

In the Matter of:
CITY OF COLUMBIA CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD

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CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD

Transcript of Meeting

February 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers

Reported by: Tammy F. Ballew, CCR 563

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Andrew Fisher, Chairman
- Carley Gomez
- Cornellia Williams
- Delaney Catlettstout
- Nicole Seamon
- Travis Pringle
- Catherine Grover
- Darryl C. Smith

ALSO PRESENT:

- Rose Wibbenmeyer, Assistant City Counselor
- Sgt. Scott Alpers, Columbia Police Department

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1 CHAIRMAN FISHER: I call the February 19,
2 2020, Citizens Police Review Board to order. We'll
3 start off with the approval of the agenda. Is there a
4 motion to approve the agenda?

5 MS. CATLETTSTOUT: So moved.

6 MR. FISHER: Is there a second?

7 MS. SEAMON: Second.

8 MR. FISHER: All in favor, let it be known by
9 aye. All opposed. (Unanimous voice vote for
10 approval.)

11 Moving on to approval of minutes from the
12 January 8th meeting. Everyone get a chance to look
13 over those? Any deletions, additions, corrections?

14 Hearing none, is there a motion to approve
15 them?

16 MS. SEAMON: So moved.

17 MR. FISHER: Second?

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Second.

19 MR. FISHER: All right. All those in favor,
20 let it be known by aye. All opposed. (Unanimous voice
21 vote for approval.)

22 Moving on to old business, the approval of
23 the 2019 Annual Report. Everyone get a chance to look
24 over those? I think the things we mentioned last
25 meeting were edited and fixed, so I don't know if

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1 there's anything else?

2 MS. WIBBENMEYER: You need a motion.

3 MR. FISHER: No, I know that, yeah. I was
4 just thinking it through.

5 So if there's a motion to approve, we can
6 move forward.

7 MS. SEAMON: Motion to approve.

8 MR. FISHER: Is there a second?

9 MR. PRINGLE: Second.

10 MR. FISHER: All right. All those in favor
11 to approve the 19 -- or 2019 Annual Report, let it be
12 known by aye. All those opposed? There is none.
13 (Unanimous voice vote for approval.)

14 All right. We've got no new business, so we
15 will open it up to general comments by members and
16 staff, given there's no public.

17 MS. SEAMON: I have a few comments.

18 MR. FISHER: Go ahead.

19 MS. SEAMON: Okay. So one thing that I've
20 been thinking about, just in other meetings that I
21 attend that I would really like to see happen here is
22 that we would begin our meeting with a mission
23 statement and we would close our meeting with a mission
24 statement, so that we can focus on why we're here as a
25 Board and what we're doing for the community.

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1 MR. FISHER: So would that change each time
2 or --

3 MS. SEAMON: No, it would be the same mission
4 statement. I would like it to be in terms that are
5 easy for everybody to understand. I would like it to
6 be fairly short and to the point on why we have this
7 Board for the community.

8 I am happy to try and draft a mission
9 statement based on the explanation for what we do on
10 the City's website.

11 But yeah, that's something I've been thinking
12 about. I think it would really help everybody kind of
13 focus and remember why we're here.

14 MS. WILLIAMS: I think it's not needed to
15 do it at the beginning and at the end. I think maybe
16 at the beginning to get people focused, but at the
17 end --

18 MS. SEAMON: Yeah, that's a great idea. The
19 only reason I say at the end is to kind of wrap our
20 thoughts up and kind of re-engage on why we're doing
21 what we're doing.

22 And the main reason that I want the mission
23 statement is not necessarily for just Board members,
24 it's also for the community. That's been something
25 that, again, we've been struggling with outreach, in my

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1 opinion, and getting people to understand why this
2 Board is here and what we can do, both on the community
3 side and on the police side, so --

4 MS. CATLETTSTOUT: I would just say that when
5 writing the mission statement, Section 21.44, the
6 purpose of the Board is one sentence of why we are
7 here.

8 MS. SEAMON: Yeah.

9 MS. CATLETTSTOUT: So you might want to look
10 at that to see if that's something that could be --

11 MS. SEAMON: Can you say that again?
12 Section --

13 MS. CATLETTSTOUT: 21.44.

14 MS. SEAMON: Yep. I was kind of hoping that
15 we could kind of frame it around exactly what you were
16 just saying, the reason why we were here, but in terms
17 that anybody can understand. So just a thought.

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Does anybody know a mission
19 statement off the top of their head?

20 MS. SEAMON: The purpose?

21 THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear her when
22 she turns her head.

23 MS. WILLIAMS: Oh, me? Does anybody know a
24 mission statement off the top of their head, because I
25 don't?

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1 MS. CATLETTSTOUT: Section 21.44, the purpose
2 of the Board, says, the purpose of this article is to
3 provide an external and independent process for review
4 of actual or perceived police misconduct by police
5 officers and community service aides, thereby
6 increasing the Police Department's accountability to
7 the community and community trust in the Police
8 Department.

9 MR. PRINGLE: I'm down to having something
10 shorter than that if you want to state it to the
11 public, yeah.

12 MS. SEAMON: Yeah. So I love that because it
13 kind of refocuses, like, why are we here, why are we
14 doing this, and it lets the community know that every
15 single meeting. And yes, I think getting it in terms
16 that, you know, are shorter, that we can say in one
17 sentence or so. And I think that would be helpful,
18 just from feedback that I've heard.

