



Community Relations Board
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Community Relations Board General Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2009

3rd Floor Conference Room
5:30pm – 7:00pm

FINAL Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gerike and began at 5:33pm.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Ford, John Garry, Steven Gerike, Brent Hepp, Nicholas Boyd, Orman Gordon

Members Not Present: Jessica Hermann-Wilmarth, (excused), Bre Austin (excused)

Others Present: David Anderson (City Commission Liaison), Alfrelynn Roberts (City Liaison)

III. Public Comment

A member from the Michigan Organizing Project (MOP) discussed the proposed immigrant ordinance and issues involving the community

IV. Approval of Agenda – March 12, 2009

Approved without amendment

V. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2009

Approved without amendment

VI. Discussion of Agenda Items

A. Chief Hadley Presentation

- Chief Hadley made presented information to CRB regarding MOP concerns of bias profiling. No **Public [Safety] Community Relations (PCR) complaints** regarding the policy have been reported. Chief Hadley reassured CRB that he as been and will continue to be vigilant about the enforcement of non-biased profiling.
- CRB made suggestions regarding the placement and availability of information and complaint forms for residents. The process of a complaint was also reviewed:
 - If a resident has a complaint about an officer's conduct during an incident with Public Safety, the resident can file a complaint with the Office of Professional Standards (OPS)
 - OPS conducts an investigation and reports their findings and judgment of the Chief regarding the complaint

- After the complaint receives formal notification from OPS regarding the investigation, the complainant has 14 business days in which to file a subsequent appeal with the City Manager's Office
- The City Manager will refer the case to the Citizen's Public Safety Review and Appeals Board (CPSRAB) for review
- CPSRAB can set a date to listen to both the complainant and OPS
- After which, CPSRAB makes recommendations to the City Manager for his review
- The City Manager makes all final determinations regarding the case

B. Michigan Organization Project – Police Profiling

- The organizer of MOP was satisfied with the ordinance as it currently reads and continues to work with the Chief to provide input regarding its implementation. CRB will continue to monitor actions of MOP in their efforts and if a formal ordinance is presented will review its merits at that time

C. Annual Report

- Annual Report is complete and has been submitted to City Clerk

D. Board Direction and Focus Discussion – 2009 Planning

- CRB reviewed several options for focusing direction of board
 - Review Current Ordinance
 - Establish Complaint Tracking Program – IT Director could address how the City deals with complaints and how CRB could help
 - Report to City Commission Regularly – Have a larger presence at City Commission meetings
 - Community Connections – Assign a board member to each neighborhood to help determine issues in the community
 - Creation of a detailed workplan and way to follow up and measure progress
 - Help Public Safety and be a resource of information

VII. On-Going Issues

No Discussion

VIII. Community Involvement

No Discussion

IX. Other Business/Announcements

No Discussion

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 14, 2009 · **LOCATION:** Community Room (Room 202) – City Hall 2nd Floor · **TIME:** 5:30pm – 7pm