



Police Community Engagement Board

3/28/2023@ 6:36 PM | Meeting called to order by Lexie O'Brien

2. Roll Call

Dr. Scott Groesch (Zoom)
Lexie O'Brien
Chief Dale Curtis
Katy Miller
Jill McGruder
John Buck

Introduction of new member Jill McGruder

3. Review and Approve February 2023 Minutes

Approval of February 2023 Minutes

Motion by John Buck Second by Katy Miller

All Members voted in the affirmative

Lexie notified the PCEB that member Kevin Sombart (present as guest) resigned from the board.

4. Update Report from WGPD

Chief Curtis advised that there have been three job offers in the Police Department since the last meeting and that the WGPD will be participating in a joint task force for auto theft prevention beginning next week.

Chief Curtis informed the board that the "Flock" pole mounted camera readers had been approved for a 3-year lease and gave a short description of how they would be used and how they differed from the previous LPR in car cameras. He provided clarification on how the limited use i.e. monitoring for reported stolen vehicles and vehicles that were used in criminal activity should not drive the disparity rate up. Chief Curtis answered questions from the board regarding data storage (30 days unless saved) and permissible uses for the data including criminal investigations.

5. Feedback form on website, confirm review/response process

Lexie advised that Jenny Starky provided a mockup of the feedback form (attached) and the Board discussed how the form would be followed up considering automatic e-mail replies, presentation at the next possible meeting, and whether a multiple-choice response on what type of reply is preferred can be given. Lexie will adjust the mockup form based on Board input. With some confusion on operations and transparency expressed, Chief Curtis offered to give the Board a walkthrough of the policies and procedures provided to all new Board Members at a meeting of the Board's choosing. Jill agreed to draft a response that the board can use as a standard. The Board was reminded that any reported issue involving employees or criminal activity would need to be investigated by the Police Department following established procedures.

6. Reflections on purpose – get out of your chair for real-time collaboration

Tabled

7. Recruiting additional Board members

The Board is currently short a Clergy member and Business Representative

Katy agreed to draft a short informational piece that can be used to set expectations of Board Members in the recruiting process.

8. Approve public safety PSAs, choose topics for May

Lexie presented Sloan's final PCEB Logo and finalized edits for social media PSAs. The Logo and PSA were referred to as approved although no vote was taken of the Board. The Board then brainstormed ideas for future PSA campaigns including but not limited to Feedback Form, Vacation Safety, Fireworks, ID Theft, and Bicycle Safety. The Board agreed that a 2 PSAs should be created monthly, and that Sloan will work on a late April Campaign involving identity theft that can be reviewed at a mid-month Zoom meeting TBD. Lexie agreed to put together a calendar of PSA topics.

9. Updates from Board Members/Subcommittees

a. Date for Webster University Redefining Public Safety presentation?

No date. John will reach out to see if May or June meetings would be a time that worked for WU

b. DEI training for PCEB?

No official date has been set by the city to begin DEI training with Boards and Commissions

10. Homework (to be discussed in meeting): Choose a topic and sign up to lead discussion at a future meeting (June-Sept). We'll ask Chief Curtis to provide related data on Webster Groves that we might share on our website. Some thought starters:

a. first responder alternatives for mental health crisis interventions – 988, BHR/St. Louis. Webster Groves had just 1 diversion? What are the benefits and barriers?

b. equity in policing, regionally, historically. Webster Groves practices – 2021 St. Louis study

c. community policing as a means of building engagement and trust. What would that look like in Webster Groves? implications for resource allocation/staffing

d. surveillance vs privacy (Flock cameras)

Due to the constraints of working outside of Board Meetings, Members agreed to individually come up with a topic to present or have presented to the Board at future meetings. Katy agreed to look at educating the PCEB on alternatives to 911 such as 988. Briefly discussed crisis response of the PCEB.

Public Comment by Kevin Sombart regarding the local response of police in the event of a school shooting such as the recent incident in Nashville TN.

11. Adjourn

8:10

Motion by Jill

Second by Lexie

All affirmative



