



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Columbia Police Chief's Vehicle Stop Committee

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
1:00 PM

Data Subcommittee

City Hall - Conference
Room 1A, 701 E.
Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 4 - Pamela Hardin, Don Love, Eric Parsons and Jerome Sally

Excused: 5 - Robert Aulgur, Andre Cook, Toni Dukes, Matthew Nichols and Dale Roberts

Absent: 1 - Tara Warne-Griggs

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve the agenda as submitted, with the understanding that the subcommittee will create its own agendas in the future.

Yes: 4 - Hardin, Love, Parsons and Sally

Excused: 5 - Aulgur, Cook, Dukes, Nichols and Roberts

Absent: 1 - Warne-Griggs

III. SUBCOMMITTEE CHECKLIST

Data Subcommittee Procedure Checklist

Motion passed unanimously. Eric presided over the rest of the meeting.

Elect Eric Parsons as subcommittee chair.

Yes: 4 - Hardin, Love, Parsons and Sally

Excused: 5 - Aulgur, Cook, Dukes, Nichols and Roberts

Absent: 1 - Warne-Griggs

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE ROLE

Interim Police Chief's Charge to Vehicle Stop Committee

Members discussed their understanding of the expectations of the full Vehicle Stops Committee: subcommittee is helping the full Committee get started on its review of the data - providing a guide to the data in as simple a form as possible, with the ability to revisit issues as questions arise - sharing data, but not opinions, which is the role of the full Committee

2018 CPD Vehicle Stop Report

Members reviewed and discussed data analyses prepared by Don and by Jeff Milyo, expressing several views.

- Disparities in traffic stops don't necessarily indicate racial bias but can alert you to a problem
- Disparities can be affected by stops based on facts; economic factors; geographic location; time of day; behaviors and emotions of officers and drivers; officer discretion; police practices, such as seeking a driver's consent; population trends; officer training and accountability; police department directives
- In addition to looking at stops and their legitimacy, there is value in looking at what happens after a stop - there can be confrontations and arrests - there may or may not be attempts to de-escalate - does an interaction go beyond the reason for the stop
- It may be possible to look back at specific incidents, see video, interview drivers
- It will be helpful to subject 2018 Columbia data to Don's and Jeff Milyo's analytical methods used in previous years

Members identified some steps for addressing questions associated with the data

- Looking at crucial categories, such as arrests
- Presenting data analyses to the full Committee over the next three months, starting with Don, Eric and Tara
- Identifying a concern; existing data associated with the concern; digging deeply into it to identify other information needed now or in the future; determining if officers acted on accepted facts that can be documented; learning what actions supervisors are checking, and how often
- Writing down questions, searching data and determining what questions still are pending

"An Introduction to Columbia Police Department Traffic Stop Data"

"DWB in COMO"

V. ORIENTATION AND STUDY PLAN RECOMMENDATION FOR FULL COMMITTEE

Timeline with Tasks

Timeline with Months

Motion passed unanimously.

Recommend sharing vehicle stop data and analysis with the full Committee as follows: Don presents June 11; Eric presents July 9; and Tara (if she agrees) presents August 13.

Yes: 4 - Hardin, Love, Parsons and Sally

Excused: 5 - Aulgur, Cook, Dukes, Nichols and Roberts

Absent: 1 - Warne-Griggs

VI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Martin Hardin - The Chief is trying to bring a more perfect union to Columbia through this process - the local data are very visual...what the public looks at - it may be that officers are coming up with a probable cause as a reason to pull people over - he's not pulled over as often as he was when he was younger, but the level of frustration in older black men who have had this experience is high

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE - TO BE DETERMINED

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn,

Yes: 4 - Hardin, Love, Parsons and Sally

Excused: 5 - Aulgur, Cook, Dukes, Nichols and Roberts

Absent: 1 - Warne-Griggs

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