## COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY STRATEGY COLUMBUS SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

**MEETING MINUTES** 

Wednesday, May 31, 2018



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Present Janet E. Jackson, Chair Present **Brooke Burns** Present **Emily Buster** Present LaShaun Carter Present Tammy Founier-Alsaada Dr. Chenelle Jones Present Present Dr. Vlad Kogan Matthew McCrystal Present Ellen Moore Griffin Present Andrea Morbitzer Present Pastor Jason Ridley Absent Present Traci Shaw

Present Fraci Snaw
Present Erin Synk
Present Oleatha Waugh
Absent Mary Wehrle

Present Tiffany White

Present Dr. Reginald Wilkinson

### <u>Staff</u>

Present Denise Bauer
Present Elon Simms
Present Kate Pishotti
Present Commander F

Present Commander Bob Meader

Present Bryan Clark
Present George Speaks
Present Joshua Cox
Present Thomas Quinlan
Present Jeffrey Furbee
Present Zak Davidson

### **MEETING MINUTES**

### **WELCOME**

Chair Janet Jackson welcomed the Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission ("Safety Commission") to the meeting.

### SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Chair Jackson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the May 9, 2018 Safety Commission Meeting. Ms. Moore Griffin moved to approve the meeting minutes as written. Ms. Shaw seconded the motion. Mr. McCrystal noted a discrepancy in the minutes noting that the Safety Committee did not do a group introduction as stated. This exception was noted and approved. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### PROCESS FOR SHARING RESEARCH/INFORMATION

Mr. Simms shared the process for sharing research and information, electronically, noting that all documents should be shared only with Mr. Clark and Mr. Simms. The information will be reviewed prior to sharing the materials on the Safety Commission's OneDrive. Mr. Simms then briefed the Safety Commission on the use of OneDrive. Mr. Carter asked that context be provided to the Safety Commission when sharing information. Ms. Founier-Alsaada asked if the information shared was for comment or review and it was noted that it will be for review only. Chair Jackson noted that during open discussion at meetings, comments are welcome on any documents disseminated to the Safety Commission.



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Chair Jackson also shared that should any commissioner not be able to attend a meeting, they can be briefed by Mr. Simms or Mr. Clark prior to the next meeting.

Chair Jackson then invited commissioners and staff to introduce themselves. Those present shared their name and their professional background.

## COLUMBUS COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION—LEGAL STANDARDS AND POLICING

Jeff Furbee, Assistant City Attorney, introduced himself and provided a description of his role of legal advisor to the City:

- Assistant City Attorney <u>Not</u> Public Safety Employee
- In-House Counsel--8<sup>th</sup> Floor--24/7 Legal Advice/Availability
- Walk-ins/Phone/Email/Roll-Calls/Meetings/Policy Concurrence/IAB
- Recruit Legal Training/Coaching Follow-up
- In-Service Legal Training/Detective School/Supervisor School
- Legal Updates—Written/Video—Range of Topics
- Law v. Philosophy
- Law v. Policy (ex: Tasers and MM flight)
- Law v. Indoctrination
- Legal Boundary Setting and Risk Assessment
- Seeing/Predicting Trends (ex: panhandling law)
- Study our Losses—Criminal/Civil

Ms. Founier-Alsaada questioned Mr. Furbee on the procedures of corrective action and Mr. Furbee explained his role in the process and how the procedure works. Ms. Founier-Alsaada questioned Mr. Furbee on how corrective action information is stored and how long each case is stored. Mr. Furbee explained that the Division of Police stores corrective action cases and the records are kept according to the retention schedule that is set by the records commission.

The Safety Commission then reviewed a video and a discussed ensued about the use of excessive force and the policy for corrective action including suspensions and termination. Dr. Jones inquired into the factors the Chief of Police uses when deciding the appropriate correction action. Deputy Director Speaks noted there are nine factors considered according to revised code. Discussion ensued regarding the chain of command for determining corrective action.

Mr. Furbee explained why the police focus on street level or 1<sup>st</sup> minute policing and the meaning of consensual encounters. Mr. Carter inquired if the police keeps a record of consensual encounters and the number of times they escalate. Discussion ensued regarding consensual encounters and reasonable suspicion. Ms. Burns questioned the role of implicit



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bias training and Commander Meader explained the current process and timing of implicit bias training for officers.

Ms. Jones departed the meeting at 9:20 am for an excused early dismissal.

Mr. Furbee continued his presentation covering: Terry Stops, Open Carry vs. Concealed Carry, Induced Panic in regards to Open Carry, Reasonable Person Definition. Traffic Stops, Probable Cause, Mental Health Seizures, Home Entries, Right to Counsel/Miranda, Domestic Violence, Reasonable Force. See presentation located on the OneDrive.

The Safety Commission discussed the definition of a reasonable person and language barriers. Ms. White asked Mr. Furbee to describe retraining of an officer. Discussion ensued regarding use of force and Commander Meader noted that the police publishes an annual use of force report. Deputy Director Speaks noted that there is also a separate report published on complaints on officers and that he will get both reports to the Safety Commission.

Chair Jackson inquired if the Safety Commission will have an opportunity to have a discussion on the Fraternal Order of Police contract and Deputy Director Speaks noted it will be covered during the 5<sup>th</sup> Safety Commission meeting.

Mr. Furbee provided a "Police Legal Advisor's Update – see attached document.

Chair Jackson questioned whether once the consultant is hired, if the Safety Commission could go into Executive Session, if allowed by the bylaws, for a more in depth conversation with the Safety Commission on various concerns and issues. The bylaws will be reviewed.

#### REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Jackson discussed the intent and content of the next two meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 11:24 am.

