fishbowl at City Hall. The next Quarterly Meeting will be March 20 at 6 pm, location TBD. Various meeting locations in general were discussed.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Member Fish, seconded by Member Rudolph to adjourn. Time: 7:18 pm

Motion carried (viva voce)

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Dukowitz

Communication Manager, City of Bloomington