



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

April 17, 2018

Meeting Minutes: 2:28

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Attendance:

- OPOC Present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn, Jr., Colleen Gardner,
- Legal Counsel-Dennis Hession
- Commissioners Not Present: Elizabeth Kelley
- OPO Staff Members Present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana, Christina Coty

Items Session:

- Agenda Approval
- The March 22, 2018 meeting minutes approved unanimously
- OPO Report Highlights
 - 151 contacts, 2 Complaints, 8 OPO Interviews & 8 IA Interviews
 - 6 cases came to OPO for certification - 1 returned for further investigation
 - Focusing on a Mid-May discussion with the community for the UOF Policy
 - Moving forward with the Police Strategies Dash Board, approved by the City Council

Public Forum:

- Alan McDowell – He discussed how whistle blowers should be protected (utilized a diagram for reference), specifically referencing the Ennis trial and that the female officer who was assaulted has stated that she has felt isolated and blacklisted ever since reporting the sexual assault.

Guest Speaker:

- Cam Zorrozuza – Center for Justice
 - Presentation regarding Use of Force and racial bias in Spokane. Recommended creating an office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Commissioners' Business:

- OPOC Retreat – Commissioner Rose
 - Commissioner Rose will be drafting an agenda for the Commissioners' retreat/Special Meeting. She requested some topics/feedback of items to discuss from the OPOC
 - Commissioner Wilburn would like to further discuss the UOF and the disproportionate victims of color and advocating for them. Would like to discuss having someone be brought in to discuss equity and inclusion
 - Commissioner Gardner provided some clarity regarding the ordinance that states you cannot be on a board and be a paid City employee. She would also recommended not having a guest speaker
- Policies and Procedures Update – Commissioner Gardner
 - Made a motion that the current content language be approved
 - Unanimous Pass – Final copy will be at the next OPOC Meeting
- NACOLE 2018 Conference: September 30 – October 4 St. Petersburg FL.
 - OPO is looking at budget to ensure those who are interested in attending are able to. Please notify Luvimae as soon as you can

- Reality Based Police Shows Discussion – Commissioner Smith
 - Should the OPOC have been involved in the decision to ban these types of shows from filming in Spokane?
 - Dennis Hession – It’s a good idea to have routine conversations with City Council and he recommends having the Chair reach out to Council President Stuckart
- Public Records Ordinance – Commissioner Smith
 - Councilmember Beggs is proposing a new ordinance that will make more information available to the public. In the past the public and police officers were concerned about not having the correct information redacted
 - In 2016 all of the previous versions were removed and the new ones were updated with basic summaries through the end of 2016
 - Luvimae will find out when the ordinance will go to City Council for a vote and inform the OPOC
 - Consensus that things will be address appropriately was made
- Officer Ennis Conviction Discussion – Commissioner Smith
 - Acknowledgment in what the community has to be feeling. This case has cast some doubt and distrust against the police dept. Where is our responsibility with “off duty” officer behavior?
 - OPOC is an oversight entity and you are allowed to bring these concerns to the Chief and let him know that this is not ok. We don’t do criminal investigations but if Ennis wasn’t convicted and returned to duty we would have been involved in an administrative investigation
- OPO/OPOC Community Events – Commissioner Gardner
 - There are a lot of opportunities to get the OPOC faces out in the community. There are numerous neighborhood events in the calendar and other larger events we can attend
 - Bart - If we have prior notice of events the OPO can coordinate a possible speaking opportunity at an event
- OPO Recommendation Letter Follow-up – Mr. Logue
 - Updated 2 letters from the OPO for approval. The OPOC doesn’t need to sign these but they need to be approved
 - Approval for both letters unanimous
- Christina PAR Review
 - Executive Session started at 7:42pm. Back from Executive Session at 7:57pm

Motion Passes or Fails: 5

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:59PM

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

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