

Public Safety Citizen Relations Board
Osborn Conference Room
305 S East St; 2nd Floor, Bloomington, IL 61701
Wednesday, April 11, 2018; 3:30pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened in the Osborn Room, Bloomington Police Department, at 3:30pm by Chair Arthur Taylor.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the roll and all members were present.

Staff present: Chief Brendan Heffner, Assistant Chief G, Greg Moredock, Nora Dukowitz

3. Public Comment

There were no comments offered.

4. Consideration of approving the Meeting Minutes of March 14 and March 21, 2018.

A correction was made to the date on the March 21st minutes (the minutes submitted indicated March 14th).

Motion by Member Woodard, seconded by Member Lancaster to approve minutes of the March 14 and March 21, 2018 meetings.

Ayes: Members Bennett, Bosquez, Fish, Lancaster, Rudolph, Taylor, Woodard

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

5. Discussion and follow up to the Quarterly Meeting held March 21, 2019

Chairman Taylor noted it was a good meeting and Chief Heffner echoed that sentiment. The Chief stated that he though the PSCRB's regular meeting should stay in the Osborn Room and that the PSCRB is not supposed to be adversarial. Member Lancaster stated that there needed to be more time to promote the next Quarterly Meeting and that the Osborn Room was a fine meeting space for the regular meetings, especially since the Quarterly Meetings are being held elsewhere in the community. Member Woodard echoed the comments of the Police and the community working together and stated that he thought people knew about the meeting and promotion was not an issue. Member Fish stated she believed the Quarterly Meeting was great and the Board acted very cohesively. She said the regular meetings should remain in the Osborn Room and that the PSCRB has no budget to move elsewhere. Member Rudolph noted that many stakeholders did show up at the meeting. Member Bennett noted that maybe the overall turnout was not an issue of lack of promotion but of dwindling interest/passion at the moment from the public. Member Woodard noted that the Bloomington-Normal community is full of events, so the group should be mindful of other events happening on the same night of meetings. Chair Taylor thanked Member Bennett for the use of the church.

6. Discussion of Pending Citizen Complaints Received

No complaints have been received.

7. Discussion and Action on Public Safety Community Relations Board Brochure and Poster

The PSCRB and staff reviewed the brochure and poster and discussed possible revisions, including changing some of the imagery and location of text. Member Woodard suggested that it be noted that the date, time, and location of Quarterly Meetings are TBD. New drafts of the brochure and poster will be circulated for feedback before anything final is printed.

Motion by Member Lancaster, seconded by Member Fish to move forward with the next draft of the brochure and poster with the discussed changes.

Ayes: Members Bennett, Bosquez, Fish, Lancaster, Rudolph, Taylor, Woodard

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

8. Discussion of re-appointment of board members

Chairman Taylor removed this item from discussion since both members with expiring terms were already scheduled to be reappointed at an upcoming Council meeting and both had received notice of such.

9. Discussion to set Future Meeting Dates and Times

The next regular meeting will be May 9 at 3:30pm in the Osborn Room. The next Quarterly Meeting could occur on June 20 but additional discussion is needed.

Member Bennett asked if someone should reach out to the individuals/groups that were concerned about the regular meeting space and let them know the PSCRB would continue to have its regular meetings in the Osborn Room and why. Chair Taylor said he would perform this outreach.

As an aside, it was discussed that more than one version of the poster may be needed. Members Woodard and Fish will work on this.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Member Lancaster, seconded by Member Woodard to adjourn. Time: 4:30pm

Motion carried (viva voce)

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Dukowitz
Communication Manager, City of Bloomington