

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Commissioners attending:

Lynn Hampton, Dr Kathleen Clegg, Gordan Friedman, Rev Yvonne Conner, Dylan Sellers, Lee Fisher, Dick Knoth, Mario Clopton-Zymler, Anthony Brody

The meeting began with a discussion by the staff of the goals for 2018:

- Increase community interaction with marginalized groups: youths 14-24; Latinx; LGBTQ and others.
- Continue contact with students from Cleveland Public Schools and establish a student ride-along program and mentoring opportunities.
- Empower residents
- Tangible policy suggestions emanating from commissioners policy work and citizens.

Investing officers in transforming police and bringing the department into the 21st century

Role of the Commission

- To recommend policy reforms for bias-free policing; transparency; use of force; search and seizure; data collection and retention
- Represent and work for the community
- Report to the city and the community
- Review and comment on CPD policies and practices
- Hold public meetings, review and discuss monitor's reports

Public Comments:

- Speaker 1: Wondered why commission was allowed to meet in secret once a month and was that allowable in light of the Sunshine laws.
- Speaker 2: Spoke about difficulty gaining entrance to meetings at Tri-C and Commission HQ and lack of transparency. Wondered if the commission did not really want input from the public. Wanted commission to take a more active role in terms of mental health issues and police. Stated that the monitors needed to do a better job of making community input made part of CPD policy.
- Speaker 3: A CPD officer, who attends most meetings, stated that at the last meeting and on social media, that he had been personally and professionally attacked. Attendees at the December meeting approached him and called him a racist and repeated this and other similar statements on social media.
- Speaker 4: Asked that the commission, the community, and the police be honest, and speak the truth no matter how difficult.

Commissioner Response to above:

- They would make it easier to enter the meetings
- That meetings should be a safe place to speak
- That even though the commission is not as diverse as it might be the commissioners are interested in all persons living in the community.

Commissioner Reflections:

- Det. Lynn Hampton: Community should dictate how they are policed and police involvement in the community is important.
- Dean Lee Fisher: Lack of trust between police and community demands the participation of all citizens. Wishes more citizens would attend meetings. Challenges of the commission in the coming year are to increase public participation, have more interaction between the commission, the monitor and the police.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 20th , Glenville Recreation Center, 680 E 113th