

## **POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS & REVIEW COMMISSION COMMUNITY MEETING**

### **ITEM 1.**

#### **Call to order.**

The Oxford Police Community Relations & Review Commission meeting of May 9, 2019 was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. by Pat Meade. Members present were: Deirdre DeLong, Larry Nadler, Amber Franklin and Egon Kraan.

Doug Elliott, City Manager and John Jones, Chief of Police were in attendance for the City.

### **ITEM 2.**

#### **Approval of Agenda.**

Amber Franklin moved to approve the agenda; Deirdre DeLong seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.

### **ITEM 3.**

#### **Approval of Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Meeting.**

Larry Nadler moved to approve the minutes; Egon Kraan seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.

### **ITEM 4.**

#### **Discussion.**

##### **A. PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF POLICE DIVISION DATA 2018**

Chief Jones reviewed and explained the data included in the packet provided to the members. Egon Kraan asked if the statistics included warnings, to which Chief Jones stated they did not. Chief Jones reported that stop data will include traffic warnings in the near future.

Larry Nadler noted that the data shows it makes sense not to ask the person their race, as the unknown category is only 3% and asking could do more harm than good.

Amber Franklin asked about a specific "Complaint Against Personnel" report. Chief Jones explained that the officer stopped the wrong person who she thought had a warrant. He explained that while the officer acted in good faith, she failed to follow procedures in the General Orders.

Pat Meade asked for the Use of Force Report to be included in this packet, to which Chief Jones advised it will be included in the future.

Egon Kraan noted that the number of international students charged is high. He suggested an informational session on traffic laws be provided at orientation. Chief Jones stated that it is hard to get more information packed into an already packed orientation. He reported that we've reached out and the university is aware of the problem.

**B. SARAH SIFF – DEFINING AND MEASURING CANNABIS PREPARATIONS IN OHIO**

While Sarah Siff got set up, Pat explained that Ms. Siff saw a police report involving the arrest of a THS adult student who brought brownies laced with marijuana to school to sell. As a result of seeing this report she requested to give a presentation at this meeting. Sarah Siff introduced herself and said that although she is a historian of drug control and works for Miami University, she was here as a mom, as a gardener, and as a baker. She provided an overview on cannabis and hashish preparations. She really wanted to call attention to being charged based on the weight of the cannabis. Ms. Siff would like the charge commiserate with the crime and believes the charge should be based on the weight of the THC and not on the weight of the brownie. In response to Ms. Siff's presentation, Pat Meade said from the PCRRC board perspective, it would be concerned with if a person was charged appropriately. He stated he would like to give OPD a chance to respond and discuss this further at the next meeting. Chief Jones noted that this presentation is for legislators, not the police department. Officer discretion will be discussed at the next meeting.

**C. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IN OHIO**

Amber Franklin stated that the commission is about coalition building. On Monday, here in the Uptown parks, a graduate course called "Truth and Reconciliation in Butler County" is holding a memorial for two African American men who were lynched in the 1800s. Dr. Franklin invited two students from that class to offer their perspective on coalition building. They both said we need to find ways to reconciliation and to understand each other. Dr. Franklin thought the topic was relevant in light of the David Perez traffic stop. She reminded everyone that David Perez was a professor who was stopped by OPD and then posted on social media about being fearful of the officer. She

noted that we need to understand the history, not just in Oxford but nationally, of generational trauma, to understand David Perez's concerns.

**D. OPEN CARRY EVENT**

Amber Franklin recognized that the meeting was running late and the event already happened, however she had questions about how the open carry event was organized. John Jones very quickly stated he was notified ahead of time by Jeffrey Smith that his group would be coming to Oxford. OPD cannot do anything to prevent it from coming or do anything to interfere with it. He stated OPD had no involvement in the planning of the event, but we did monitor it. He said it created more of an issue for campus police because there are campus rules. Amber Franklin also asked the rhetorical question of whether there would be racial disparity had it been a person of color carrying a rifle. There was some discussion about open carry in public versus open carry at a demonstration, whether a license to open carry was required, and when a permit for a demonstration was required.

**E. PCRRC MEMBER TERMS EXPIRING IN JUNE 2019 – PAT MEADE, AIMIN WANG, JONATHON JOSEPH, DEIRDRE DELONG**

Jonathon Joseph will not be renewing his term. Pat Meade, Aimin Wang and Deirdre DeLong renewed their terms. The commission would like to have a student replace Jonathon Joseph and Amber Franklin said she would put the word out, with the goal of finding someone by June.

**F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Although it wasn't on the agenda, Pat Meade reminded the commission that the annual report is due in August in order for it to be presented to City Council in September. Members were assigned a specific meeting to summarize for the report and Pat Meade said he would do the report's introduction and closing.

**G. COMMENTS FROM CHIEF JONES**

**ITEM 5.**

**Adjourn.**

Deirdre DeLong moved to adjourn at approximately 8:30 p.m.; Amber Franklin seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.