

City of Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission (OPOC)

Special Meeting Minutes January 29, 2016

Chairperson Debra Conklin called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Commissioner Scott Richter moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jenny Rose seconded. Motion carried.

Interim Ombudsman Selection Committee Chairperson Phillip Tyler appeared in person to refer the 3 Interim Ombudsman Finalists to the Commission (see memorandum below). He thanked the Commissioners, and Breean Beggs and Marty Huseman for their assistance. Conklin thanked him and the Committee for their work on behalf of the citizens of Spokane.

The Commissioners discussed how to conduct the interviews. Breean Beggs said there could be some overlap between the Interim and Permanent, and that the Interim can be appointed for up to 4 months.

Beggs gave an update on the Permanent Ombudsman. U.S. Immigration has received Mr. Humayaun's application, and has requested more information regarding the description of duties and how much time will be spent doing them, a copy of the organizational chart, and more information about the temporary nature of the job. Beggs is working with Human Resources to get their response done within 10 days, and send it to Immigration. That will start the clock ticking again, and there should be a response from Immigration within 15 days. The 75 day window that Mr. Humayun had to receive his visa will expire on February 6, 2016. Commissioners will need to decide at the next regular meeting if they want to extend the window. Conklin asked if it will be possible to have an answer by the end of February, and Beggs said he thought so.

The Committee conducted interviews of Mr. Bart Logue, Mr. Jimenez, and Mr. Eddie Aubrey.

Conklin invited interested community members to speak during the public forum.

Mr. Alan McDowell said Mr. Aubrey has the human interpersonal skills. He didn't get the eye contact from the 2nd candidate. Mr. Aubrey has a lot of energy.

He's confused about this Commission bringing in someone from another country. He believes Mr. Aubrey and Mr. Logue have American cultural values. He doesn't understand how Spokane brings people in from other countries and they don't understand the lower class. That's his statement today.

Commissioner VanderPol asked Mr. McDowell what the Commission can do to help him get his project off the ground. Mr. McDowell said he's only allowed to use a report within the last year. He would like to be able to submit the reports to the Commission so they can take a look and see what he has on file right now.

Ms. Catherine Isabel said it takes so much patience, there's so much talking. She likes short questions and short answers. She doesn't know how to remedy that problem but there is so much time spent, and

it's hard for her to be that patient. Commissioner VanderPol asked Ms. Isabel which candidate she liked the best. She said she'd rather keep it to herself, and think about the common good.

Chairperson Conklin adjourned the meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

January 26, 2016

Memorandum

To: Debra Conklin, Chairperson, Office of the Police Ombudsman Commission (OPOC)

From: Phillip Tyler, Chairperson, Interim Ombudsman Selection Committee

Subject: Referral of Three Finalists for the Position of Interim Ombudsman

OPOC convened a Selection Committee on December 1, 2015, and charged them with reviewing the applications for Interim Ombudsman, selecting the three finalists, and forwarding their names to the Commission. As the city of Spokane has been without an Ombudsman for twelve months, the purpose of this position is to work through the backlog of complaints against the Spokane Police Department, and 'bridge the gap' until such time as the Permanent Ombudsman arrives. Persons named to the Committee were former Mayor Dennis Hession, Lieutenant Justin Lundgren and Sergeant John Griffin of the Spokane Police Department, and OPOC Commissioner Scott Richter.

The Committee met five times between December 14, 2015 and January 7, 2016. During the course of those meetings, they selected their fifth member, Phillip Tyler, who is Vice President of the Spokane Chapter of the NAACP. They elected a Chairperson, and considered eighteen applicants. They interviewed six candidates in person, and decided unanimously on forwarding three finalists to the Commission. The names of those candidates are Mr. Eddie Aubrey, Mr. Gregory Jimenez, and Mr. Bart Logue.

The committee will remain on-call for further instructions from the commission, should the need arise, and until the permanent ombudsman arrives.

It was an honor for all Committee members to fulfill this task for OPOC, and for the citizens of Spokane.

Minutes submitted by Marty Huseman and approved by the Commission on 2/2/16