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Citizens Police Review Board Meeting

April 14, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room 1B
City Hall Addition
701 East Broadway
Columbia, Missouri

Board members present: Ms. LoCurto-Martinez, Mr. Martin, Mr. Highbarger, Mr. McClure, Ms. Smith, Ms. Bixby, Mr. Weinberg, Ms. Wilson and Mr. Alexander.

Staff Present: Rose Wibbenmeyer, Fred Boeckmann and Rosemary Frank.

Members of the public were present.

Ms. LoCurto-Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Weinberg moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2010 meeting. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. The Board approved the March 10, 2010 meeting minutes.

Mr. McClure introduced Ms. Pilar Garcia-Breton who translated the Board's brochure. Ms. Garcia-Breton discussed the translation of the brochure into Spanish and distributed a copy of her translation of the brochure. The Board thanked her for her work in translating the brochure.

Mr. Viets and Mr. Hudson provided the Board with training. They discussed the ACLU civil libertarian view of the role of a Citizens Police Review Board. Mr. Viets said that some people may be intimidated by filing complaints at the police department, so he was glad that the ordinance allows filing complaints with the city clerk. Mr. Viets is concerned that a one year limitation may be too short for felony cases. Mr. Viets suggests that the group look at the level of violence that is employed in the execution of search warrants. Mr. Hudson suggested that the CPRB make a case by case determination of the facts. Mr. Viets suggested that the level of violence be tailored to the given situation and facts known. Mr. Viets and Mr. Hudson discussed their concerns regarding the use of tasers.

Mr. Weinberg said that we need to learn more about the taser policy used by the Columbia Police Department. Ms. LoCurto-Martinez said that she would schedule the taser training soon.

Ms. LoCurto-Martinez submitted to the Board a copy of her proposed letter to the City Council requesting funds. Ms. Bixby and Ms. Smith suggested minor revisions. Ms.

Wilson moved to send the letter. Mr. McClure seconded the motion. The Board approved it.

Mr. Martin and Ms. Bixby reported on their ride along experiences.

The Board discussed community outreach efforts. Mr. McClure and Mr. Martin will make a presentation to Russell Chapel. Ms. Wilson will make a presentation to the Boone County Bar in May. Mr. Weinberg and Mr. Martin volunteered to do presentations at their churches. Mr. Martin said that he had spoken with Ms. Mary Ratliff and that Ms. Ratliff said that she would call Ms. LoCurto-Martinez.

Ms. Wibbenmeyer told the Board that the Board currently had two volunteer advocates. The Office of Volunteer Services was still recruiting additional volunteers.

Ms. LoCurto-Martinez said that she and Ms. Wibbenmeyer would work on a possible practice case.

The Board discussed the bylaws. Ms. Wilson moved to approve the bylaws. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The Board adopted the bylaws.

Ms. LoCurto-Martinez mentioned a press release from the City of Columbia Police Department. Ms. Wibbenmeyer told the Board that she had received a copy of the police form. Ms. LoCurto-Martinez asked that a copy of the form be sent to the Board.

The Board provided an opportunity for public comment. Mr. Dermont commented.

Mr. Martin asked if anyone saw the news regarding the Maryland incident. A brief discussion followed.

Ms. Wibbenmeyer told the Board that Ms. Deb Doxsee agreed to provide training or information to the board regarding mediation and mediation program development.

Ms. Wilson said that Mr. David Harris will be coming to town to present a program on preventative policing. Ms. Wilson will follow up to find out when he is coming to town to try and arrange for the Board to meet with him or to attend his presentation.

Ms. LoCurto-Martinez announced the training for the May meeting will be how racial and ethnic scripts impact the police interaction with the public. Mr. David Mitchell and Mr. David Brunsma will be the presenters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.