



Police Advisory Commission

900 Spring Garden Street, Suite 705
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Subject: Minutes from February 27, 2017

– PAC Commissioner’s Meeting

Present: B. Geffen, M. Chaudhary, M. Wehrman

PAC Staff: Edwin Pace, Joseph Chaffin and Scott Alston

Legal Counsel: B Kivitz, Jacobs Kivitz & Drake LLC

Location: 990 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA

Commissioner Ben Geffen open the meeting to order. This is February 27, 2017 Commissioner’s meeting. Joined by Staff. The first review is to approve minutes. S. Sturtevant was not present. November 21 or in December 19, 2017, it will be deleted. Approval to accept minutes. Minutes approved.

Commissioner Voz stated we are back to the third Monday of the month. The next meetings will be March 20th, April 17, and May 15, 2017. Commissioner Deissler has resigned.

Chair Ronda B Goldfein is in Ukraine, last time we heard.

Edwin Pace gave Executive Director's report.

- PAC under new Executive Order 2-17 which focuses the work of PAC on reviewing complaints received by IAD & PAC, auditing complaints collectively based on issues such as stop & frisk, deaf & hard of hearing incidents etc. and reporting findings to the Commission, monitoring implementation of DOJ/CNA recommendations, monitoring IAD, PBI and various problem Districts and more.
- After careful review of Executive Order 2-17 and Mayor's written policy & position statements of this administration regarding civilian oversight for Philadelphia PAC Executive Director & Staff has prepared a written proposal for consideration by Commissioners and MDO regarding PAC needs during for FY17, 18 & 19. The Mayor has already stated he would like to increase the PAC budget from the current \$250,000 to 1.5 million. The proposal lays out a strategic plan to reach the Mayor's goal. Some of the highlights of the proposal are :
 - Comparison budget of other major US Cities with PAC
 - Proposed Staff & Budget for PAC
 - Hiring more investigators including Senior level investigators
 - Hiring and promoting from within Deputy Directors to groom for Executive Director in the event of future vacancy
 - Hiring someone of Hispanic Community who speaks Spanish to service the Hispanic community as an investigator
 - Hiring female investigator
 - Hiring Data Analyst
 - Hiring Multi Media Coordinator to work with Public Affairs Coordinator The Executive Director will present this proposal in executive session for Commissioner's consideration.
- PAC Citizen Complaints & Audit Overview - The Commission has received 2 Complaints against police in 2017, as compared to 2 by this time in 2016. PAC investigators have 43 open complaints PAC auditing currently is still bottlenecked through the current process of receiving IAD final reports for auditing. This is in part because PPD has limited PAC access to IA Pro. Therefore PAC may find out weeks or months later a report is completed.
- PAC Public Contacts Log: Beginning January 2017 PAC began keeping a public contact log to report on number of contacts where staff provided customer service even if the contact did not file a complaint. This is the 1st report
 - To date PAC was contacted 39 times 24 times in January and 15 times in February
- PPD/DOJ Consent Decree re Deaf & Hard of Hearing. PAC will continue to monitor any further developments, DOJ study, recommendations and implementation of DOJ recommendations arising from consent decree.

- PAC Offices: City Public property showed PAC staff a possible new location for PAC Office Staff to relocate to before current lease expires by July 1, 2017. The new location is 1401 Arch St. building
 - PROS of 1401 Arch St building
 - More room than current location for increased staff from 5 to 7 PAC staff personnel
 - Center City location more accessible to public
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 - CONS of 1401 Arch St building
 - Future expansion of staff limited to 7 staff ½ of what has been proposed and under discussion as adequate staff needs for a City population of 1.5 million and 6,330 police personnel
 - Equipment:
 - PAC staff requested and received a loaner. However, OIT still has not programmed the printer to scan, a vital function to police oversight and review of police & civilian documents and evidence other office functions despite several request for over a month
 - PAC has requested a fax machine and received new one.
 - PAC to request audio/video equipment for interviewing complainants
 - PAC to request security/video equipment for safety of PAC staff & citizens who visit offices especially at reception area
- PAC Workshops
 - PAC continues 10 Rules for Dealing with Police workshop for RISE and community.
 - Public Affairs Coordinator Scott Alston will schedule these workshops in the community during 2017 and these will be reported on at monthly meetings
- Body Worn Camera Hearings
 - Scott Alston, PAC Public Affairs Coordinator to provide brief update
- Annual Report 2015-2016 is under review by Commissioners and pending approval for release to public.
- IAD CAPS: PAC received from IAD last week Nov & Dec 2016 complaints. We reviewed theses and selected 129 CAPS for Audit. We categorized CAPS according to issues such as "Stop & Frisk" & Deaf & Hard of Hearing. We will track these and review for recommendations to the Commission
- IAD CAPS were divided into the following categories
 - Abuse of authority and threats 1 case
 - Egregious Stop and Frisk 0 cases
 - Deaf 0 cases
 - Domestic Violence 2 cases
 - Physical Assault: 9 cases

- Planting evidence 1 case
- Sexual Abuse 1 cases
- Recordings 1 case
- Weapon Drawn 3 cases
- Note: two cases against Chief Flacco
- PAC move to 1401 Arch Street
 - Estimated move date April to May of 2017
 - Inventory all furniture items
 - Test fit conducted by Public Property
 - Providing information Phone numbers, fax line, data lines, etc for move

Commissioners had questions about the move to 1401 Arch Street.

Commissioner Voz concern about complainants coming to file going through security to get to our office. Commissioner Voz asked Bebe to write a letter to Brian Abernathy explaining reasons why site at 1401 Arch Street may not be the best location. Bebe will send letter to Brian Abernathy. A Copy of letter will be sent to all Commissioners and Edwin Pace concerning location.

Edwin Pace also voiced that the Xerox machine that was sent as a loaner does not have the capabilities to scan reports coming from police.