

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017  
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**. Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 6:04PM. Chief del Pozo arrived at 6:06PM. Commissioner Kemp Longmore arrived at 6:14PM. Commissioner Plumley excused himself from the meeting at 7:53PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Sarah Kenney, Co-Chair Christine Kemp Longmore, Commissioner Jim Dunn, Commissioner Robert Simpson, Commissioner Andrew Plumley, and Nyree Miles. Also present: Police Chief Brandon del Pozo, Deputy Chief Jannine Wright, Deputy Chief Shawn Burke, Police Commission Clerk Brion Houston, and other members of the Burlington Police Department.

**Additions or Modifications to Agenda:**

~ No additions or modifications to the agenda for this meeting.

**Public Forum:**

~ Rachel Siegel from the Peace and Justice Center again asked that the City should fund the filming of Police Commission meetings as it's troubling that there isn't a camera readily available for the start of the meeting. The camera arrived at 6:23PM.

**Update on Ride-Along Proposal, Ward Nial:**

~ Chief del Pozo advised Ward Nial that City Attorney Eileen Blackwood had the proposal for the ride-along program. Chief del Pozo states that he will soon forward the proposal to Ward and the Commission for a policy of a pilot project regarding persons with mental health concerns. That document will be posted online with the agenda and minutes.

**Draft a Response to the City Council's Welcoming City Resolution Subcommittee about the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy :**

~ Chair Kenney stated that the Police Commission needs to send a report back to the City Council in response to the request from the Council to gather public input on the draft Fair and Impartial Policing Policy. Members of the Commission have collectively attended a total of 4 public forums to gather the public's concerns and comments for the City Council. After gathering the public's input and discussion by Commissioners, Commissioner Dunn made a motion to accept the Burlington draft of the State's model policy, excluding three provisions referring to 8 USC 1373, with the addition of the ACLU's "catch-all" language related to 1373 at the bottom. Commissioner Dunn moved to make this recommendation to the Council, Commissioner Plumley seconds motion. Motion passed with all Commissioners in favor.

~ Chair Kenney also asked for the Commissioners to send the notes taken from the public forums to the Commission Clerk to upload for public viewing.

**Update on the Role of the Police Commission: - Sara Giannoni, City Councilor**

~ Chair Kenney stated that City Councilor Sara Giannoni was unable to attend the meeting, but addressed the Commission with updates. Chair Kenney stated the Mayor's Office is eager to put into place a new role for the Police Commission that would be similar to the State Police Advisory Commission. The Council's Public Safety Committee wanted more public input before proposing a charter change. A compromise proposal is to have the Commission try out an amended SPAC model. Chair Kenney stated she would inform the Public Safety Committee Chair that the Commission is willing to try the SPAC model.

**Chief's Report:**

~ Chief del Pozo stated that foot patrols will begin in April, once the warmer weather arrives to create a strong presence in the community. Chief del Pozo also stated that the Department is aiming to send an additional two Officers to Bicycle Patrol school. Chief del Pozo stated that interviews have begun for the Training and Special Projects Coordinator position. Chief stated that the person will be decided and hired in May. Chief del Pozo stated that the Department has accepted a bid from a company called Odyssey, for the Use of Force vehicle. All of the non lethal equipment would be consolidated into one vehicle to be best prepared for a situation that Officers respond to, to safely apprehend subjects while focusing on Officer and public safety. Chief del Pozo stated that he, Jackie Corbally and Eric Fowler are heading to NYC next month for the National Summit on the Opiate crisis.

**Review of Any Incoming Correspondence {as need} :**

~ Chair Kenney stated the Commission reviewed two correspondences from members of the public.

**Commissioners' Updates/Comments:**

~ Commissioner Simpson raised questions on the Safe Injection Site and would like to add that to next meeting's agenda for discussion.

**Review Updated Directives:**

~ None at this meeting.

**Consent Agenda - Minutes of Previous Commission Meetings:**

~ Commissioner Dunn moved to accept the agenda and previous minutes. Commissioner Simpson seconded motion. All Commissioners in favor, agenda and previous minutes accepted.

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

- ~ The next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00PM in the Community Room at BPD.
- ~ Safe Injection Site/Narcan administration discussion.
- ~ Update on the pilot to try out a different role of the Police Commission from the Public Safety Committee.

**Executive Session:**

~No executive session needed at this meeting.

**Adjournment:**

~ Commissioner Dunn motioned to adjourn. Chair Kenney seconded motion. Commission adjourned at 8:02PM with all Commissioners in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Brian Houston

Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police  
Clerk of the Police Commission

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Date