

CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

ROLL CALL

Thomas Lawson	Present	Eugene Frank	Present (via Skype)
Melanie Powell-Robinson	Present	Mary Ellen Moylan	Present
Kingston Arthur	Present	Tiffany Bush	Present
Brenda Young	Present	Terry Burton	Present
William Bryant	Present		

Also present was City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, City Attorney Apollo Carey and Commander Frank McCall, Jr.

Jeff Ahrens gave introduction and acted as the meeting facilitator.

MINUTES

Modification of minutes needs to be made to correct the spelling of Jeff Ahrens name and the duplication of Ms. Brenda Young's name.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Attorney Carey recommended that the Board consider the **establishment of a "quorum"**. Options were given, such as, one at-large member, five (5) out of Nine (9) members with five (5) being the quorum and seven (7) out of nine (9) members with seven (7) being the quorum. A discussion ensued.

After discussion a proposal was made for a **quorum of five (5) members out of (9) members**. Motion was made by Ms. Jones and seconded by Mr. Lawson. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

After discussion a proposal was made for a **five (5) majority needed for votes**. Motion was made by Ms. Jones and seconded by Mr. Lawson. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

There was a group discussion concerning the adoption of "Robert's Rules of Order".

After discussion a proposal was made for the **adoption of "Robert's Rules of Order"**. Motion was made by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Burton. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

It was also decided that the City would make “Robert’s Rules of Order” available to the Citizen Review Board.

There was a proposal for discussion concerning the **Election of Officers; Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary**. Motion was made by Ms. Moylan and seconded by Ms. Young. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

After discussion there was a proposal to **open the floor for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary**. Motion was made by Mr. Arthur and seconded by Ms. Moylan. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Prior to nomination a discussion ensued concerning progression as it pertains to the Chair and Vice Chair, as well as, the Chair and Vice Chair not being at-large members.

In lieu of the addition discussions there was a proposal to **table the motion for nominations**. Motion was made by Mr. Lawson and seconded by Mr. Burton. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

There was a proposal that **after this year, for Board Chair, you must be on the Board for a year**. Motion was made by Mr. Arthur and seconded by Mr. Lawson. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

There was a proposal for **nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary be removed from being tabled**. Motion made by Mr. Lawson and seconded by Mr. Burton. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Ms. Brenda Young was self-nominated for Chair, Mr. William Bryant was self-nominated for Vice Chair and Ms. Mary Ellen Moylan was self-nominated for Secretary.

A motion to **accept all nominees** was made by Mr. Burton and seconded by Ms. Bush. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

- Ms. Brenda Young - CHAIR
- Mr. William Bryant - VICE CHAIR
- Ms. Mary Ellen Moylan - SECRETARY

There was a discussion relevant to training and training updates. City Attorney Carey advised that there had been no action as of yet and that there had been continued dialogue with the Department of Justice concerning NACO.

There was also continued discussion concerning training requirements per the Department of Justice, City Ordinance and the consent Decree.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion concerning Board by-laws as they relate to the forwarded examples, City Ordinances and the Consent Decree. It was suggested that members review the City Ordinance and Consent decree for preparation for the next meeting.

It was also suggested that the Board focus on everything except Policy and Procedures. Keep By-laws and Policy and Procedures separate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Angelic Kidd suggested that Civilian Review Board ask the Ferguson Police Department to provide copies of Policy and Procedures concerning complaint handling. She also suggested that the Civilian Review Board ask the Ferguson Police Department to provide current complaints and information of the number of complaint filed over the last five years with the discipline and results.

Members discussed the suggestions with comment as to the relevance of reviewing procedures that may not be applicable, such as, they are currently under review/revision per the consent decree.

Ms. Moylan made the point that the FPD is undoubtedly operating with some current form of a policy to handle complaints and viewing that with the understanding it may be modified in the future would be relevant to our purposes.

Chairwoman Young advised that she would contact Commander McCall to request the document that would be needed.

John Chasnoff inquired as to if the minutes were written down per, motion/voting.

He was advised that they were.

He also complained about training and city requirements and training requirements not filled yet. It is believed that he was referring to St. Louis City. He also suggested that the Board incorporate ongoing training for themselves.

Miscellaneous

There was discussion about broader marketing for the meetings which would further show transparency.

It was also asked if there was an existing budget.

There is no budget for marketing.

Task force input was requested and received.

Basically, it takes a lot of work and effort. There are no easy answers. It is difficult to reach people. This topic will be researched for upcoming meetings.

Ms. Young advised that the responsibility is taken seriously. A lot has been accomplished. Additional recognition was given to the task Force for their efforts and all their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Moylan to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Arthur. Unanimous vote was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for a Civilian Review Board Work Session at the Ferguson City Hall, Council Chambers.

ATTEST:

Ms. Brenda Young - Board Chairman

Frank McCall, Jr. - FPD, Commander