

Springfield Police Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 4, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Committee Members Present: Michael Bean – Local Business, Karla Berg – Neighborhood At-Large (2), Teresa Dillon – Neighborhood At-Large & Committee Vice-Chair (3), Adam Jenkins – Neighborhood At-Large (4), Jenna McCulley – School District 19, Eric Adams – Willamalane Parks.

Absent: Joe Pishioneri – Councilor, Barry Lind – Faith Community & Committee Chair, Brittney de Alicante – Cultural Minority Community, Jonathan Hayes – Neighborhood At-Large (1)

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 6:01pm. Roll call Completed
2. Minutes for June 2, 2022, Meeting approved with one grammatical error change.
 - a. Michael Bean motioned to approve, Adam Jenkins seconded. All approved.
3. Business From the Audience
 - a. J. Smith – reading comment from Amanda Becker Henske who could not attend. Amanda is in the medical field & was at the Dove Medical Protest in Eugene, expressed concern regarding Officer Bragg & SPD's actions. Would like the board to reexamine the funding for SPD & EPD. Fund mental health & houseless outreach instead.
 - b. Elizabeth Utterback – Ward 3, Two year anniversary of the Black Unity Protest in Thurston. Things have not changed. Evidence in the protest in Eugene. SPD showed up in full riot gear & brutalized protestors. Amundson yelled at her. Bragg beat up a medic. Is there an internal use of force investigation into this? Have Rick Braziel's recommendations been implemented?
4. Committee Response
 - a. Michael Bean – questioned who read the first comment on behalf Amanda & Amanda's full name.
5. City Attorney, Public Outreach Discussion (out of agenda order due to speaker having another meeting)
 - a. Mary Bridget Smith, City Attorney
 - i. Discussed public outreach by the Committee.
 - o As a Council Committee member make clear when you're speaking on your own behalf as opposed to as a Council Committee Member
 - o No lobbying on behalf of Council or SPAC unless it's something that has been decided on as a coordinated effort
 - o For upcoming police levy, you are prohibited from political activity as a SPAC member. Information provided needs to be neutral. Questions should be directed to SPD staff. If speaking about the levy, do so in conjunction with other staff members.
 - ii. Questions from SPAC Members?
 - o Michael Bean – SPAC wants to identify their purpose. Is it appropriate to meet & dialogue with the public?
 - MBS – Needs to be done in conjunction & coordinated with PD. Michael's position on the Planning Committee is more restrictive. Appropriate to acknowledge citizen concerns, but due to pending litigation, should not have a lot of back & forth, PD can follow up.
 - Michael advised the Council wants to coordinate
 - i. MBS will clarify with Council

- Jenna McCulley – question about if SPAC is reviewing policies, should they reach out to groups who may have input on certain policies.
 - MBS – recommends coordinating with staff or council liaison for outreach to other groups.
- Karla Berg – would it be appropriate to bring the Ward’s voice (questions, comments) to the committee?
 - MBS – it is appropriate to bring concerns back to committee, be clear on personal position as opposed to the City/SPAC’s position on matters. Shouldn’t have organized meetings/interactions unless it is coordinated with the PD or Council.

6. Business from Springfield PD

- a. SPD Update – Lt. George Crolly shared the following:
 - i. National Night Out occurred August 2nd. Successful events in 3 parks & also organized events at 2 Neighborhood Watch Block Captains.
 - ii. Looking at other community engagement events in the future
 - iii. K9 Competition occurred in June
 - iv. Special Olympics Torch Run from SPD to meet EPD & ended at Valley River
 - v. World Championships, 2 marathons in Springfield. Public Works was essential in helping with rerouting traffic and closing 26 intersections, Medics standing by. No safety & security issues. Staff worked 178 shifts at the World Championships.
 - vi. Open House will be held Saturday, September 24th
 - vii. In response to Uvalde school shooting, we have been working on best practices for active violence incident response policy. We are offering, business, schools, medical clinics training on active violence response. Have done 8-10 to date.
 - viii. SRO’s are providing ALICE training to school district employees, city hall & Willamalane.
 - ix. Hiring for police, detention, dispatch & records. Recently hired 2 lateral police officers.
 - Michael Bean offered that whoever has been doing social media has been doing great the last couple of months.

7. Business from the Committee

- a. SPAC Goal Setting
 - i. Decided to postpone until Joe Pishioneri & others are in attendance.
 - Eric Adams advised in light of Mary Bridget’s guidance; SPAC needs to be diligent & conscientious about how SPAC acts as liaisons. Would like Joe’s input and possibly a session with Council about what their voice should be.

8. Business from Springfield PD (part 2)

- a. Lt. Crolly offered further updates:
 - i. Questions at a prior meeting regarding door-to-door solicitors. There is now info posted on the City’s website about currently licensed door-to-door solicitors. Public Works issues the permits & should be notified of any violations. Any safety concerns can be reported to our non-emergency line.
 - ii. There is a levy coming up in November. Language is being finalized & should be available by the October meeting.

- iii. There are 2 upcoming SPAC openings.
 - Tiffany Monroe: Posted on the City's website, applications due by September 16th. One is the local business representative (Michael Bean's term is over at the end of 2022), the other is a Neighborhood at Large position (Terri Dillion's term is over at the end of 2022, but she is eligible for another term).
- iv. Tiffany Monroe is the new Staff Liaison, taking Jessica Crawford's role.

9. Business from the Committee (continued)

a. SPAC Scheduled Policy Review

i. 2.1.1 – Geographic Boundaries

- Karla Berg – last paragraph about all other agencies seemed open-ended
 - Lt. Crolly – within the state of Oregon, an officer can enforce the law in any part of the state. Differs from state to state.

ii. 41.4.11 – School Resource Officer

- Adam Jenkins – any plans or expectations that we need more SRO's?
 - Lt. Crolly – there have been conversations with the school district to expand the program. Not as much as a budget issue as it is a staffing issue. We agree with the school district that there is a need for another position.
- Jenna McCulley – policy discusses the collaboration with the school district on the selection of the officers. Would like to commend the PD on the comprehensive selection process: parents, school psychologist, students, teachers, staff & administrators were all involved.

b. Member Information Share Opportunity

- i. Eric Adams – recently participated in a roundtable with Oregon Parks & Rec with several agency partners. Discussion regarding abandoned, dilapidated RV's. Potential legislation being developed to help regulate and fund removal & abatement if needed. If there are issues in Springfield parks, please let Eric know.

Meeting adjourned 6:49 pm.