

MINUTES

Citizens Police Review Board

March 13, 2013
7:00 p.m.
City Hall – New Addition
Council Chamber
701 East Broadway
Columbia, Missouri

Board members present: Dr. Martin, Mr. Dean, Mr. Dowis, Mr. Hargrove, Mr. Jacob, Dr. Kennett, Mr. Sheltmire and Ms. Wilson.

Board member absent: Dr. Alexander.

Staff present: Rose Wibbenmeyer.

Members of the public were present.

The regular monthly meeting of the Citizens Police Review Board was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Dr. Martin, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A presentation was given by David Tyson Smith on signs that excessive or inappropriate force may have been used from a criminal defense perspective.

The draft minutes of the February 2, 2013 special meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were approved. The draft minutes of the February 13, 2013 regular meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were approved.

There were no Positive Connections to report.

The Outreach Committee reported that they would like to distribute Citizens Police Review Board brochures around town to locations within the City. Dr. Martin stated that he appeared on Channel 8 news recently to discuss the Columbia Police Department using forfeiture funds to purchase head gear for the SWAT team. Dr. Martin expressed in the interview that he wished they would have shared those funds with the Citizens Police Review Board for mediation purposes.

The Mediation Task Force had nothing to report.

Mr. Hargrove reported that he would like to speak to Chief Burton regarding the information on policy and procedure he has gathered and performing an audit in the future.

The Board members held a general discussion of the Board using closed sessions in regard to hearing appeals. Members of the public commented on this issue.

Dr. Martin wants to establish a system of collecting data directly from complainants. The issue of closed session has been withdrawn at this time until there has been a method of data collection established and a review of the data collected.

No members of the public commented during public comment.

Ms. Wilson and Mr. Dowis stated they would like to attend and represent the Board at the 2013 NACOLE conference.

The Board discussed the draft copy of the Citizens Police Review Board Supplement to the 2012 Annual Report. The Board would like to invite someone from Internal Affairs to discuss the data given by the Columbia Police Department that is in the supplement.

The Board discussed Chief Burton's decision not to implement the Board's recommendation to change the Police Department policy regarding complainant filings. The Board would like to invite Chief Burton to answer questions regarding his decision.

Mr. Sheltmire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hargrove, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.