Springfield Police Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 2, 2021, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Committee Members Present: Joe Pishioneri-Councilor, Brittney de Alicante – Cultural Minority Community, Barry Lind – Faith Community & Committee Chair, Teresa Dillon – Neighborhood At-Large (3), Jenna McCulley – School District 19, Eric Adams – Willamalane Parks

Absent: Isa Aviad - Neighborhood At-Large (1), Michael Bean - Local Business (pre-arranged, excused)

Vacant: Neighborhood At-Large (2), Neighborhood At-Large (4)

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order at 5:59pm
 - a. Roll Call completed.
- 2. Minutes Approval for August 5, 2021 Meeting
 - a. Joe Pishioneri noted a necessary correction to Eric Adam's last name in section 5.
 - b. Joe Pishioneri moved to approve with change, Terri Dillon seconded. All Approved.
- 3. Business From the Audience No requests from the public.
- 4. Committee Response No response required.
- 5. Business from Springfield PD
 - a. Citizen Survey. Chief Shearer shared that SPD plans to complete a citizen survey in the near future to gauge public opinion regarding SPD, develop a road map for the future and services to provide, and measure community perception. The focus of this particular survey will include trust and legitimacy, as well as crime and other standard law enforcement survey topics. SPD plans to move forward with the survey sometime this Fall. The contract process with a prospective third party is currently under way. Chief Shearer referenced the example survey report completed for Bend PD. The survey will be conducted in Spanish and English.
 - Brittney de Alicante asked if there was consideration to incentivize responses to increase participation. She also inquired if the survey will be sent to everyone in Springfield.
 - Chief shared that on the surface incentives sounds like a good idea, but would like to defer to experts regarding how to engage a representative sample.
 - Chief shared access to the survey will be mailed to a representative sample, which would be several thousand.
 - ii. Barry Lind asked if there is a concern that responses will be provided by only individuals that are unhappy with the department.
 - Chief advised that there will be a letter from him introducing the survey and requesting input from everyone contacted. He is hopeful there will be input from individuals with many perspectives.
 - iii. Jenna McCulley commented that she is impressed the department is using a third party to conduct the survey. She suggested the external partner to work with community partners such as St. Mary's to encourage participation.
 - iv. Barry Lind asked what the committee's responsibility is with this survey.
 - Chief wanted to make sure the committee is aware of the survey and be able to provide input.

- Terri Dillon asked if the committee could see the survey before it was mailed out. Chief advised he was open to that.
- Councilor Pishioneri is supportive of the survey and suggested City Council be included in communications regarding the survey. Chief agreed.

6. Business from the Committee

- a. Upcoming Committee Vacancies Update
 - Jessica shared the City Manager will announce the three committee vacancies and share more particulars regarding the application process and associated due dates in the coming week.
 - ii. Jen asked if there is an age requirement to apply to be part of the committee. Joe Pishioneri confirmed that there is no age requirement.
 - iii. Terri Dillon asked if there is a place where the committee can watch or have input on the application process. Councilor Pishioneri shared that the interviews take place during Council Work Sessions that are open to the public, but not open to public comment.
- b. Member Information Share Opportunity
 - i. Brittney de Alicante asked if anyone knew how to find more information on public accessible IDFIT meetings mentioned by Chris Parosa at the prior SPAC meeting.
 - Jessica advised she would follow up and share the information with SPAC members and at the next SPAC meeting.

Adjourned 6:24pm.