

POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Sept. 4, 2019

7 p.m.

City Hall - Aquila Room

Call to order: Commissioners Kinney, McDaniel, Arneson, Trummer, Ault, Howes, Lt. Parker, Hanson, Orloff, Sivriver,

1. Approval of agenda

- a. Commissioner Ault, Commissioner Kinney second

2. Approval of July minutes

- a. Commissioner Kinney motion to table approval of July 2019 minutes to November meeting. Commissioner Ault second.

3. Introduction of new PAC members

- a. Megan Hanson
- b. Noah Orloff

4. Community mental health response partnership with Hennepin County. Presented by Senior Social Worker Luke Sloan and Annette

- a. St. Louis Park Police Department as part of a new initiative Hennepin County is placing social workers in six different precincts. Luke Sloan works in St. Louis Park and Hopkins. Purpose is to work on mental health initiatives in the community and within the department. Social workers conduct follow up check-ins with individuals who have called the police and may have mental health needs. Luke will work with officers and will provide resources to the individual(s). This program also works with juveniles.
- b. Police are providing 60 percent of costs, county is putting forth 40 percent.
- c. Luke: an initiative to get people who have frequent contact with police who ultimately need resources. Luke can make a referral to the individual for services. This is a way for the police and the

- community to have a stronger relationship. Luke already has upwards of 70 referrals between Hopkins and St. Louis Park.
- d. According to St. Louis Park Police Department, mental health calls have gone up 600 percent in the last five years in St. Louis Park.
 - e. Also, able to work with individuals who have chemical dependency issues.
 - f. Always collecting data. Because this is a Hennepin County program there are some barriers to sharing information with St. Louis Park Police Department. Guidelines have been put into place in providing information to Luke.
 - g. The St. Louis Park Police Department crisis intervention team is involved and meet with Luke monthly.

5. Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program discussion

- a. Talked about starting a task force in July but nothing has been determined.
- b. This topic will stay on the agenda, we will monitor the task force that is currently meeting.
- c. Commissioner Howes asks each commissioner of the PAC to write up their thoughts on the ordinance and send to Commissioner Trummer. Commissioner Trummer will reach out to MAC and HRC. Deadline is Oct. 7. Commission will approve final write up at November meeting.

6. Race data collection

- a. Commissioners Kinney, Trummer and McDaniel met in August to start talking about race data collection.
- b. Data collection and data analyzing
 - i. Relative consensus on data collection. We are looking at the police officer's perception of the race of the individual.
 - ii. Will be difficult to analyze due to high traffic volume of St. Louis Park have to look at arrest rates and the aftermath of each arrest.
- c. Commissioner Kinney contact the equity coordinator about race data collection about different categories. Also reached out to Lt. Parker to provide examples of report variables. This information will be valuable to look at when looking at race data collection.

- d. Sept. 17 (Edina and St. Louis Park command staff) and 18 (St. Louis Park by itself with consultant) workshop scheduled.
- e. Lt. Parker brought crime statistics of St. Louis Park.
- f. Next steps are to learn what the PAC role is in data collection after September workshops with consultants.

7. Staffing update – CSO process, police officer, Pathways Program

- a. Interviews are being scheduled for Pathways Program
- b. Two open positions by the end of the year.

8. Issue of changing the meeting day and frequency of meetings. Schedule council recommendation that one PAC meeting be recorded for broadcast on Park TV.

- a. Lt. Parker will send out options for PAC meeting in January.

9. PAC by-law discussion

- a. By-law discussion in November
 - i. Discussion about meeting frequency and how often sub-committee's meet.
 - ii. Brief discussion on the day of the week. Lt. Parker will send out survey about days of weeks.
 - iii. Commissioner Howes sent out ideas for changes to by-laws.
 - iv. Final votes on by-laws will take place at November meeting.
 - a. Majority of commission voted yes to change dates for elections and terms office to May-June.
 - v. Commissioner Trummer suggests setting an end time for each meeting.

10. New business

- a. Commissioner McDaniel to set up PAC dropbox to store documents.

Next meeting: Nov. 6, 2019.

Commissioner Ault motion to adjourn, Commissioner Howes second.
Meeting adjourn 8:59 p.m.