



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

December 11, 2018

Meeting Minutes: 1:10

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn, Elizabeth Kelley
- Legal Counsel: Mike Piccolo
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Christina Coty
- OPO staff members absent: Luvimae Omana

Items Session

- The Agenda was unanimously approved
- The September 18th and November 13th minutes unanimously approved

Public Forum

- No one signed up to speak

Administrative Specialist Update

- Camp Hope update – Complaints are starting to come in from the eviction process. At meeting time there was 1 official complaint and 3 potential complaints coming in this week.
- NACOLE CPO Certification – Forms need to be filled out and turned into Christina
- Annual report – Starting to work on compiling data for the annual report. Will need to partner with the subcommittee to determine direction.

OPO Report

- OPO report highlights
 - 110 contacts, 3 complaints, 5 Referrals, 7 OPO Interviews, and 13 IA Interviews
 - 34 meetings with SPD – including the biweekly IA/OPO meetings to ensure we are all on the same page.
 - 1 mediation conducted with very positive outcome. Mediations are time consuming but have proven to be successful, we will continue to offer these in 2019

Commissioners' Business

- OPO 18-32 / C18-055 case update
 - Guild filed a Grievance.
 - The OPO never received an official grievance letter from the Guild. We reached out to City Legal to obtain it once we found out.
 - Ombudsman has recommended that the case be Administratively Suspended so that the 180 day time limit doesn't run out
- Complaint letter of Police Chief update
 - Letter received from the Mayor – taking this complaint very seriously
 - Interviews will be conducted by HR and City Legal
- OPOC Subcommittee assignments
 - Uses of Force involving racial disparity/mental health – Commissioner Wilburn and Commissioner Kelley
 - OPOC Annual Report – Commissioner Rose and Commissioner Smith

- OPOC Response to SPD on R18-5
 - Ordinance change requested and will be presented at the City Council meeting on December 17
- District 1 Commissioner Position
 - Commissioner Smith reached out to CM Fagan and CM Burke in July and December regarding the extended vacancy
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Rose – Had to pay \$438 out of her pocket to cover the cost of her substitute in order to attend NACOLE. The City said they were not going to pay to reimburse her. Commissioner Smith stated the same thing.
 - Commissioner Smith – Acknowledged that the Law Enforcement field is getting very difficult to recruit and hire for. This will continue to be a challenge as more senior officers are looking at retirement. We then have a much bigger problem.
 - Commissioner Kelley – Attended the Daigle Law Group UOF Summit at the end of November. Seminar covered community relations, UOF, emerging technology, encounters involving people with mental disabilities. She may assist, on mental health matters, in future trainings.
- OPOC Legal Counsel contract
 - Contract is an open ended contract and is still valid
- January Meeting date change
 - January 22nd – Motion Passed
- Executive Session – PAR
 - 6:21pm – 6:40pm

Motion Passes or Fails: 3

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:42PM

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

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