

MEETING MINUTES



City of WEBSTER GROVES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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05/24/2022		PM 6:34		Conference Room	
Meeting called by		Kevin Sombart			
Type of meeting		Police Community Engagement Board			
Facilitator		Kevin Sombart			
Note taker		Erin Klippi			
Timekeeper		Erin Klippi			
Roll Call/Speakers In Attendance		Kevin Sombart - Zoom Rev. Eric Hayes - Zoom Centron Felder Paul Detrich Emerson Smith Tina Clark - Zoom Lexi O'Brien - Zoom Chief Dale Curtis			
Agenda Item 3					
Approve 4/24/2022 Minuets		Motion for approval by: Centro Felder Second by: Lexi O'Brien			
Discussion		All			
Conclusions		Approved with 1 spelling correction			
Action Items			Person Responsible		Erin Klippi
Action item 1	Send to City for Website		Erin Klippi		6/22/2022
Agenda Item 4					
		Welcome new PCEB members Emerson Smith (City Council) and introductions			
Discussion		Introduction of Council Member Emerson Smith as new Council Liaison and Paul Detrich Consultant and Business Owner Representative. High School representative Sloan Carfield will begin in August and there is still an opening for a Webster University Representative.			

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Conclusions	
Action Items	Person Responsible
None	

Agenda Item 5

	Report on meeting with N. Webster Coalition and plans for follow up
Discussion	Lexi O'Brien gave a brief overview of the PCEB's 15-minute presentation to the North Webster Neighborhood Association. Emerson Smith, Kevin Sombart, Lexi O'Brien, and Rev. Eric Hayes were in attendance. The PCEB members handed out literature and sought input from those in attendance. The e-mail address for the PCEB was given out and has received no correspondence from attendees as of this meeting.
Conclusions	
Action Items	Person Responsible
None	

Agenda Item 6

	Update/News from Chief Curtis
Discussion	<p>Chief Curtis provided an explanation as to why the 360 LPR technology was discontinued citing a disproportionate effect on minorities and those of lower socioeconomic means.</p> <p>He further explained that the new in-car camera systems will offer a front and back LPR capability that may be used for felony wants and warrants as well as for tracking stolen vehicles or vehicles used in the commission of a crime.</p> <p>Chief Curtis reviewed the preliminary disparity rate that will be released by the Missouri Attorney General's office indicating a potential reduction in the City's Black Population and consequent rise in Vehicle Stop disparity numbers.</p> <p>Lexi referenced a study she saw from Washington University that she will attempt to find and present to the Board at a later date. Lexi also raised the question to the Board of how the PCEB can address the regional perspective of policing and public safety in light of recent police pursuits in other jurisdictions. Chief Curtis briefly reviewed the WGPD pursuit policy.</p>
Conclusions	
Action Items	Person Responsible

Agenda Item 7

	Updates/Discussion from Board members		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of duties based on revised ordinance (Lexie) - Kevin suggested Work Sessions to map out duties as the new ordinance contains a vast list of duties of the board. Kevin reminded the board that the sunshine provisions must be followed. Lexi will put together a calendar with collaboration. A \$1000.00 budget was set by the City Council for necessities. • Webster University for school year 2022/2033 (Scott) - Tabled • City of Webster Groves/PCEB landing page (Kevin) - Tabled • Webster Kirkwood Times (Katy via email) - Katy communicated with Jamie Mowers from the WKT to do an article on the PCEB and their functions. Emerson Smith suggested that the board be cautious of anything presented to the WKT due to their toxic nature of late. Kevin suggested that the Board produce and provide all information being presented to the journalist and not provide interviews. Emerson suggested that all questions be presented in writing beforehand and the Board can respond accordingly. • MCU (Katy via email) • Any additional updates/ - Katy will contact Metro Congregations United. An unnamed attended via Zoom will provide contact information. Paul noted that the Pastor at his church is the Chairperson for the MCU and he can also provide contact information. • Centron contacted local Scouting groups who are excited to meet with the Police Department but the groups are on summer break and will not meet again until August. Contact will be made again once in session. 		
Conclusions			
Action Items		Person Responsible	
Agenda Item 8			
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Discussion	Motioned by Centron Felder Second by Paul Detrich		
Conclusions			
Next Scheduled 6/28/2022		Person Responsible	Katy Miller



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