

CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
FERGUSON CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

ROLL CALL

Thomas Lawson	Present	Eugene Franks	Present
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 Commander Frank McCall, Jr.

Commander McCall acted as meeting minutes scribe, along with Secretary M. Moylan.

Brenda Young, (Chair), gave introduction and acted as the meeting facilitator.

MINUTES

Minutes approved with revision/modification of the spelling of "Gerry Noll". Motion was made by Mr. Arthur and seconded by Mr. Bryant. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED**.

- **There was an adjustment to the meeting agenda addressing "New Business" prior to addressing "Unfinished Business".**

New Business

- There was a discussion reiterating that the regularly scheduled "Official" meeting will be the 1st Monday of each month.
- The Labor Day meeting is rescheduled to the following Monday.
- The July 3, 2017, meeting is rescheduled to July 10, 2017.

- The upcoming meetings for May, 2017.
 - May 8, 2017 @ 6:30pm at Ferguson City Hall.
 - May 15, 2017 @ 6:30pm at Ferguson City Hall.
 - May 22, 2017 @ 6:30pm at Ferguson City Hall
- There was discussion concerning initial ninety (90) day deadlines as outlined in the consent decree.
 - Instructions on how to file a complaint with a brochure for the citizens for informational purposes within the 1st ninety (90) days.
 - Commander McCall advised that the City, DOJ and Monitor are currently reviewing/revising the general order as it pertains to that topic to include the creation of an informational brochure once the order is approved.
 - Jeff Ahrens suggested that the Monitor be asked his opinion on concerning the deadlines as he would be in town May 2, 2017.
 - Ms. Young suggested the formation of a committee to review statistics.
 - There was discussion about certain statistics, such as, racial profiling numbers mandated by the State Attorney General in comparison to the variety of statistical data. Mr. Jeff Ahrens suggested we contact the DOJ monitor regarding this piece.
 - Commander McCall was requested to bring some crime statistic to the next meeting. (It should be noted; there was no criteria set forth in this conversation).
 - There was discussion about the FCRB by-laws and additional legal representation separate from the City Attorney to review the by-laws. There was prior communication with Ms. Kimberly Norwood, (Monitor Team), who advised that she would discuss the matter with the Monitor to inquire for possible “Pro Bono” representation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Further discussion of the FCRB By-Laws

- Mr. Lawson recommended that the Board accept the changes in the By-Laws from last week's meeting.
- Review of the “Draft Copy” of the FCRB by-laws.
- Discussion/review of the components of Article III (Membership) section 1 and section 2 w/proposals.
 - Discussion of Section 2, “Removal of a FCRB Member”. Included was discussion regarding what constitutes an “unexcused absence”.
 - Discussion of Section 2, “Removal or Censorship of a FCRB Member”. It was decided that this would be moved to Article VI, Section 10 and be discussed at that time.
- Discussion/review of the components of Article IV (Duties and Responsibilities) section 1 section 2 w/proposals.
 - Discussion of Section 1, “Membership of the Ferguson Civilian Review Board”.

- It was recommended to discuss section 1 with the City Manager and City Attorney.
 - Inclusive of points "A" and "B".
- There was additional discussion concerning terms of officers. Possibly unlimited, subject to a yearly vote by the board.
- Discussion of Section 2, "Resignation, Unexpected Vacancies, or Removal of FCRB Member".
 - Point "C" removed.
 - Point "D" re-worded to "Official Representative".
 - Point "E" removed.
 - Point "F" addition of "the board" to the end of the sentence.
 - Portions A, B, D, and F from a separate list of by-laws were added to the FCRB by-laws "Duties of Chair".
- Discussion ended with "Duties of the Chair".
- At the next meeting the discussion will begin with "Duties of the vice Chair".

NEW BUSINESS

The Monitor will hold a Town Hall meeting at the Ferguson Community Center on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 6:00pm.

There was also additional discussion about training.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mildred Cline questioned if a member was elected to a three year term for Ward 3 and after a month moved to Ward 2 what would be done concerning the position.

Jeff Ahrens recommended that the board request the statistics on racial profiling.

Miscellaneous

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Moylan to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm and seconded by Mr. Arthur. Unanimous vote was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Ferguson City Hall, Council Chambers.

ATTEST:

Ms. Brenda Young - Board Chairman

Frank McCall, Jr. - FPD, Commander