City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Columbia Police Chief's Vehicle Stop Committee

Tuesday, February 11, 2020		City Hall - Mezzanine
5:30 PM	**Regular**	**Conference Room - 701**
		E. Broadway

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 6 - Robert Aulgur, Toni Dukes, Pamela Hardin, Don Love, Dale Roberts and Jerome Sally

Absent: 3 - Matthew Nichols, Eric Parsons and Chad McLaurin

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion passed unanimously.

Accept the agenda as submitted.

Yes: 6 - Aulgur, Dukes, Hardin, Love, Roberts and Sally

Absent: 3 - Nichols, Parsons and McLaurin

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion passed unanimously.

Accept the Jan. 14, 2020 minutes as submitted.

Draft Committee Minutes - Jan. 14, 2020

Motion passed unanimously.

Accept the Jan. 14, 2020 minutes as submitted.

Yes: 6 - Aulgur, Dukes, Hardin, Love, Roberts and Sally

Absent: 3 - Nichols, Parsons and McLaurin

IV. VARIABLES ASSOCIATED WITH VEHICLE STOPS AND POLICING

Members discussed variables identified in December 2019 that could be included in recommendations to Chief Jones, including the following.

- A "QR" code on officers' business cards, offered to everyone who is stopped, that would direct citizens to opportunities to file or express complaints
- Informal events where officers and citizens could mingle in a relaxed atmosphere, especially aimed at attracting 20 - 40-year olds, where there may be more distrust of police
- Clarifying and documenting "odor stops" and patterns of complaints associated with specific officers
- Possible "tweaks" to policies 402 (bias-free policing) and 500 (traffic enforcement)
- Timely credible intelligence used to initiate traffic stops

Toni Messina suggested that members be clear about their recommendations by voting on them individually or as list. Toni Dukes motion and Dale second to review Don's proposed changes for collecting traffic stop data and determine if fine-tuning or additions are needed. Motion passed unanimously.

Don and Toni Dukes clarified their interpretations of "variables:" Don's interpretation relates to data categories, which he calls "check-offs," collected by the Attorney General. Toni's interpretation is broader than data and includes things that impact and set up the community for policing. As an example, recommending additional resources and training for traffic enforcement could be linked to improved data collection and changes in disparities.

In its current form, CPD's bias-free policing policy is not totally aligned with the Attorney General's new reporting requirements. Because of record management system issues, CPD is exempt from some requirements until these issues are resolved.

Members began their review of Don's recommendations for changes to data check-offs *(see related document at the end of these minutes)*. Preliminary consensus was attained on the following categories.

1. Officer assignment - accept all proposed additions
2. Location of stop - accept that there is no need for changes
3. Reasons for stop - accept all proposed additions and add "brake lights" and community "caretaking/check welfare"

Members said they would continue discussion at their March meeting.

Review Don's proposed changes for collecting traffic stop data and determine if fine-tuning or additions are needed.

Yes: 6 -   Aulgur, Dukes, Hardin, Love, Roberts and Sally

Absent: 3 -   Nichols, Parsons and McLaurin

V. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

There were no public comments.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS - MARCH 10, 2020

At the next meeting, members will continue discussing Don's suggested data check-offs, starting with item #4, driver's race/minority status.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion passed unanimously.

Moved to adjourn.

Yes: 6 - Aulgur, Dukes, Hardin, Love, Roberts and Sally

Absent: 3 - Nichols, Parsons and McLaurin

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