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POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular Meeting - Thursday, May 9, 2019 - 4:30 p.m.

Fort Pierce City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 N US Highway 1, Fort Pierce, FL

Present: Melvin Jones, Sr.; Charles Hayek; Henry Duhart; James Edwards; Dr.
Pinkie Hendley

Staff Present: Sergeant Jason Braun

1. CALL TO ORDER

4:30 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Henry Duhart, seconded by Dr. Pinkie Hendley to approve minutes

AYE: Charles Hayek, Henry Duhart, James Edwards, Melvin Jones, Sr., Dr.
Pinkie Hendley

Passed

- a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please sign the sign-up sheet in order to speak. Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Police Community Advisory Board will not be able to take any official action under "Comments from the Public" section.

No comments from the public.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update from staff on the legal request to create a Code of Conduct and Procedure Manual.

Legal request made to the legal services office for attendance of meeting and code of contact/procedure manual has been sent and received. A response was that legal staff will not be attending the meetings. Have not received response regarding code of contact or procedure manual. Discussion of items that will be included in code of conduct/procedure manual.

- b. Update on the Commission Workshop to be held on May 13, 2019.

Work shop has been rescheduled. Discussion by Staff and Members about the duration of the workshop and whether a vote/decision will be done then, and to whether Members will be attending to support or to advocate.

- c. Review of the incident at 1923 Avenue D that was brought to the Committee's attention during the April 11, 2019 public comments.

Incident reviewed, Officers were present on scene, subject identified and warrant for subject denied due to reporting person's actions. Section of BWC video from incident played for Members, who were also invited to watch video in its entirety. Complainant also received invitation to watch video and declined. Members discussed educating the community about steps to take when they have a complaint; to contact the Police Department first versus coming to the committee meeting and stating their complaint here. Staff explained the procedure for when a complaint is received by the Police Department.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation on Crisis Intervention Training.

Member Hendley inquired about mental health training, Staff Braun explained Crisis Intervention Team training that law enforcement Officers go through. That in this training Officers are taught to recognize and how to better handle situations that may involve mental health issues. Also that assistance is also available for those Officers that may need it after responding to a serious/critical call/incident.

- b. Discussion on proper procedure for a citizen to file a complaint.

Item was discussed during the review of the incident at 1923 Avenue D.

- c. Discussion on the Code of Conduct and expectations when a Committee member is interacting with the community and social media.

Staff informed Members that, per Iola Mosley of the City Attorney's Office, as a committee member, if they post on social media about committee business, then that **could** subject their social media to public disclosure. Not an absolute, but wanted Members to be on notice.

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Bruce Murray

9. **STAFF COMMENTS**

None

10. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

- a. Pinky Hendley made a clarification on reason for recusing self from the discussion at the previous committee meeting regarding the correspondence received from Mario Wilcox, that she recused herself for legal reasons due to a letter written by Mario Wilcox making accusations against her. That she did not recuse herself from the discussion because of the subject, the shot spotter and the tag reader, but because of a letter that was a part of the packet that referred to her.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by James Edwards, seconded by Melvin Jones, Sr. to adjourn at 5:05 PM.

AYE: Charles Hayek, Henry Duhart, James Edwards, Melvin Jones, Sr., Dr. Pinkie Hendley

Passed