

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, August 23, 2016**. Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Sarah Kenney, Commissioner Paul Hochanadel, Commissioner Shireen Hart, Commissioner Robert Simpson and Commissioner Christine Kemp Longmore. Also present was Deputy Chief Shawn Burke sitting in for Chief Brandon del Pozo and Deputy Chief Jannine Wright acting as Police Commission Clerk.

**Additions or Modifications to Agenda:**

There were no additions or Modifications to the Agenda.

**Public Forum:**

Rachel Siegel addressed the Commission about CCTV programming costs and concerns she had with receiving no response from City administration following through after stating they had an interest in the filming continuing for the Police Commission meetings.

**Chief's Report:**

~Introduction of newly promoted officers; Lieutenant Jon Young, Sergeant Richard Volp and Deputy Chief Shawn Burke.

~The Chief's draft plan for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing is with the Mayor's Office. There was a question as to when this would be viewed by the Commission.

~In regards to staffing, we are still awaiting confirmation on a COPS grant in September prior to hiring five additional officers. The Data Analyst position was filled by Eric Fowler. The Opiate Manager position has not been filled as the hiring process is ongoing. The Executive Assistant to the Chief has not been filled and that process is ongoing. We hope to have both positions filled prior to the September Commission meeting.

~We continue to deal with large request for public records. One of the larger requests was for all citizen complaints on officers.

~We have a renewed bicycle patrol. Additional officers on dayshift and evening shift will be assigned to bike patrols in September at the start of the new tour.

~The Chief is continuing to have monthly Clergy luncheons. They are becoming so popular that Clergy from outside the City Of Burlington and throughout Chittenden County are participating.

~Burlington Citizen Shay Totten provided training to our roll calls regarding his experience with mental illness.

**Update on Proposal for Community Council of Police Accountability**

~Commissioner Kemp Longmore updated the Commission on this project. Because there were new Commissioners, she explained the history of her work with Uncommon Alliance and her work with the Community Circles of Support and Accountability. She envisions a forum where community members would be able to talk to the Chief of Police and other community members about their experiences with the police and how it affected them.

~Commissioner Kemp Longmore reminded the Commission there is a Stakeholder's meeting on

September 12, 2016 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Fletcher Free Library.

### **Update on the Panel Discussion on Responding to Mental Health Crisis including the Proposal for Ride-A-Longs**

- ~Chair Kenney gave the background information for this agenda item and made reference to the City Council resolution for the Police Commission to review the event that occurred on March 21, 2016 and make recommendations for policy and practice with a report due back in September.
- ~There was additional discussion held regarding the document "Panel Discussion on Responding to Mental Health Crisis". (Refer to the list of possible ideas for further follow up)
- ~Chair Kenney advised she received a brochure from Shay Totten addressing the response to dealing with juvenile mental health incidents.
- ~Ward Niel addressed the Commissioners about his idea about ride-a-longs with officers for not only mental health workers but citizens who suffer from mental illness. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Kemp Longmore volunteered to Chair a ride-a-long program and to determine the stakeholders.
- ~Commissioner Hohanadel volunteered to work on a brochure, emergency contact idea and supporting housing models.
- ~Commissioner Hart volunteered to work on the Critical Incident Review.
- ~Chair Kenney volunteered to tackle training and look into the eviction process.
- ~Wilda White, Executive Director of the Vermont Psychiatric Survivors addressed the Commission about her organization's work and that she would like to provide training for the Commission.
- ~Kristin Chandler, Coordinator of Team Two (mental health training) gave a brief synopsis of what her training provides. She mentioned that there have been trainings in Chittenden County and the BPD Team Two trainers were not present and there were no BPD officers present. Team Two will be attending the IACP in San Diego, CA in October and will present information on Team Two as well as learn what other areas of the nation are doing for training.
- ~Lisa Ernst from ACLU advised she has concerns regarding the emergency contact idea for privacy reasons.
- ~Laurie Emerson from NAMI advised there is training this week in Burlington and that she is having an ongoing dialogue with Chief del Pozo regarding training.

### **Update on the Discussion of the Report of the City Council Resolution**

- ~Chair Kenney would like to address the council on the resolution, the issue with funding for CCTV and that the charter does not provide authority to the Commission. They would like to know what the charge of the Commission would be. Chair Kenney will draft a memo to the City Council.
- ~Commissioner Hohanadel made a motion that Chair Kenney draft a memo to be sent to the City Council addressing the issue of the resolution that is open and unresolved, lack of funding for CCTV to provide video coverage of the Police Commission meetings and the actual charge of the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Hart. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Review of Incoming Correspondence:**

- ~There was no incoming correspondence.

### **Commissioners' Updates/Comments:**

- ~Commissioner Kemp Longmore attended an evening roll call which she found exciting.

**Review Updated Directives:**

~ There were no Directives for review.

**Consent Agenda - Minutes of the 6/28/2016 and 7/21/2016 Meeting:**

~Chair Kenney advised there was not a quorum present to approve the minutes. This item has been tabled until the next meeting.

**Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:**

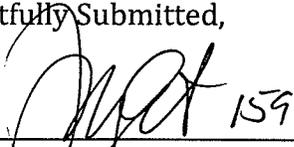
~Add Reports from the Commissioners on Research related to the June Panel Discussion on Responding to Mental Health Crisis. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session:**

~Chair Kenney moved to enter Executive Session at 7:50 PM to discuss disciplinary action or dismissal of a public officer. Commissioner Kemp Longmore seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Executive Session ended at 7:56 PM.

**Adjournment:** Commission Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Chair Kenney seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Deputy Chief Jannine Wright,  
Acting Clerk of Police Commission



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