



COMMUNITY POLICE COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 13, 2021 - 9:00AM
Virtual WebEx Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Meeting Called to Order: 9:05am, by CPC Chair Bobby Brown

2. Attendance
CPC CHAIR Bobby Brown
CPC VICE CHAIR Stephanie Lawson-Muhammad
CPC RECORDING SECRETARY Sara Wakefield
CPC MEMBER Brendan Gioello
CPC MEMBER Annemarie Maini
CPC MEMBER Jocelyn Ryan
CPC MEMBER Lt. Eric Moore
CPC MEMBER Lt. Adrian Acevedo
TRUSTEE Donna Coalier
TRUSTEE Summer Jones
Clyde Otis, Village Attorney

3. OPRA/OPRM Overview for CPC Members

Overview of OPRA/OPMA requirements for CPC members. Town Attorney Clyde Otis offered a training the public transparency requirements for CPC Members, including open meeting requirements, preservation of records, notice requirements, and committee rules. CPC members asked several clarifying questions.

5. Public Comment

No Public Comment

6. Topics

CPC Vice Chair Lawson-Muhammad proposed a change in the order of the agenda; to prioritize CPC visioning discussions. All members agreed. CPC Vice Chair Lawson-Muhammad suggested a discussion of how the CPC was created, how we were defined, develop a list of accomplishments, and discuss potential areas for growth or change.



CPC Members began a focused discussion of the CPC mission and charge, potential contradictions in the mission statement, and members suggested changes.

CPC members discussed accomplishments of the CPC and listed the following:

- Development of online FAQs answering common community questions about the South Orange Police Department. These are now posted on the Village website. (Lawson-Muhammad)
- Removal of the thin blue line patch on SOPD officer uniforms (Ryan)
- CPC-produced statement on George Floyd (Ryan)
- Ordinance review to reduce calls to the police (Maini)
- Community communication and outreach (Brown)
- SOPD transparency related to an excessive use of force incident (Brown)
- CPC-produced statement on the insurrection, coffee with a cop, data committee, CCJ feedback (Coallier)
- Changes to the covid pool codes to reduce calls to the police (Jones)
- Assistance with use of parks under covid restrictions (Gioello)
- Throughline episode, community response and additions of this to SOPD training (Lawson-Muhammad)
- Meetings with county prosecutors on use of force prosecutions, more proactive rather than reactive action, community outreach blogs (Brown)

CPC members discussed opportunities for change. Members raised the sub-committees, potential grant applications, and concerns about missing problems before they become large. The process producing policing data is unclear, community engagement needs improvement, especially with respect to youth. Members also raised potential applicants to the CPC, adding a subcommittee on restorative practices, clarifying the role of the CCJ liaisons, how to represent town views on CPC, the time commitment to the CPC, whether or not advocating a particular change is inconsistent with participation on the CPC, lack of focus, deadlines and agenda setting.

CPC members discussed goals for the future and potential contradictory goals in its current charge. Members identified reducing frivolous calls to the police and methods for doing so, developing capacities for non-police responses, monitoring police use of force, how and why best practices might be developed, better facilitating space for community to come together, identifying groups in the



community for partnership, and how and why progressive values are built into the committee's charge.

CPC members decided on devoting a second meeting to visioning as a result of this discussion.

7. Meeting Adjourned 12:10pm