Chief’s Citizen Advisory Council, September 14, 2016 Meeting Notes

Attending
Chief Janeé Harteau  Pastor Charles Graham  Don Samuels  
Deputy Chief Medaria Arradondo  Dr. Heather Huseby  Curt Smith  
Sherman Patterson  Joanne Kaufman  Rebecca Waggoner  
Mark Anderson  Peter Murray  Claudia Waring  
Dominick Bouza  Arnetta Phillips  Kenya Weathers  
Harry Davis, Jr.  Doris Overby

Not Attending
Reverend Joan Austin  Joe Minjares-Senkyr  Eva Wood  
Bishop Richard Howell  Michael Rainville  Long Yang  
Robert Lilligren  VJ Smith  Shane Zahn  
Jana Metge

Chief’s Citizen Advisory Council September 14, 2016 - Agenda and Meeting Notes

1. Welcome - Chief Janeé Harteau  
   Roosevelt Principal Michael Bradley
2. Recent Events - Chief Janeé Harteau
3. National Initiative – Deputy Chief Arradondo
4. Community Engagement – Sherman Patterson
5. Develop subcommittee to promote the positive things occurring in the city and work on building 
   relationships – VJ Smith
7. Creation of a CCAC Community Crime and Safety Intervention Team – Kenya Weathers
8. Letter to City Attorney regarding Federation President Kroll – Harry Davis & Mark Anderson
9. Update on new Use of Force policy and procedure - Mark Anderson
10. July Action Items – 
    Reach out to members and possible new ones – Doris Overby, Harry Davis, Jana Metge and Arnetta 
    Phillips
    Public Relations strategy
    Discuss inviting advocates to the meeting

11. Round Table
12. Adjourn

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  - Youth Listening session that was focused on 2 questions:
    What actions Minneapolis police officers do that BUILD the public trust?
    What actions Minneapolis police officers do that HURT the public trust?
  - “Youth did not hear apology”…wondered if someone should have facilitated the session.
  - Needed focused meeting to better communicate Chief’s meaning and thoughts.
  - Concern about Youth’s ability to concentrate on meeting and understand the giving / getting respect process and communication in a group vs. one-on-one.
  - Where were the Youth selected for meeting come from (Urban Ventures and YCB).
  - Chief wants to focus on Youth who haven’t reached the “tipping point” and encourage more females to participate.

FEDERATION PRESIDENT BOB KROLL

• Letter sent to Susan Segal about the MPD Police Federation president being reprimanded for his behavior and words. A response was received and effort will be made to look further into focused response (meeting w/ Susan Segal) with 9 persons who signed letter (as citizens) about his behavior and what can be done about it. Planned discussion about legal opportunities to remove and/or redress him.
  - The Chief explained her limitations in addressing his behavior/actions and also what she has already done to address him.
  - Question was asked why he can do what he has done as a Union official versus what he could do as a regular lieutenant?

DOWNTOWN

• Confirmation that CRT/1st Pct officers are making sure they weigh narcotics seizures.
  - Pour House shooting; female stabbed, another shot in parking ramp; looking into multiple ways to secure downtown and also looking into intelligence-based options to surgically identify possible problematic persons.
  - Discussed the interplay of the various parties of government (City Council, MPD, Downtown Council, etc.) and their commitment to safety. Questions about banning guns from Downtown; who and how that could be prioritized to address gun violence and nightclub issues.
  - Not sure it’s a night club issue; more of a hangers-on issue. The clubs attract an element (18+ nights, etc.) that is associated with gangs and they are causing the most trouble.
  - How are efforts being coordinated between the various street outreach efforts to make downtown safer. It was explained how there are two different economies downtown (Day & Night); students using buses and suggests/wonders if we could use the bus stops as school zones to prevent drug dealing.
  - Many different things going on downtown: construction, games, concerts

• Do we have adequate officers - Milwaukee has 1,800 vs. our 840+. If social/economic issues continue, it wouldn’t matter how many we had, we can’t arrest our way out of it.
• Kudos to two MPD officers doing great work! They picked up a murder suspect, called for 2 other officers to preserve the relationship with the 2 original officers.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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• Appreciate that the CCAC members have been kept informed. Would like to know if they could be introduced to other high-ranking officials in the department so that when they respond to a crime scene they aren’t disrespected or kept out of the loop.

• The Chief said in the near future, there will be more opportunities for CCAC/PTSC members to participate in department functions.

• The terminology “National Initiative” will be phased out as the outcomes become a part of the culture of the department. Discussed how we will also build Procedural Justice into the culture of the MPD with the goal to spread our efforts state and region-wide.

• Chief Arradondo was asked how the NI will change our officer’s behaviors and culture. And explained based on his experiences with the training.

• ID’d issues of lack of civility and the changes in MPD’s ability to arrest for livability issues (loitering, etc.).

• Wondering how the CCAC can help us help them; how do we grow the MPD and make it more diverse at the same time.

• Question about how many officers the Metro Transit PD will have working on trains & platform stops downtown due to extreme occupancy issues that may be the cause of problems.

• Gang Violence Intervention (GVI) process was explained and how it is addressing those we have ID’d to be parties to guns/crime/shooting. (probation, jobs, housing, etc.).

• PCST – Update received on what a neighborhood group is doing - being proactive in the neighborhoods (North/South) to help deal with issues Downtown. Proposed a Crime Intervention Team (former gang members, etc.) to reach out to those ne’er-do-wells in the “hot spots” and direct them towards programs and offer mentorship. Carrot-and-Stick community engagement model. Leveraging all possible tools towards building community safety.

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

• Member talked about an officer-involved shooting in suburb caught on body camera of a person with a knife in a vehicle. Officers broke the window, suspect fled, and officers shot him as he fled. Spoke about the fact there was no conversation between the officers on the scene and noted that the MPD does a better job with these types of incidents. Wondered if the MPD can train other departments to help them better respond to these (Mental Health) types of incidents. Someone told him that the MPD already does that. (CIT - ?). Chief A. responded that the POST Board is considering a change to the requirements statewide and if there could be more de-escalation training.

• M.A.- Glad that Chief H. talked about de-escalation first; He questioned how the rollout of the de-escalation piece is accompanied by new training or not? Chief A. explained that there will be 40 Hours of training that will be given and is being built into both policy and training.

JULY ACTION ITEMS

• Chief A. – July action items: committee reach-out to gain new members.

• Public Relations strategy (?)

• Invite Council Members to meeting..? (1 per month..?) Discussion on how to best do that.