



COMMUNITY POLICE COLLABORATIVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 7:30PM
Virtual WebEx Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order: 7:32pm, by CPC Vice-Chair Lawson-Muhammad

2. Attendance
CPC RECORDING SECRETARY Sara Wakefield
CPC MEMBER Annemarie Maini
CPC MEMBER Jocelyn Ryan
CPC MEMBER Richard Stephen Bell
CPC MEMBER LT. Adrian Acevedo
CPC MEMBER Lt. Eric Moore
CPC ALTERNATE MEMBER Joshua Tinkelman
TRUSTEE Donna Coallier
TRUSTEE Bobby Brown
ACTING CHIEF Stephen Dolinac
Members of the Public/Volunteers:
Michael Parlapiano, James Davis, Tom Puryear

3. Minutes Approved

4. Topics

Welcome to new CPC members, Richard Stephen Bell and Joshua Tinkelman. Richard Stephen Bell will serve as a voting member of the CPC and Joshua Tinkelman as an alternate voting member. Additional members to be appointed shortly (see Trustees report below).

Congratulations to former CPC Chair Bobby Brown on his election to the South Orange Board of Trustees.

Community Care & Justice Program Update [Coallier]: The research designs/protocols for the CC&J program have been approved by the various institutional review boards associated with the researchers involved in the program. [In response to questions: Institutional review boards or "IRBs" are university-based boards that are tasked with ensuring the protection of human subjects involved in research projects. In this case, the governing IRBs are located at Seton Hall University and NJCU.] The researchers plan a community survey and hope to recruit 700-800 community residents to take part. On May 26th, the Essex County Commissioners approved 100k for the CC&J program. The program is



currently developing relationships with several social justice organizations to contribute to the program. CPC members asked additional follow-up questions related to survey recruitment, mode of survey (i.e., online, in-person, mail, etc.), and raised questions about the associated curriculum program.

Trustees Liaison Report: The second reading of the ordinance changes requested by the CPC ad-hoc committee on ordinances will occur shortly. A potential settlement for an SOPD officer accused of misconduct was discussed at the May 23rd BOT meeting (many details cannot be made public). Officer Sally Reaves of the SOPD will be promoted to Sergeant at the next meeting and will be the first woman to achieve that rank in the SOPD. A pedestrian safety audit will be presented at the next BOT meeting. In addition, two new CPC members (James H. Davis and Alix Baudin) will be appointed.

The meeting paused for a minute of silence in recognition of Moussa Fofana and victims of gun violence.

CPC Member and Community Outreach Chair Richard Stephen Bell noted the launch of the CPC outreach website (<https://outreachcpc.org/>) on June 19th and requested additional assistance from others to build new content. The goal of the website is to 1) offer a way for the community to reach the CPC (via cpcquestions@southorange.org), 2) better communicate with the community, and 3) and better answer questions about the South Orange Police Department.

CPC member Annemarie Maini offered a presentation of preliminary data from the state-wide use of force portal (currently in its beta testing phase). The discussion following the presentation centered on: 1) the requirements for filing use of force reports and how many officers report for each incident (Dolinac), why the same incident would be coded differently by different officers (several), and how to best utilize the data source in conjunction with the CC&J program in order to establish benchmarks, evaluate our progress, and so forth. Additional questions and discussion focused on how the SOPD determines that an incident is related to a mental health issue (Tinkelman), why such a high number of officers report per incident in our town relative to others/whether this was true in other affluent communities (Ryan), if places with unusually low numbers of mental health calls (e.g., Paterson and Elizabeth) reflects alternative response models in those towns (Ryan), what role EMTs play in de-escalation in calls like these (Ryan). Lt. Acevedo suggested future presentations/reports include information on total arrests and total calls for service to indicate the percentage of incidents where force is used (as well as injuries sustained to officers and subjects).



Vice Chair Lawson-Muhammad suggested continuing to build on these reports in order to offer feedback to the Attorney General in how the portal is being used or could be improved.

Trustee Coalier suggested adding a regular report on use of force with context narrative for the CPC meetings. A straw poll indicated widespread agreement and a decision was made to postpone until the full CPC has been formed.

It was determined that no executive session was needed and the Vice Chair ended the meeting at 9:12pm.

5. Public Comments None

6. Executive Session It was determined that no executive session was needed and the Vice Chair ended the meeting at 9:12pm.

7. Meeting Adjourned 9:12pm