

OPARB

Minutes of Wednesday, October 24, 2012 Meeting
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Dale Tiffany, Chair	P	Liz Holohan, Member	P
Claudia D'Allegri, Member	E	Pat Sainsbury, Member	P
Joe Hawe, Member	P		
Michael Pendleton, Consultant:	P		

*(Absent = A, Present = P, Excused = E, * = by phone)*

The meeting began at 5:43 am.

The minutes of the October 3, 2012 meeting were approved.

Report/Discussion:

1. Mayor's Commission

Selection process and criteria was discussed. It was mentioned that one of the members of OPARB should be apply with a designated back up to the new Community Police Commission. It would be advantageous to have a board member on this new commission since they share a common goal. The group felt it was an good idea to having a judge overseeing the new commission. There was concern that the disagreement between the Mayor and Council may damage the energy of the group. Liz would be interested in applying and Dale will check with Claudia to see if she is interested. Other members did not meet the selection criteria or had other commitments which may prevent them from applying.

2. Letter from Chief – OPA Director Rec.

Questions were raised in regards to the legality of the search.. Also, was all the information that led to the decision presented in the letter and how does it differ from other similar cases. The discussion continued about the proper process and if it was followed. This may be followed with a policy change recommendation. The group would like to meet with the the OPA Director and OPA Auditor in separate meetings. Also another suggestion was to write a memo to the Chief and Kathryn.

3. Information from Nacole

The conference went very well. It was attended by Joe Hawe, Patrick Sainsbury and Claudia D'Allegri. Highlights of the conference were:

A presentation by Sam Walker and Josh Chanin, topic - "Pattern and Practice" Was extremely well received. It was about the collaborative process and what to do after the Federal officials leave town. Pat would like to send this information to decision makers and influencers in the City. The group agreed and Pat will touch base with the presenters and the group in preparation of the information he will be sending out.

Connie Rice authored and spoke about a book she had written in regards to developing good relationships and trust between the police and the community

Attached is the NACOLE 2012 Session Summary document.

Discussion - Retaliation Issues / Case Review Discussion

The group discussed what to look at when hiring the new OPA director and the mechanism for community input. The group would like to establish a time frame to look at this.

The communication between Janes C. Egan and the group was discussed. The board needs to send a response to his email and they need to keep in mind the laws which govern the group and may prohibit parts of their response.

Dale will forward to the group the email exchange between him and Kathryn in regards to retaliation response. There is a concern about how retaliation is defined and does it give the complainant immunity. There is really no definition of retaliation. This definition is normally found in the employment practices of an organization.

Discussion – OPA Director Evaluation / Recommendation

This item will be tabled and revisited in the spring of 2013

New Business

None

Work Session Reschedule?

To be determined

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Minutes taken and prepared by Linda Diibon.

The next scheduled public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 11:30 pm in the Al Rochester room on the 2nd floor at City Hall.