



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

January 16, 2024

Meeting Minutes: 1:47

Meeting called to order at: 5:35

Attendance

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

Briefing Session

- Agenda – Approved
- November Minutes – Approved

Items Session

- **Public Forum:**
 - There were no community members signed up to speak
- **Guest Speaker: Lisa Gardner – NAACP President**

Highlights:

- Address the miscommunication between the Public Safety, Police and Black and Brown communities. Bridging the gap between these groups is crucial
- Voter registration and voter education will be a huge focus going into this election year.
- Spokane has been hesitant to discuss race relations and now these conversations are happening but more action needs to happen
- We want to partner with people to fight for Civil Rights
- NAACP Meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month subject to change
- 2nd Annual NAACP Meet and greet Memorial Day weekend
- **Ombudsman November and December Monthly Reports:**
 - 1820 contacts, 93 OPO interviews, 17 Commendations, 34 complaint, 61 referrals, 5 cases returned for further investigation, 8 Web Case summaries, 158 special cases reviewed, 94 IA interviews attended
 - Raised the idea of budget independence when meeting with the City Council Members
 - Discussed the officer involved shooting in December. Ombudsman Logue explained the lack of knowledge the OPO is privy to due to legislation I-940. Restrictions on available information.

Commission Business

- **OPO / OPOC Budget Concerns**
 - Motion to send a letter from the Chair concerning budget: Approved
- **OPOC Plan for 2024**
 - Motion to defer this agenda item to the February Meeting: Approved
- **NACOLE Annual Report Subcommittee**
 - Ladd Smith and Luc Jasmin have volunteered to serve on the subcommittee

- **Commissioner Speak Out**
 - Ladd Smith – During a recent meeting that Commissioner Smith attended he was able to witness the unwillingness and pushback of the Interim Chief and Assistant Chief to consider a formal tracking system for training issues that may arise from an Administrative Review. The initial recommendation was pertaining to R23-09 from closing report F22-064. It raised his awareness to the effort put forth by the OPO on seemingly insignificant matters
- **Executive Session – Annual Performance Assessment Review**
 - Start – 7:15
 - End – 7:24

Motion Passes or Fails: 4

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:25

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file -
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