
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
Citizens Public Safety Review & Appeals Board
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. • Mayor’s Riverfront Park

MEMBERS PRESENT: Morris Brooks, Sara Buchanan, Nathan Dannison, Luis Garcia, Curtis Gardner, Kim Hinds-Lepsy, Oliver Howell, Vernon Payne, Tami Rey, Tonia Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jacob Andrews, Jacquis Robertson (excused)

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Patsy Moore (Deputy City Manager); Patricia Vargas (Executive Assistant)

The Citizens Public Safety Review and Appeals Board (CPSRAB) Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Payne.

Minutes: Chair Payne motioned to approve minutes from April 2018; supported by Gardener. Motion approved by unanimous vote. On August 14, 2018 an orientation meeting was held for new CPSRAB members.

DCM Moore, Executive Assistant Vargas and committee members provided short introductions.

Ms. Smith will be representing the CPSRAB at the upcoming National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference.

Board members reviewed the statistics for complaints filed for 2018 provided by KDPS.

DCM Moore and Vice-Chair Dannison reminded members to schedule a KDPS ride-along and take advantage of the next Citizen’s Academy, slated for Spring 2019 (date/time, TBD).

DCM Moore proposed Institutional Bias Training; members confirmed interest in participation and training will be conducted at the next CPSRAB meeting on October 9, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Mayor’s Riverfront Park.

Citizen Comments:

None

Board Comments:

Request for Information/Response from Chief Thomas

- Four years of historical data on the composition of sworn officers, including information on demographics, gender and residence (where they live).
- Short response to the following questions
 - What would be the best outcome for the homelessness situation in Kalamazoo from Public Safety’s perspective (if a magic wand was available)
 - How are Public Safety Officers dispatched to specific occurrences? Please not only define zones but also indicate if
 - officers with enhanced training for specific situations are dispatched to the applicable, specific occurrences, i.e., troubled teens
 - the environment and citizen demographics are taken into consideration , i.e., Antique Car Show, which occurred the weekend of 9/8/18
 - What are the most common, reoccurring incidences between KDPS and citizens

- Include supporting data that the board can analyze and possibly see if there is something the board can do to mitigate these interactions between KDPS and the community? i.e.,
 - doing some community awareness campaign
 - educating the community at large in some other way

Next Meeting: October 9, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:43 p.m.

Patricia Vargas, Recording Secretary
Patsy Moore, Staff Liaison
Vernon Payne, Chair