



APPROVED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Virtually via Zoom
Urbana City Building
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Allegretti, Ricardo Díaz, Scott Dossett,

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Katrina Kindle, Darrell Price, Tony Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

- Ricardo Diaz called this meeting of the Urbana Civilian Police Review Board to order. Roll was taken. A quorum was not present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Scott Dossett made a motion to approve the agenda. Tony Allegretti seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting, December 17, 2020**
- b. Appeals Hearing Meeting, January 15, 2021**

A vote was not taken to approve previous meeting minutes due to a quorum not being present.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Christopher Hansen shared his disappointment with the announcement of today's listening session. He stated his hope that no measures would be taken to mute any participants. Mr. Hansen also shared concerns with staffing issues and procedural issues in hearings.
- Tracy Chong shared concerns with statements that were made during the most recent CPRB appeals hearing. She stated her distrust with board members and the Board's effectiveness. Ms. Chong also shared her hope that board members were sincere in accepting all comments during the listening session this evening.
- Sarah Nixon shared her disappointment with the announcement of today's listening session and thought that it had been poorly promoted.
- Grace Wilkin spoke in support of comments already made.
- Eldress Melinda Carr asked if some of the comments about use of force that were submitted by the ministerial alliance had been included in a review. Eldress Carr also asked questions about the use of force policy.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Status of Complaints and Appeals

Carol Mitten provided an update on the status of complaints and appeals. The number of complaints has not changed.

b. Status of Annual Report

Carol Mitten and Scott Dossett both provided updates on the status of the annual report. The goal is to have a draft available at the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Listening Session – Suggestions for Redefining the Process for Review of Citizen Complaints concerning Sworn Police Officers.

Members of the public provided input on this topic. Suggestions included: having a police directory available; extending the community outreach efforts of the board; having more of a female listening presence on the board; eliminating time limits allowed to file a complaint; the board to be more open and active in making recommendations to City council; bringing a trauma expert to the board in a consultant capacity; not to exclude individuals who have formerly served in law enforcement or individuals that have been charged with a felony; CPRB members having more input on who is appointed to the board.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. One CPRB Vacancy

There continues to be one vacancy on the board.

b. Status of recruitment of new Human Rights and Equity Officer (HREO)

Carol Mitten provided an update on these efforts. Interviews will begin soon.

c. CPRB Appeals Hearing Dates: Friday, Feb. 12, 2021 & Friday, Feb. 19, 2021

Chair Diaz reviewed.

d. Next Regular Meeting Date: February 24, 2021

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A second session of public comment was given.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Scott Dossett made a motion to adjourn. Tony Allegretti seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamra Jane Corbin
Recording Secretary