



POLICE COMMISSIONERS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Kimberley Richardson
Kristan Singleton
Paul Yee
Ronald Wilkinson

Town of Brookline Police Commissioners Advisory Committee

Date: 01/03/2023 Start Time: 7:00 PM

Actual Start: 7:00 PM End: 7:52 PM

Meeting held via ZoomGov

Board Members Present: Judith Fabricant, Chair, Scott Ananian, Kimberley Richardson, Kristan Singleton, Ronald Wilkinson, Paul Yee

Board Members Absent:

PCAC Staff Present: DS Paul Campbell, Ann Hess Braga, Michael Downey

Other attendees:

I. Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order and a reminder was issued that meetings are being recorded.

II. Minutes Review

Review and vote of minutes were deferred until the next meeting.

III. Public Comment Period

No comments.

IV. Follow-Up RE: changes to civilian complaint policy as approved November 28, 2022

Consensus agreement amongst Committee members that latest draft is ready for presentation to the Select Board. Chair Judy Fabricant and Acting Chief Paster will provide the Board with the final draft for their review and approval. Michael Downey agreed to coordinate getting them on the Board's public meeting agenda.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

V. Report on Civilian Feedback Survey Responses & Discussion RE: how to spread information about availability of survey

There was one new response since the last PCAC meeting. The responder offered positive feedback regarding an interaction with police officer(s) overseeing NETA operations. Specifically, the officer(s) were friendly to the kids entering and/or exiting the nearby daycare center.

The discussion then centered on the origins and purpose of the civilian feedback survey, before addressing ideas to increase public awareness of the form. Scott and Kristan agreed to coordinate on drafting a memo/letter to send to relevant groups and organizations in Brookline for this purpose. They will present the draft at the next meeting. Additionally, Ron proposed adding links or notifications within the survey form aimed at informing the reporter of avenues to file formal commendations and complaints. The notice is currently on the last page and Ron suggested moving it to the beginning. Ron also proposed consolidating the various forms found on the Town website to one. The Committee will revisit the subject at the next meeting, with the benefit of reviewing the letter drafted by Scott and Kristan.

VI. Working Groups Progress Reports

Equipment violation policy:

Paul Yee met with Deputy Superintendent Michael Murphy, in charge of the Traffic Division, to brief him on the history and status of the postcard concept. They discussed making modifications to the Brookline PD Rules and Regulations to reflect the potential change in policy. Paul stated that the postcard notice is modeled after a version adopted by the Philadelphia PD, which DS Murphy agreed to review, including inquiring with representatives from that police department. At the conclusion of this review, Paul will preview the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations to the attention of the PCAC.

Public Comment: Marty Rosenthal raised concern surrounding the criteria necessary for stopping a car. Marty also addressed the civilian complaint policy that was discussed earlier in the meeting, flagging jurisdictional conflicts between the investigatory powers of HR, CDICR, and the police department.

Responding to Individuals with Mental Illness:

No update available. Ron and Karen hope to have a report at the next meeting.

Juvenile Operations:

No update available.

Investigatory Stop and Frisk:

Scott and Paul met with Deputy Superintendent Russ O'Neill. The group committed to drafting red-lined revisions of Department Rules and Regulations with respect to the standard associated with investigatory stop and frisks. Deputy Superintendent Paul Campbell cautioned against citing case law, as it changes regularly and thus may lead to outdated policy language. Scott and Paul intend to have a draft for the PCAC's review at the next meeting.

VII. Annual Reports

Chair Fabricant reminded the Committee of its charge to hold annual and semi-annual public hearings, designed to cover the Brookline PD's release of annual and semi-annual reports. Chair Fabricant asked Paul Campbell when those reports are scheduled for release for the purpose of scheduling the public hearing. Paul stated he anticipates the release to occur in March. As a result, Chair Fabricant suggested holding a public hearing in March or April. The pair agreed to coordinate offline by email.

IX. Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 30, 2023, at which Town Administrator Chas Carey is scheduled attend to discuss selection of the next Police Chief. Before adjourning, Chair Fabricant also raised two other charges of the PCAC, highlighting them as a preview for discussion at subsequent meetings: (1) the PCAC must

meet with the PD's training officer and review PD training programs; and (2) the PCAC must meet with the PD's community outreach officer.

X. Vote to Adjourn

7:52 p.m.

On a motion duly seconded, the Police Commissioners Advisory Committee (PCAC) voted by roll call to adjourn.

Moved by Wilkinson. Seconded by Yee.

AYE: Judith Fabricant, Scott Ananian, Kimberly Richardson, Kristan Singleton, Ronald Wilkinson, Paul Yee

VOTES:

- **Vote to adjourn at 7:52PM. Moved by Wilkinson, Seconded by Yee. Approved 6-0.**

DOCUMENTS PREPARED:

Meeting Agenda

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2023 at 7:00PM.

The above minutes are draft until approved by the Committee.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Staff, For the Committee

For the Committee, Judith Fabricant, Chair

Date