

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

URBANA CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

DATE: February 16, 2011

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers
Urbana City Building
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Costello, Scott Dossett, Diane Gottheil, Grace Mitchell
(arrived after roll call), James McNeely, Ivy Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Rent, Human Relations Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Rev. Troy Burks

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Tom Costello. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes recommended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2010 were reviewed. Mr. Dossett moved to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gottheil. A voice vote was taken. All voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

4. STAFF REPORT

A. Introduction to New Police Command Staff

Mr. Rent recognized Urbana Police Chief Patrick Connolly. Chief Connolly took the floor, giving the Board an overview of the Urbana Police Department's command structure as it stood since his taking the position of Chief. Chief Connolly also provided a brief overview of changes made to the command structure since the beginning of his administration. He then allowed each member

of the command staff to introduce themselves and give an outline of their responsibilities.

Assistant Chief of Police Anthony Cobb took the floor, giving the Board a brief summary of his professional background and duties as Assistant Chief of Police. Following Mr. Cobb's presentation, Investigations Division Commander, Lieutenant Bryant Seraphin took the floor, giving the Board a brief summary of his professional background and duties as Investigations Division Commander. Lt. Seraphin also gave the Board an overview of the activities of the Investigations Division. Following Lt. Seraphin's presentation, Patrol Division Commanders, Lieutenant Richard Surles and Lieutenant Robert Fitzgerald took the floor. Lt. Surles related to the Board his duties as the North Patrol District Commander and Lt. Fitzgerald related to the Board his duties as the South Patrol District Commander. Lieutenants Surles and Fitzgerald then gave the Board an overview of the activities of the Patrol Division as well as changes that had occurred in the Division since the beginning of Chief Connolly's administration.

Following presentations from the Command Staff members, Chief Connolly addressed questions and comments from the Board.

B. Complaint Report

Mr. Rent presented the current complaint report to the Board and addressed comments and questions.

C. Review and Reauthorization Process Schedule

Citing the "sunset" clause in the Civilian Police Review Board Ordinance, Mr. Rent gave the Board a verbal overview of the process schedule for the review and reauthorization of the same. He noted that a printed schedule would be distributed to the Board members the day following the present meeting. Mr. Rent addressed comments and questions from the Board regarding the review and reauthorization process.

D. IDOT Traffic Stop Study Update

Mr. Rent announced that a joint meeting of the Civilian Police Review Board and the Urbana Human Relations Commission was being planned for March 10, 2011. Chair Costello cited that this date occurred during Spring Break, which left the likelihood of many participants being out of town. Mr. Rent responded that a poll would be undertaken to determine availability the week following, after which he addressed comments and questions from the Board. A brief discussion among members of the Board ensued.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none at this point in the meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Annual Report (Correction)

Mr. Rent noted a correction that had been made administratively to the Civilian Police Review Board's Annual Report.

With regards to Old Business, Mr. Dossett noted that two items had been tabled at the October 2010 meeting: the exclusion of felons and law enforcement officers from Board membership, and the CPRB Outreach Action Plan. Mr. Rent provided information on these items to the satisfaction of the Board.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. CPRB Community Outreach Forum

Mr. Rent recommended to the Board that a date sometime in late April or early May 2011 be pinpointed for the Forum, as well as a venue. Ms. Mitchell gave further information to the Board regarding the Forum. A general discussion among members of the Board ensued.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Costello announced an upcoming regional program on civilian oversight of law enforcement, which would take place in the Chicago area.

Chair Costello acknowledged the recent passing of former Urbana Mayor, Jeffrey Markland.

The Reverend Troy Burks, Regional President of the NAACP announced a public "meet-and-greet" with that organization, to take place on February 24, 2011 at Eastland Suites in Urbana.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dossett made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Gottheil seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously, the meeting being adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Submitted,

Tony Weck
Recording Secretary