

OPARB
Minutes of Thursday, April 19, 2012 Meeting
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

Meeting with OPA Director & Auditor: Dale met with Kathryn and Anne. They had no information or updates on the DOJ investigation. Dale asked them how the Mayor's 20/20 Vision Plan, OPA and SPD's community outreach programs and other initiatives may tie together. They stated that the 20/20 plan is the focus and commitment right now. Many of the 20/20 projects address DOJ issues. There is no direct correlation to addressing MEDC and other community concerns, as there are many different factions. They are not yet addressing the community coalition issues.

Meeting with DOJ: The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2 from 9 – 10. Members reviewed their March 16 letter to Mike Diaz. They will ask DOJ at what point the community will be given a chance to know what's going on and if there will be any meaningful opportunity for the community to respond to specific provisions of any proposed court order. Members agreed to base their agenda for the upcoming DOJ meeting on recommendations set forth in the March 16 letter, with primary focus on item #3.

Strategic Planning: A transcription of the white board notes of how an appellate function might work follows. Nancy will request a copy of OPA's updated complaint process flow chart, and ask Kathryn and Anne 1) What does certification mean? 2) What does the auditor certify?

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OPARB recommends that checked items below have opportunity for right of review

Right of Review

Appeals 2010

Administrative Process

~200 cases go to investigations annually

- ✓ 25% - unfounded recommended by investigators
- ✓ 13% - inconclusive, not brought forward
- ✓ 32% - exonerated
- ✓ 8% - Administratively unfounded
- ✓ 14% - supervisory intervention
- 9% - sustained – proposed that the 'commission' review these cases; officer has opportunity for review.

Propose to focus on use of force and discriminatory policing.

Classification audit

Findings result in a letter to the complainant informing them that the case is closed or completed. The letter lists evidence that was reviewed, the standard of proof, and a short explanation of the finding. The complainant should be able to have their decision reviewed, or appeal the OPA decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Notes taken by Nancy Roberts.

The next public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17 at 5:30 pm in the AI Rochester room on the 2nd floor at City Hall.