



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

February 7, 2018

Meeting Minutes: 1:38

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Workshop Attendance:

- Commissioners Present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn, Jr., Colleen Gardner, Elizabeth Kelley, Legal Counsel-Dennis Hession
- Commissioners Not Present: None
- OPO Staff Members Present: Bart Logue, Christina Coty

Items Session:

- Agenda Approval
- The January 16, 2018 meeting minutes approved unanimously after requested changes made
 - Jacob John's stated percentage change in the public forum section.
- OPO Report Highlights
 - 8 OPO Interviews & 10 IA Interviews
 - 2 Investigations were certified
 - Met with SPD 28 times
 - 19 Community Outreach Events
 - NAACP at the Native Project
 - Presentation at SCAR Meeting
 - Leadership Lights the Way

Public Forum:

- No Citizens signed up to speak

Commissioners' Business:

- Meeting with Mayor Condon Update
 - Meeting was to discuss the OPOC/OPO concerns regarding the 1st floor redesign.
 - The Mayor wants to create an open to the public first floor to promote an open government feel. Smith, Kelley and Logue voiced concerns regarding the crucial need to keep confidentiality within the OPO due to the sensitive nature of our clientele.
 - Mayor Condon was open to a possibility of having a smoked glass option and cubicles that go almost to the ceiling. It was mentioned that if the remodel is not working we can go back to him.
 - Legal Counsel Hession mentioned that the City has an obligation to provide appropriate space and he encouraged the Chair to follow up with the Mayor by letter.
- OPO/OPOC Annual Report
 - OPO sent out both reports to the Commission. Chair Smith recommended taking a 10 minute break to read the reports, since a majority of Commissioners had not had a chance to read them. Started 10 minute break to review reports at 6pm and returned at 6:10. Mr. Logue mentioned that based on the earlier meeting with the Mayor, he would

go back and add a few sentences in the report regarding our throughput which has increased significantly. The OPOC requested a few changes to the reports.

- Motion to accept the OPO/OPOC Annual Report once the requested changes have been made. **Unanimous Approval**
- Mr. Logue reminded the Commissioners that we will need a Commissioner to present the OPOC Annual Report on February 12th during the City Council Meeting. It was determined that Gardner would do the presentation.
- OPOC Retreat
 - Commissioner Rose is still working on this and has not gotten as far as she would like. She will present in March.
- Community Outreach/Training Tracker
 - Gardner and Smith presented this idea to keep track of the things that have been done throughout the year. This will be updated by Christina
 - **Gardner** - 17th Coffee with a Cop, 24th meeting with the Founder & Director of Blessings Under the Bridge, 25th meeting with Legal Counsel Mr. Hession, 26th meeting with director of COPS, 31st Chief Meidl meeting.
 - **Wilburn** – Lecturer at Garry Middle School, Speaker at Cooper Elementary School for Black History Month, Hosted former Ambassador of South Africa for Shaw Middle School
 - **Rose** - 17th MLK Community Center Opening,
 - **Smith** - 29th SCAR, Feb 1st Community Assembly, Feb 7th Native American Project
 - **Kelley** - 24th SPARC Meeting, Feb 7th Native American Project
- Policies and Procedures Update
 - This is a work in progress. There is no draft currently but there will be one in March and hopefully it can be approved by April. Would like to get input from the other commissioners.
- OPO Recommendation
 - Crime Scene Screens R18-1
 - Legal Counsel believes that this makes a stronger statement if it is signed by all of the Commissioners. Due to the fact that this recommendation was brought up during the OPOC meeting this will be considered an OPOC Action
- March Meeting Change Request
 - The Council Chambers is booked for the next Scheduled OPOC Meeting. Due to this a vote was taken to move the meeting to March 22nd

Motion Passes or Fails: 3

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:08PM

Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video of the meeting is on file -Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

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