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Police Advisory Commission

900 Spring Garden Street, Suite 705
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Subject: Minutes from May 15, 2017 – PAC Commissioner’s Meeting

Commissioners: M. Wehrman, B. Geffen, M. Chaudhary, R. Goldfein

Executive Director: Erica Atwood

PAC Staff: Edwin Pace, Director of Operations and Joseph Chaffin and R. William Michael, investigators.

Location: Martin Luther King Recreation Center at 2101 Cecil B Moore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

Chair Ronda B Goldfein Convened the monthly meeting. Welcomed everyone to the Police Advisory Board Meeting. A light turn-out.

The agenda was brief. No minutes from the April 17, 2017 meeting were available; it was an Executive Session meeting.

Secretary Voz: not present. Update for the following meetings are June 19, 2017, July 17 and August 21, 2017.

Chair Rhonda B Goldfein asked if there are alternative locations.

Erica Atwood stated there are alternative locations we are working on, and the June and July meeting will tentatively be in South Philadelphia and we are working on a location for August. The meetings will be done at various locations throughout the city.

Chair Rhonda B Goldfein gave an update about officer involved shootings. We have an agreement with the City to have possession

of files. We are in the process of recruiting volunteers from Temple Law School and Drexel Law School. Law student volunteers will hopefully analyze reports with the assistance of Commissioner Wehrman. We are going to create a database so all the information from reports can be entered and put into a searchable format with the appropriate fields. There was a technology crash, but the project will move forward. Drexel students should be ready to go by the end of May.

The Kochman case - Edwin Pace will have the report within a week and a half.

Last week The Body Worn Camera workshop was convened at Concilio and Erica moderated the meeting. It addressed the framework on how we look at body worn cameras. Panelist spoke about a score card for body worn cameras and looked at eight indicators. Twenty cities use the same score card. Philadelphia had more positive than negative. Philadelphia is in Pilot phase.

Here are the major points that came out of the body worn camera workshop.

- **Positive – Makes the Department Policy Publicly and Readily Available**
- **Positive – Limits Officer Discretion on when to Record**
- **Positive – Addresses Personal Privacy Concerns**
- **Negative- Prohibits Officer Pre-Report Viewing**
- **Negative - Limits Retention of Footage**
- **Neutral - Protects Footage Against Tampering and Misuse**
- **Negative – Makes Footage Available to Individuals Filing Complaints**
- **Negative – Limits Biometric Searching of Footage**

There were approx. fifty attendees present and PAC staff partnered with Concilio and La Raza to present the workshop. Presentations

were made by Philadelphia Police, National and local experts, Turn-up, ACLU and more. Great open dialogue was had.

Also, PAC is currently working on The Annual Report which should be completed shortly.

Erica stated there will be a new hire for Public Affairs, and they will start on Monday May 22, and will be a full-time employee.

Joseph Chaffin reported complaint case status for PAC monthly report:

Total Complaints 2014-2017 = 124

Total Complaints closed 2014-2017 = 38

Total Complaints in 2017 = 45 total closed 2017 = 0

Total Complaints in 2016 = 35 Total Closed 2016 = 11

Total Complaints in 2015 = 31 Total closed 2015 = 20

Total Complaints in 2014 = 13 total Closed 2014 = 7

Joseph stated we have 45 cases this year.

Joseph also said that IAD are responding about every two months.

Old business – adding two commission members. There will be a process of interviews. Hoping to have this done by the end of the fiscal year.

PAC office are moving again. Public Property thought we had to be in the same space as RISE. Erica looked at 718 Arch Street, there is some work to be done, so we are looking at moving by end of July. The benefits of the new proposed offices is more accessible and better proximity to major public transportation.

Session was opened to community - Mr. Sanders wanted to know more about Police Advisory Commission and what they do. Chair Rhonda explained it is about building trust between the Police officers and people of the community.

A lady spoke and said that in her neighborhood there is no trust between police and children. She stated she lives in southwest.

Joseph highlighted retired Officer Floyd about how he would go to communities and was involved and we may need that to continue.

There were three more persons that spoke about their concern regarding police in their districts.

Rhonda stated that it is about getting bad actors out of the way and build trust with neighborhood. There are certain police districts that have good relationship with people of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Wehrman spoke about broken window policing and how certain communities will not tolerate that kind of situation.

Rhonda thanked the community for coming out. As a community, we can make something happen.

Any comments? See web site for future meetings.