19 MS. WILLIAMS: Where would we put that at,
20 after the call to order or --

21 MS. SEAMON: I think so. What do you guys
22 think?

23 MR. FISHER: Yeah, well, I think we have to
24 be in order before.

25 MS. WIBBENMEYER: I'm going to have to see if

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1 we can actually add that. The structure of the agendas
2 are what they are, so you would have to just fit it
3 within -- if they won't let us add mission statement,
4 you'll just need to, like, fit it under call to order,
5 or fit it under one of those categories.

6 MS. SEAMON: Sure. I think it would be
7 helpful even in the call to order, honestly.

8 MR. FISHER: State it along with it?

9 MS. SEAMON: Yeah. Yeah.

10 MS. WILLIAMS: Can we do that, Rose?

11 MR. FISHER: We can do it.

12 MS. WIBBENMEYER: I think you -- as -- my
13 understanding is, the City decided on those categories
14 and the format of every agenda, but you can do that
15 within that call to order category, if you wish.

16 MS. SEAMON: Okay.

17 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay.

18 MS. CATLETTSTOUT: You mean, like, in the
19 call to order, Andrew could be, like, I call this
20 meeting to order of the Police Review Board, our
21 mission is this, and then goes down?

22 MS. WIBBENMEYER: Correct.

23 MS. SEAMON: Uh-huh. Yeah. I would love
24 that. Just a thought, so --

25 MS. WILLIAMS: Can we vote on that tonight?

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1 MR. FISHER: I would say let's wait for the
2 statement.

3 MS. SEAMON: Wait until we, like, maybe draft
4 a statement?

5 MR. FISHER: Yeah.

6 MS. SEAMON: Yeah. And I'm happy to draft a
7 statement off of Section 21.44.

8 MS. WILLIAMS: I mean, no, can we vote on
9 including that in there, because we all kind of want to
10 put it there.

11 MS. SEAMON: Right.

12 MS. WILLIAMS: But once we get what that
13 statement is, then we can just go ahead and start from
14 there.

15 MS. WIBBENMEYER: You don't even need to vote
16 on it. You can just do it. You can tweak the
17 statement as much as you want.

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Well, I mean, I think we
19 should vote because everybody might not want to, so
20 just a --

21 MS. SEAMON: Yeah, I'm open to whatever works
22 for sure, so --

23 MR. FISHER: Darryl, catch you up. We're
24 thinking about, I guess, putting a mission statement
25 for the Board kind of at the beginning of the meeting

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1 to focus us as a group and community.

2 MR. SMITH: Okay.

3 MR. FISHER: That's where we're at.

4 MR. SMITH: Cool.

5 MR. FISHER: You missed all the other stuff.

6 MR. SMITH: Just got in from KC.

7 MS. SEAMON: Oh, man.

8 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you for coming.

9 MS. SEAMON: We're happy you came.

10 MS. CATLETTSTOUT: Are there any other
11 general comments by the members or staff?

12 MR. SMITH: You're kidding.

13 MS. GROVER: No, we're serious.

14 MS. SEAMON: Oh, yeah.

15 MR. PRINGLE: I have a general observation
16 from that Sequential Intercept Mapping Report Review
17 that you sent out to us, if anyone can answer a
18 question about that.

19 Can -- Sergeant Alpers, can you answer a
20 question about that?

21 SERGEANT ALPERS: Can you say that again,
22 please?

23 MR. PRINGLE: That Sequential Intercept
24 Mapping Report, having to do with the mental -- mental
25 health options and the police enforcement.

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1 SERGEANT ALPERS: Are you talking about that
2 email that came out?

3 MR. PRINGLE: Yes.

4 SERGEANT ALPERS: That's above my pay grade.

5 MR. PRINGLE: Okay. Yeah.

6 MS. SEAMON: I do need to -- I don't know if
7 we already did the positive connections and stuff --

8 MR. FISHER: No, that wasn't actually --

9 MS. SEAMON: But I do need to state that I
10 visited Sergeant Alpers on February 15th, from nine
11 a.m., to twelve p.m-ish, and I got to see -- I got to
12 tour the whole station and see all of the things he's
13 working on getting organized, condensing a huge file
14 room into online accessible documents. So that was
15 cool.

16 And, yeah. So, yeah, I would encourage you
17 all to do that when you get a chance.

18 Thank you, Sergeant Alpers.

19 He -- he was really patient with me and
20 answered all of my exhausting questions.

21 And, yes, thank you.

22 MS. WIBBENMEYER: And you said February
23 15th?

24 MS. SEAMON: Yes, ma'am, February 15th. It
25 was about nine a.m. to twelve p.m.

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1 MR. FISHER: Are there -- while we're on
2 that, is there any other outreach or positive
3 connections?

4 MR. PRINGLE: Oh, wait. I'm going to attend
5 the Police Policy Review on the 27th, so if anybody
6 else wants to tag along.

7 MR. FISHER: Okay.

8 MS. SEAMON: The 27th? I saw that email.

9 MR. PRINGLE: Seven to nine.

10 MS. SEAMON: I'll be in London. Sorry.

11 MR. PRINGLE: That's a better place.

12 MR. FISHER: All right. Any other comments?

13 I'll just mention, I'll be absent the next
14 meeting, so prepare --

15 All right. Well, then if there's nothing
16 else, the next meeting is March 11th. Is there a
17 motion to adjourn?

18 MR. SMITH: So moved.

19 MR. PRINGLE: So moved.

20 MR. FISHER: All right. Is there a second?

21 MS. WILLIAMS: Second.

22 MS. SEAMON: Second.

23 MR. FISHER: All right. All those in favor
24 of adjournment, let it be known by aye. All those
25 opposed. (Unanimous voice vote for approval.)

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We're adjourned.
(The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.)

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