

Citizen Advisory Board for Fair and Impartial Policing

Minutes – August 10, 2015

Members present: Baha Safadi
Nicole Rials
Theresa Schwartz
Jo Andersen
Rob Farha

Members absent: Laura Canelos-Ramon

Staff Present: Chief Tarik Khatib
Captain Paul Fellers
Captain Adam Heffley
Sergeant Casey Cooper
Sergeant Dave Hogue
Sergeant Trent McKinley
Officer Derek Smith

The meeting was held at City Hall in the City Commission Chambers, for the first time. Meetings traditionally have been held at the Investigations and Training Center, however the board has chosen to have the meetings downtown in hopes of having more public participation. Caitlin Doornbos with the Lawrence Journal World attended the meeting and published an article about the board and some of the things discussed at the meeting.

The meeting began with a discussion of housekeeping issues including a review of the rules pertaining to open meetings, receiving citizen requests to have items placed on the agenda, emailing meeting reminders to members and a discussion of keeping and posting minutes.

The board was informed of a vacancy created by the departure of Brian Goodack, who took a job out of state.

The board was informed no new racial profiling complaints were received since the last meeting.

The Taser use report was deferred to the next meeting as the data was not available. The board was advised of three Taser deployments since the last meeting.

The Fair and Impartial Policing training for community members was moved to September 26th, based on conflicts with other community events on the proposed date. The board agreed to

have Safadi provide police staff with the final list of invitees, work on the invitation letter, and sign the letter on behalf of the board.

Andersen advised the board of several concerns of community members, including past negative interactions with police. She also discussed the use of body cameras and pointed to Oakland, California's successful program. Also mentioned was the collection of race data on stops and law enforcement contacts. Chief Khatib addressed each of these issues and how cameras and race data might be used by the department in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12th at 6:30pm. It will be held in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 6 East 6th Street.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.