



# Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

**May 21, 2024**

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at: 5:30pm

## Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Luc Jasmin, Amy McColm
- OPO staff members present: Luvimae Omana, Christina Coty
- City Legal – Tim Szambelan

## Briefing Session

- Agenda – **Approved**
- April Minutes – **Approved**

## Items Session

- **Public Forum:**
  - **Anwar Peace** – Anwar has a chapter in the book “A place to exist, Camp Hope”
    - Homeless face more crimes on average 6% times more than someone with an address
    - ACLU came to Spokane to work with the Homeless population
    - Amy would like to get the information Anwar is talking about
    - Anwar donated the book
  - **Debbie Novak** – Information going on locally. She was meeting with the OII (Office of Independent Investigation)
  - HB 1579
  - Jessie Surrey, trial is ongoing in Kent – LEO is being charged with murder. First time in 50 years
  - June 7<sup>th</sup> press conference in front of court house remembrance of David Novak march 12-1pm, want to make sure that the public know that we are ranked #2 in police deaths
- **Guest Speaker: Maggie Yates – Deputy City Administrator**
  - Mayor Brown had an unexpected schedule conflict
  - Update on Police Chief recruitment – Public Sector Search
  - Mayor appointed a selection committee. June 6<sup>th</sup> first round interviews will be selected
  - Public Panel for the final candidates
  - Public Safety Meetings in all neighborhoods and virtual.
  - Survey’s is currently live and has gone out to internal officers with a high success rate
- **Ombudsman April Monthly Report:**
  - Budget, working with the grants department to see what we can apply for SBO



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- Ordinance Change – RE: our name. Gender neutral is something that Washington has moved towards
- Tie the budget .95% to the SPD was the bigger piece
- Annual Reports – Drafts are in the OPOC Agenda Packet
- New Commissioner Training program
- Citizen requested to be volunteer
- Updating our marketing material with a new logo unified look
- Critical incident – OIS April 18<sup>th</sup> Shadle Park
- **OPO Annual Report:**
  - Love the new look of the Annual Report and the logo.
  - **APPROVED**

## Commission Business

- **OPOC Annual Report**
  - **Approved**
- **Summer Events and Schedule**
  - Expo 74' – 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration POW-WOW at the Falls – May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Spokane Pride & Rainbow Parade – June 8<sup>th</sup>
  - National Night Out – August 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Unity in the Community – August 17<sup>th</sup> (Booth Registration \$100)
  - Divy up the community events
  - June meeting 18<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled
  - July Cancelled – Approved
  - August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled
- **Commissioner Speak Out**
  - **Jasmin** – Thank-you all for coming
  - **McColm** – None
  - **Smith** – None

Motion Passes or Fails: 4

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:50pm

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