



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Public Safety Commission Meeting - 08/15/2024

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00

Roll Call

1. Roll Call

Roll Call (voice roll call led by Secretary Herts)

Carolyn Hobbs - Not present

James Doyle - Yes

Willie Davis - resigned

Rev. Billy Burris - Yes

Anna Morshedi - Yes

Seth Ward - Not Present

Chair Johnny Gilbert, Jr. - Yes

Secretary Zeorneé Herts - Yes

Kambrei Charles - Yes

Kate Moffitt - Yes

Conner Thompson - Yes

Quorum is met

2. Opening Comments -

Chair Gilbert Jr. asked if there was any good news to share in light of recent national events. Everyone agreed it was good to be alive and present.

Staff Liaison - Christopher Harvey. Reiterated context of PSC. 2 vacancies - Wards 2 and Ward 7. Commissioner Morshedi offered to shift to Ward 7 position to open up At-Large. September is last month in the quarter. The LR City Board meets Tuesday Sept 17 at 6pm. Our goal is to present recommendations so far on that night.

Chief Helton - reviewed crime numbers, which continue to trend down. 29 new recruits started Monday. Currently have 252 patrol officers. The culture in the LRPD is shifting.

LR City Atty Cody Pritchard - introduced himself to the Commission.

3. Citizen Communications

No Citizen communications submitted.

Commissioner Gilbert expressed concerned about lack of citizen communications. How can we get more traction? He asked if we can be included on Mayor's Monday Memo. Another option was suggested to maybe have our meetings on LRTV. Discussion ended with that not being a probability. During the opening of the LR City Sept. Board meeting would be a great time to reiterate our meeting days/time as our recommendations are being presented.

4. Old Business

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Burris moved to adopt. Commissioner Thompson made second. Everyone was in favor. The motion passed.

Review of the previously discussed Recommendations

Recommendation #1 - **YES**

(1) Creation of a citywide task force made up of city, churches, community, business community that could have a brown bag lunch once a month on Fridays for the purpose of sharing information (Communications).

Commissioner Morshedi moved to create special-committee to meet and draft presentation to the board. Commissioner Doyle - seconded. All were in favor.

We would like to recommend designating a quarterly meeting with invited community stakeholders to share ways to improve relations for better public safety efforts.

Recommendation #2 - **Deliverable**

(2) Providing a Resource book on the City's webpage so that people have a better understanding of community and city resources, especially in areas of public safety.

Providing a resource book listing of public safety resources readily available. How can what is already developed be more widely publicized? This can be a conversation with Dana Dossett/Michael Sanders, with the request that they get the Help Yourself Document out there to stakeholders.

Recommendation #3 - **Declined**

(3) Creating a social media presence for the PSC and to livestream meetings.

Mr. Harvey informed the Commission that the social media presence was highly unlikely. Discussion led to suggestions that the members try to attend the Quarterly LRPD meetings around the city as well as other public meetings.

Recommendation #4 - **Tabled**

(4) Hiring an entity or partnering with another organization on a citywide survey on public safety and public safety concerns and perceptions.

Survey - What ward do you live in and what does change look like to you?

Target those in high schools and middle schools to get their input on what change looks like in the area.

**Collaborate with Michael Sanders to use their relationships to gauge a feel for what is needed.

Recommendation #5-6 - **Declined**

(5) Decreasing the number of entities receiving intervention programs so that a more targeted approach can take place. Giving successful programs with track record of effectiveness more funding and not renewing intervention programs with no quantifiable impacts.

(6) Increasing the funding for programs that support adults with relapse prevention, substance abuse, parolees and record sealing

Commission members were advised that these are actually functions of other commission including the Commission on Children, Youth and Families. It would be a conflict for this Commission to make recommendations in their purview.

Commissioners decided that the Special Committee meet on Monday - Aug26 at noon - Moved by Commissioner Herts. Seconded by Commissioner Burris. All were in favor. The Special Committee will include Commissioners Burris, Morshedi, Doyle, Gilbert Jr., Charles. Mr. Harvey will also be in attendance.

6. **Motion to adjourn**

Commissioner Charles moved. Commissioner Morshedi made the second. All were in favor.