
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
Citizens Public Safety Review & Appeal Board
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. • Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Caldwell, Luis Garcia, Curtis Gardner, Daniel Hamilton, Oliver Howell, Barbara Miller, Vernon Payne, Jacquis Robertson, Susan Stapleton, Larry Tolbert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Buchanan (excused); Kim Hinds-Lepsy (excused)

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Shelly Dusek (Human Resources Director); Chief Vernon Coakley; Assistant Chief Victor Green; Dorla Bonner (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director); Patricia Vargas (Executive Assistant)

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

Opening Remarks: Director Dusek welcomed members, staff and public to the July 13th CPSRAB meeting, provided notice of closed caption option on all recorded meetings and reiterated the call in and leave a voice mail message process for public comment. Chair Payne welcomed Shelly Dusek and acknowledged her experience as she steps into the role of CMO liaison to the board.

Minutes: CPSRAB members motioned and supported to approve the minutes from May 11, 2021. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

KDPS Updates: A/C Green provided summary of current and pending hires. Chief Coakley confirmed criminal background checks are completed for all applicants, new hires as well as lateral transfers, and clarified demographic details of the new hires. Director Dusek confirmed the seven pending hires are slated to start August 19, 2021.

Draft 2020 Use of Force Report is pending review, finalization and will be posted on the [KDPS' transparency page](#). A/C Green committed to sharing both the report as well as the Use of Force policy as soon as it becomes available. Chair Payne confirmed that the report will be available on a monthly basis (vs. a quarterly basis).

Review of Activity Tracker and Sub-Committee Reports: No outstanding reports.

Item # 4 – Develop partnerships for satellite locations and connecting resources (Dusek, Gardner, Hamilton, Robinson, Payne). Facilities and their staff are trained to take in complaints (as well as file for an Appeal). Director Dusek will investigate and follow-up with board members accordingly.

CPSRAB Annual Report – Nothing at this time to be presented to the citizens.

Chief Coakley reiterated that the transfer of data from the original to the new platform has resulted in the delay of the 2020 Annual Report.

Director Bonner indicated that the OIR process is ending, a series of meetings are forthcoming, and updates will be provided as soon as finalized.

Board Member Comments: Chair Payne recognized the painful issues with gun violence in our community and noted that, with CPSRAB's review and advisory responsibility, the board is available to do anything required to help KDPS address this serious issue within our community.

Citizen Comments: None

Next Steps:

- KDPS to provide 2020 Use of Force Report by end of July 2021
- KDPS is working to conduct a new traffic study which will allow for a comparison with the 2013 traffic study data
- Define connectivity links for CPSRAB website so that citizens can connect, e.g., links for Kalamazoo County
- KDPS to announce Citizens Academy dates (slated for September and October 2021) at next CPSRAB meeting
- OIR Updates pending by end of 3rd quarter

Next Meetings: August 10, 2021
September 14, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: 6:33 p.m.

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