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Meeting Minutes COMMUNITY POLICING AND BODY CAMERA AD HOC COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

1:00 PM

101 E. Mifflin Street-YWCA

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Veronica Lazo at 1:04pm.

Present: 5 - Laura Laurenzi; Lucia Nunez; Richard Beadles; Veronica Lazo and Tom Brown

Absent: 4 - Kristen Roman; Percy L. Brown, Jr.; Maria-Teresa Dary and Anthony B. Cooper, Sr.

Others Present:

Gloria Reyes – Mayoral Aid

Jacque Boggess – Center for Families Policy and Practice (CFFPP)

Colleen Butler - YWCA

Will Clifton - YWCA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Richard Beadles made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/30/15. Lucia Nuñez seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Update from Council August 2015

Gloria Reyes - gave an update on her conversation with Council Leadership Alder Demarb and Mayor regarding the resolution discussion that happened at the last CP&BC Ad Hoc meeting. Gloria Reyes did convey to Alder Demarb and Mayor that the committee will present their findings and decision on Sept 15th, 2015.

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Presentation on YWCA Body Cameras Input August 2015

Attachments: [YWCA BWV Community Engagement Sessions.pdf](#)

Jacque Boggess - gave her presentation on the community engagement sessions regarding Body Cameras. A report was handed out, please see attachment, and a power point presentation was given on the themes that were found throughout the Community and City focus groups.

The following is a list of themes that were captured on the slides.

- Mistrust – overall and generally people are not happy with the police
- Direct concerns with body cameras – officers can manipulate (turn on and off), provides a false sense of security, and privacy concern

Richard Beadles asked if the community ever recommended policies, in the conversations. Jacque explained that due to the questions, policy was never brought up.

- Perspective on Police /Community relationships – mistrust, fear of police officers, frustration with racial profiling, and discrimination.

NSaiz raised the question about people's knowledge of the various police department in our area due to various municipalities, and institutions?

Veronica Lazo informed the group that due to her experience and work in the community, people don't tend to separate police departments. Police is police. That is why there should be a better way to communicate between departments to help victims of DV in a more efficient way.

- Fear – it was clear from all focus groups that there is fear of safety from the police and community side. However overwhelmingly the community pointed out that police do carry weapons.

- Racial Profiling and Discrimination – this theme came up often. However Jacque made sure to explain that due to all the happenings in 2015 with police cases. When people spoke about racial profiling it was in a very general national way. Feedback must be taken in the context of the 2015 spring and summer encapsulation of time.

- Community concerns brought up by individuals

 - *Every group had the same overall analysis of police and body cameras.

 - *Almost every group brought up a concern for the safety of the Black community. With the exception of the Hmong youth group.

 - *For Latinos there is a fear of driving, transportation, and immigration. Not only is there a fear of being stopped but the potential for escalating and being deported or hurt.

- There was an understanding of the police and the dangerous work they have to perform at times.

- Central community recommendations – Any funds available should be used for training, there needs to be more cultural competence training, there needs to be more community education.

- The YWCA/CFPP also had recommendation that are included at the end of the attached report

Laura Laurenzi – Pointed out she would like to hear from the homeless and population and those dealing with Mental Health illness. She also pointed out that people may prefer dealing with the Fire Department because there is a

lack of a weapon, and there is no possibility to arrest or incarcerate.
-The City employee groups that were interviewed were predominantly white.
Their primary concern was privacy and their constitutional rights. Followed by
a false sense of security

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Recommendation Discussion August 2015

The meeting was getting close to the end time. Committee members felt that there were too many people missing and more time was needed before the committee could provide any recommendations or make decisions.

Lucia Nuñez asked if the group felt there was more data that needed to be gathered. Group has had resources at their disposal, and honestly body cameras data has just been recently been gathered and studied.

Tom Brown spoke to the opportunity this City has to not just adopt cameras, but the key is providing education to the community especially by community providers and schools.

Veronica Lazo suggested the group call another meeting, to give people a chance to read the report by the YWCA/CFFPP

Laura Laurenzi asked the question of building trust? Which the group agreed that recommendations need to be given to MPD given the discussions and information people have gathered.

Lucia Nuñez made a motion to table the discussion for the next meeting.
Laura Laurenzi second.

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Report to Council on September 15th August 2015

No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Brown will check to see there is room available at Wright MS, if not we will look at the YWCA or UNIDOS.

Veronica made a motion to adjourn meeting, and it was second by Richard Beadle.