

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES- NOVEMBER 18, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 3:38 pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Farmer, Woodard, Fish, Taylor, McFarland, Bennett, and Dr. Black (by phone)
Lt. Brian Brown-BPD, Jeff Jurgens-Corporation Counsel, Michael Hurt-Staff Liaison

3. Public Comment-None

4. Approval of October Meeting Minutes- Motion to approve: Mr. Taylor. Second: Ms. Fish. All in favor. Motion passes.

5. The PSCRB welcomes: new board member Rachel McFarland.

6. General updates from BPD

Complaint Summary: 31 complaints for 2021; 7 pending complaints;

Allegations: 4-excessive force; 15 dissatisfied with service; 5-unlawful search & seizure; 1 courtesy to public; 2-damage to property; 1-violation of policy; 2-harassment; 8-unlawful arrest; 1

respect/disparaging remarks; 2-false reporting; 1-discrimination. Board review has been requested by one complainant which will be presented for review at the December 2021 PSCRB meeting and discussed in the January 2022 meeting.

Calls for Service: October 2020 there were 4,986

October 2021 there were 5722 (15% increase in calls for service over last year)

2 new officers will join the force this month.

7. Youth Board Member Updates-None. Board members will continue to inform the community that the open positions exist. Dr. Farmer will use her contacts in various university departments to make the ISU community aware of the open positions. Mr. Taylor will use his contacts in NIOT and Not-In-Our-Schools to push the open positions. Dr. Black suggested doing the same for the Y and the Boys & Girls Club.

8. Racial Disparities in Traffic Stops (Continued Conversation)- We will keep this item on the agenda for future meetings, but there are no current updates for this meeting. Mike Matejka from NIOT forwarded to the Board the Step Program created by the Urbana, Illinois Police Department to address racial disparity in traffic stops. Mr. Matejka suggested the PSCRB review the Urbana plan to see if recommendations based on the plan could be used in Bloomington. Mr. Matejka wants to discuss the plan at the PSCRB Quarterly meeting next month.

Mr. Taylor recommended that the Board review the plan before the quarterly meeting just to familiarize themselves with the content, and further suggested that the information become one of the resources of background information the board would use before making a recommendation.

9. Future meeting dates, times, location and topics

a. Next meeting: Combined regular/quarterly meeting- December 2nd at 5:00pm, Community Room at the Government Center (basement level). All regular agenda items will be added to December agenda, including Racial disparity in traffic stop discussion. Chief Simington will be in attendance at the December quarterly meeting.

Mr. Taylor also reminded the Board members of some annually recurring items: Expiration of terms, upcoming election of Board officers, PSCRB annual report to City Council, and a review of the complaints submitted to the Board.

10. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Mr. Woodard-. Second-Mr. Taylor. All in favor. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.