

Springfield Police Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Springfield Justice Center/Zoom

Committee Members Present: Joe Pishioneri- Councilor, Daniel Davidson – Faith Community, Cindy Koza – Local Business, Jonathan Hayes – Neighborhood At-Large (1), 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

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 6:01 pm. Roll call completed.
2. Minutes for December 7th, 2023, 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 Accreditation assessment which occurred today. In 2021 a House Bill passed that agencies had to be accredited by 2026. Lt. Crolly was assigned and began the process in March of 2023. Normally an 18-to-20-month process. Auditor that did assessment today said that SPD is outstanding. Didn't find anything that needed to be fixed. The final report should be ready in April.
 - o Pishioneri discussed this being a council item – Chief advised as soon as it's finalized.
 - o Terri wondered more about the process – Chief explained.
 - ii. Ice Storm – Calls for service stats, Detectives went out in cars to assist public, scheduled SWAT training changed to assisting public, Downtown volunteer patrol came in to be present.
 - o Pishioneri advised he was stunned to see the Chief & Deputy Chief out walking in the dangerous conditions to check on people. He saw other city staff out walking around handing out resource information and the assistant city attorney putting caution tape on branches, it was very humbling.
 - iii. Annual Awards ceremony, Tuesday, February 6th
 - iv. February 13th, hiring ceremony in Council Chambers
6. Business from the Committee
 - a. Tiffany – vacant Cultural Community Minority position closes February 26th.
 - b. Tiffany - We need a sub-committee to come up with the Annual Report.
 - i. Jonathan, Terri, Cindy & Karla will be a part of the sub-committee. Tiffany will schedule.
 - c. SPAC Scheduled Policy Review

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- i. Policy 82.2.5 – Missing Persons & Runaways
- ii. Policy 82.2.6 – Amber Alert Procedures
 - o Pishioneri wondered about Lane Alerts, like in the recent ice storm. Wi-fi and cell towers were down. He and Chief discussed the after-action report for the storm.
 - o Brett Yancey asked about the ability for SPD to issue an Amber Alert & how quickly it can be issued.
 - 1. Chief advised it must meet certain criteria and then it is coordinated with Oregon State Police and can be activated very quickly.
- d. Member Information Share Opportunity
 - i. Cindy Koza advised they evacuated 10 group homes and over 30 medically fragile residents.
 - ii. Chief discussed Cindy's recent lifesaving CPR incident.
 - iii. Cindy advised that at the last meeting she shared some of the clients her group homes work with are violent and they've called the police for help a few times. After the meeting, her agency was investigated for neglect because of them calling the police. The investigation found no wrongdoing. After the investigation a client was dumped at their agency, and he became violent and stabbed one of their staff. Police were called and the officer was mean and determined the client was not a threat. Within 24 hours the client stabbed the director who ended up with a collapsed lung and she feels it could've been prevented. Chief advised if something happens and anyone is not happy with the service, it should be reported immediately. He wants the community satisfied with the services we provide. Believes it's a symptom of a larger systemic issue throughout the state. Cindy thinks that the officers do not understand the difference between group/foster homes and a locked down facility like memory care. They are not allowed to do holds on clients. They are only trained on CPR and a two-day behavior class. Pishioneri inquired about a panic alarm and Cindy stated they have systems in place to get a hold of the police very quickly. Cindy gave another example where police and Cahoots did not help resolve the situation. Chief advised he would like to speak to her offline about ways to mitigate some of these situations. Cindy and Pishioneri discussed eviction process. It's different if the officers take someone into custody.

Meeting adjourned 6:42 pm.

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