

Police Oversight Task Force
January 8, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Summary Minutes

Members present*:

Frances Armijo
Ralph Arellanes
Fabrizio Bertolletti
Hans Erickson
Nancy Koenigsberg
Andrew Lipman
Craig Loy
Edmund Perea
Peter Simonson
Alan Wagman
Leonard Waites

Council staff present:

Stephanie Yara
Jessica Gonzales
Donna Montoya

Others present:

Dr. Bruce Perlman, School of Public Administration, UNM
Timothy Karpoff

*Reflects members present when the meeting is called to order. Any excused absences will be reflected in actions taken in the summary minutes.

1. Call to order

Mr. Lipman called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Loy made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Ms. Armijo. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Erickson and Mr. Wagman were excused).

3. Approval of Summary Minutes

Mr. Loy made a motion to approve the December 18, 2013 summary minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Waites. The motion passed 9-1 (Mr. Bertolletti abstained).

4. Public Comment

Don Schrader addressed the Police Oversight Task Force (POTF) regarding the use of non-deadly weapons, allow more time for police negotiations, childhood post-traumatic stress disorder, and the need for the public to recognize the use of non-violence by police officers.

Tad Niemyjski addressed the POTF regarding City Council Bill R-14-10 “Endorsing The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center’s Task Force For Public Safety Recommendations Regarding The Selection Of The New Chief Of Police For The City Of Albuquerque”.

Charles Arasim encouraged the POTF to attend the Police Oversight Commission (POC) meeting to listen to the discussion on the emails he submitted, and the appeal that was deferred for the lack of information to the applicant.

Stephanie Lopez addressed the POTF regarding Mr. Lipman’s statements to the media with regards to APD’s problems. Ms. Lopez added the POTF should be unbiased and balanced.

Mr. Lipman reported that he attended the City Council meeting on January 6, 2014, and asked Councilor Sanchez to follow-up on a letter from the POTF to the Mayor. Mr. Lipman also reported that he was invited to attend the Department of Justice (DOJ) meeting which was very well covered by the media, but no findings were presented.

Mr. Simonson stated that the DOJ final recommendations will benefit the Police, and that Mr. Lipman does not have to explain his role as a member of the POTF.

Mr. Lipman stated that he is un-biased, a facilitator, and that he did not say anything inflammatory.

5. Discussion – Final Town Hall meeting

Mr. Lipman announced that the discussion on the final Town Hall meeting will be postponed to a later date.

6. Recommendation Facilitation – Timothy Karpoff

Mr. Karpoff ran a facilitated discussion on the key questions that the POTF’s recommendations must address. (see attachment A)

It was agreed by the POTF to have (attachment A) as the first item on the next POTF agenda for a vote.

7. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Lipman announced the following POTF meetings:

- January 15, 2014, 5:30 p.m., Council Committee Room
- January 21, 2014, 5:30 p.m., Council Committee Room
- January 29, 2014, 5:30 p.m., CIP (7th floor) Conference Room

A motion was made by Mr. Loy to allow Stephanie Lopez to address the POTF. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perea. The motion carried 8-1. (Mr. Erickson voted no, and Mr. Arellanes was excused.

Ms. Lopez thanked the members of the POTF for their service, and reminded them that their recommendations will directly affect Police Officers.

8. Other Business

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.