

CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
FERGUSON CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:14pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

ROLL CALL

Thomas Lawson	Present	Eugene Franks	Present
Melanie Powell-Robinson	Present (7:06pm)	Mary Ellen Moylan	Present
Kingston Arthur	Present	Tiffany Bush	Absent (Excused)
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 of May 1, 2017 meeting approved. Motion was made by Mr. Arthur and seconded by Mr. Burton. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

- **There was an adjustment made to the meeting date on the agenda.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Young advised that she had spoken to the Monitor about review of the By-Laws by another/separate attorney. The monitor agreed, and suggested contacting the ‘Missouri Bar Association’.

- There was a review of By Law draft changes from previous meetings and an explanation of the issued handouts.
- There was a discussion of position terms and eligibility.
- Article III (Memberships) Sections 1 and 2 – discussion regarding revision of wording
- Mr. Franks inquired as to how a board member is removed.
 - What are the city council's actions?
 - Is there an appeal?
 - Commander McCall asked about an appeal process for any removal
- There was a discussion concerning ordinance (vs) consent decree in reference to discrepancies. It was decided to consult/inquire with the City attorney.
- There was an inquiry by Mrs. Powell-Robinson concerning the frequency of FPD promotions and hiring levels.
- The question was asked, "How many members are needed to serve on the hiring/promotion board?"
- Article IV Officers (Duties and Responsibilities)
 - Review and discussion of changes/revisions
 - Section 3 - (Duties of Vice-Chairperson)
 - Discussion of duties.
 - Section 4 - (Duties of the Secretary)
 - Discussion of duties.
 - Discussion concerning "closed session" minutes in reference to being in compliance with privacy laws.
 - Section 5 - (Removal of Officers)
 - Discussion of "Call of No Confidence" with definition.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Lawson discussed Article VI, Section 2 (Duties and Responsibilities) about similar information found in Article VIII. This will be discussed further at next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerry Noll discussed general ordinances about boards hiring panels and explained his experience with panels. He also announced and invited members to the June 25th "Parkway Event" 1pm to 4pm for possible community engagement. It was explained that the CRB was not prepared for engagement yet and additionally, need approval for engagement.

Jeff Ahrens gave an update on his conversation with the Monitor concerning complaint review. He asked if all members wanted to be included in his emails.

Mr. Lawson voiced his concerns with just the confidentiality training prior to reviewing complaints. He felt that a better understanding of law enforcement is needed.

Mr. Franks echoed Mr. Lawson's remarks.

Ms. Moylan concurred with the two previous opinions and advised how the topic concerning review of complaints prior to completion of all training originated.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Young advised that she had spoken with Ms. Norwood (Monitor's Team), and had attended the Monitor's community meeting. She will share information at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Franks to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm and seconded by Mr. Lawson. Unanimous vote was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Ferguson City Hall, Council Chambers.

ATTEST:

Ms. Brenda Young - Board Chairman

Frank McCall, Jr. - FPD, Commander