



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

August 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes: 1:19

Meeting called to order at: 5:33 pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Jenny Rose, Luc Jasmin, Ladd Smith, Lili Navarrete
- OPOC Commissioners absent: James Wilburn
- Legal Counsel: Tim Szambelan
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue
- OPO staff members absent: Luvimae Omana and Christina Coty

Briefing Session

- Agenda - Approved
- June 14th minutes – Approved

Items Session

- Public Forum:
 - Anwar Peace –
 - Would like to support the reappointment of the Police Ombudsman, Bart Logue.
 - During his tenure he has shown his ability to be evenhanded in dealing with the complainants and officers.
 - Mr. Peace has witnessed this firsthand through filing of complaints that led to 2 different mediations with officers.
 - Robert Esseltine –
 - I researched the past 3 years and could not find any instance where Bart was not doing his job.
 - Bart does his job of being transparent and assisting the public.
 - Everyone has bad days and we deal with them accordingly. When a police officer has a bad day sometimes people get hurt. Bart is here to act as that go between to get people on the same page.
- Guest Speaker: City Council President
 - President Beggs could not attend the meeting but gave his talking points to Mr. Logue to discuss
 - The Council President is proposing an ordinance (C36259) Letter E
 - Public Hearing on Police Contracts – The City Council and the Office of the Police Ombudsman Commission will hold a public hearing and testimony on the effectiveness of Police Accountability system and will be held no less than 30 days prior to contract negotiations with the Police Guild
- OPO Monthly Reports for June & July 2022:
 - Contacts - 215, Community Meetings - 11, Complaints - 5, Referrals - 8, Cases Certified - 10, Special Cases - 29, Review Boards – 3

- There was an OIS on 8/3/22. A Vehicle involved in a robbery in Spokane Valley crashed where there was an exchange of gun fire
- Due to I-940 the OPO did not go out to the scene

Commissioners' Business

- September Meeting Date
 - Scheduled for September 6th in order to hold a public testimony option
- Ombudsman Contract and Vote:
 - Unanimously Voted to renew the Ombudsman's contract
- OPOC Retreat Update
 - Have been unable to reschedule. Christina will be reaching out again to schedule with NACOLE and OPOC Commissioners
- Commissioner Terms Expiring:
 - Commissioner Wilburn: Has decided he would be seeking another term and Ms. Coty will be drafting a letter of intent to seek a final term
 - Commissioner Smith: Has an interview with Mayor Woodward set up the following week
- Unity in the Community:
 - Commissioner Jasmin, Commissioner Smith, and Luvimae Omana will volunteer to staff the booth
 - Christina will get the information out for set up
- Commissioner Speak Out:
 - Jenny Rose – She attended 3 National Night Out parties and got to meet a lot of people.
 - Ladd Smith – Thoughts are with Commissioner Wilburn and hoping for a speedy return
- Executive Session
 - Unanimously approved Employee PAR

Motion Passes or Fails: 4

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:52

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

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