CITY OF KALAMAZOO
Citizens Public Safety Review & Appeal Board
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. • Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Caldwell, Curtis Gardner, Barbara Miller, Vernon Payne, Susan Stapleton, Larry Tolbert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Luis Garcia (excused); Oliver Howell (excused)

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Shelly Dusek (Human Resources Director); Assistant Chief Victor Green; Patricia Vargas (Executive Assistant)

The Citizens Public Safety Review and Appeal Board (CPSRAB) Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Payne.

Opening Remarks: Director Dusek welcomed members, staff and public to the February 8th CPSRAB meeting and clarified the in-person and live, call-in process for public comment during the Citizen Comments period.

Minutes: CPSRAB members motioned and supported to approve the minutes from November 9, 2021, meeting. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

PCR Report: A/C Green spoke to the PCR Report, clarified definitions of the Chief findings (also available on the KDPS’ webpage, under Dispositions) and monthly PCR reports, which include demographic details on each complaint, are also available to the public via the KDPS Transparency Webpage at https://www.kalamazoocity.org/kdpsdocs/complaints. A/C Green confirmed that the year-end report will include summation of zone, gender, and demographic data.

Review of Activity Tracker: Director Dusek summarized CPSRAB Activity Tracker updates, which included removal of completed items. The OIR Report Recommendations, including assignments, deliverables, outcomes (data driven) and updates, are available online at https://www.kalamazoocity.org/kdpstransparency.

A/C Green commented on Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS)’s No Knock Policy and provided the rationale to KDPS’ protocol and policies.

Board Member Comments: Mr. Gardner and board members applauded a recent, noteworthy community initiative, led by Coach De’Tavia Moore (Kalamazoo Central High School alumni), involving several youths shoveling snow for senior residents in the community. Great people doing great work!

Citizen Comments: None

Next Steps:
- KDPS to provide plan and timeline of future traffic stop study as the information becomes available.
- CPSRAB Activity Tracker’s pending items require further discussion, collaborative work with community organizations or creation of sub-committees.
- Sub-committee members to provide a list of organizations that are open to distributing and communicating CPSRAB information to our community, e.g., Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Defender, Attorney Josh Hilgard, Mt Zion, NMA, Gryphon Place

Closing Comments: Chair Payne thanked citizens and board members for their time and effort.
Next Meetings:  March 8, 2022
April 12, 2022

ADJOURNMENT: 6:29 p.m.

Patricia Vargas, Recording Secretary
Shelly Dusek, Staff Liaison
Vernon Payne, Chair