

Springfield Police Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Springfield Justice Center/Zoom

Committee Members Present: Daniel Davidson – Faith Community, Karla Berg – Neighborhood At-Large (2), Teresa Dillon – Neighborhood At-Large & Committee Chair (3), Adam Jenkins – Neighborhood-At-Large (4), Brett Yancey – School District 19, Eric Adams – Willamalane Parks & Committee Vice Chair. Absent: Joe Pishioneri- Councilor, Cindy Koza – Local Business, Jonathan Hayes – Neighborhood At-Large (1)

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 6:00 pm. Roll call completed.
2. Minutes for February 1, 2024, Minutes approved.
 - a. Adam Jenkins motioned to approve. Daniel Davidson seconded. All approved.
3. Business From the Audience
 - a. None
4. Committee Response
 - a. None needed
5. Business from Springfield PD
 - a. SPD Update
 - i. Chief Shearer discussed an upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on May 1st
 - ii. Pastor Davidson has been working closely with our Peer Support Program and been recognized as the SPD Chaplain.
 - o Terri asked if that applies to adults in custody at the Jail.
 1. Daniel advised he met with Lt. Rappe' but not sure if he has the bandwidth at this point. If someone requested him specifically, he'd be happy to visit.
 - iii. SPD was approved for extra funding for training, ballistic rifle shields and the Crime Reduction Unit. Will also be seeking state grant funding for additional retail theft missions. SPD also applied for Federal Earmark Funds and just learned from Congresswoman Hoyle that we will be receiving \$200,000 for training specific to de-escalation and technology, such as VR training.
6. Business from the Committee
 - a. Tiffany – vacant Cultural Community Minority position. An applicant will be interviewed at Council on April 8th.
 - b. Council Liaison? Currently it is assigned to Terri. We had some discussion on what that position is and whether it is required. Chief and Tiffany will discuss with the City Attorney if it's a required position.
 - c. Annual Report Finalization
 - i. Will be presented to Council at our biannual meeting with them when it is scheduled (TBD)
 - ii. Discussed Next Steps and Discussion and how they are action items for SPAC.

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- Discussion on how to meet goals, checking in with council on bylaws, how to engage more citizen involvement.
- Terri remembered Karla had brought up a shooting at a prior meeting. Karla advised Lt. Kirkpatrick had stated shooting are on the rise everywhere. Karla stated and now we've had another shooting. Chief asked if crime data would be helpful for SPAC updates, to be able to provide context to what people are feeling in the community.
- Tiffany suggested we focus on each bullet in the next few meetings. The first bullet about follow up is something Tiffany will track and disseminate to committee.
- Discuss Long Range Plan portion of the Bylaws with Council.
- iii. Brett motioned to approve; Karla seconded.
- d. Policy Review Schedule – discussed instead of convening a subcommittee for a year schedule, Tiffany will come up with policies to review when agenda is created based on new policies or policies that need to be overhauled.
- e. SPAC Scheduled Policy Review
 - i. Policy 42.6.1 – Search & Seizure
 - ii. Policy 45.1.1 – Crime Prevention/Community Outreach
 - Some programs don't exist, Citizen Police Academy hasn't happened since before COVID, Neighborhood Watch board disbanding at end of year, SCPAAA doesn't exist.
- f. Member Information Share Opportunity
 - i. Brett discussed relationship between SPS and SPD, appreciates the relationship with command and the SRO's – they find them invaluable. New vehicle identification is great, officers are dressing down, so they are more approachable by students. Thinks they have the 2 best SROs in the state. Had a recent issue involving camping on a SPS property & SRO Newton was able to de-escalate the situation.
 - ii. Another school issue getting a lot of attention is fights on campus. Disturbing to see videos on social media where no one, including adults, are stopping the situation. Filing criminal charges is not always the best route.
 - iii. Brett wanted to discuss the recent homicide case that involved an SPS student. SPS understands it's an active investigation, but they also understand the impact the event will have on their school. They need to have crisis teams and counselors in place. SPS works with SPD as a thought partner very well.
 - iv. Adam has a couple questions to SPS regarding phones/social media in schools.
 - Brett advised there has been some talk about banning phones or locking bags in classroom.
 - v. Adam asked about signal blocking.
 - Brett advised staff has cell phones too.

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- vi. Adam also asked about the recent homicide. The mom was known to have mental illness, what does the school district do when and if they know that type of info?
 - o If the police department has concerns about some adults/students, they discuss that with school counselors. School employees are mandatory reporters, and they make referrals to DHS.
- vii. Adam asked about the school's notification that came out when school got out, some parents didn't see the email and was wondering if that could've gone out earlier.
 - o Brett advised there were some missteps, looking back on it they could've done some things different.
- viii. Karla asked about the update on the Prohibited Camping ordinance.
 - o Tiffany will contact City Attorney about attending the next meeting to discuss.
 - o Adam also advised he'd like an update on the issue.
 - o Eric advised the City ordinance was completed but there is an appeal at the state level that might change the state law.
 - o Chief advised it would be good to go over the ordinance and have a presentation on what SPD can and can't do.
 - o Adam would be curious to know what property owners can and can't do as well.
 - o Chief stated the Council put a lot of detail in the ordinance and put in some protections for the people of Springfield but it is still reasonable for someone that doesn't have a place to stay.
 - o Brett advised SRO Newton did a great job providing resources in the incident that he mentioned earlier.
- ix. Chief discussed the recent homicide that impacted some of our officers. That's why we developed the Peer Support Program, there will be an incident debrief for the officers.
- x. Eric advised they also work closely with the SRO's as some Willamalane properties are in close proximity to the schools.
- xi. Eric happy to report they've just hired their third park ranger. They are putting together some new centralized training resources.
- xii. Willamalane Ice storm clean-up is just about done. Kudos to Brett for getting them a contact with a great contractor.
- xiii. Discussed trailhead car prowls increasing as spring & summer approach.
 - o Chief advised there are some options for leasing camera trailers.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm.

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