

Police Equity and Use of Force Advisory Group
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 17, 2020
7:15 – 8:45 pm

In attendance:

Committee members: Ariel Elan, Maddox Sprengel, Richard Hall, Deborah Frenkel, Faith English

Not in attendance: David Bulley

Community Member: Jeff Singleton, member from Community Engagement Committee

1. Facilitator opens the meeting, including announcing the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. Approve Police Equity and Use of Force Advisory Group Minutes: December 3, 2020
 - To be reviewed and approved at future meeting
3. Joint meeting with the Community Engagement Advisory Group that is planned for Wednesday, December 23rd at 6:00 PM
 - Ariel: moves to withdraw participation of our committee in interviews conducted by the Community Engagement Committee
 - Rich H.: seconds
 - Motion passes unanimously
4. Discuss next steps in this committee's research. This discussion will include any new Information received from the Police Department and other sources
 - It will be important for our committee to ensure that the community has an opportunity to share their experiences and/or verify that the best practices outlined by Lt. Bonnett are upheld
 - Committee agrees to hold off on soliciting feedback from the community because we have seen very few reports of bad experiences in Community Engagement survey/difficulties associated with getting this feedback (issues related to anonymity and reporting to an official town committee).
 - Review research that has been conducted into policing to help shape our recommendations
 - Mental health crises: many municipalities rely on policing, program in Eugene includes an EMT and clinician, funding comes from the state and donations
 - Suggestion to use funds from cannabis revenue be used to fund mental health crisis responses or other services
 - Focus on ways that we can help support our community and policing going forward
5. Plan agenda for next meeting
 - Review action items
6. Topics not anticipated within 48-hour advance-notice posting requirement.

- None

Action items:

- Faith to research evidence-based programs/policies relative to policing
- Faith to research statutes relatives to how cannabis revenue can be used
- Faith to identify any outstanding questions from our list for Lt. Bonnett that weren't addressed during interview
- Rich H. and Maddox to continue researching policies that other cities utilize regarding mental health crises/alternatives to policing
- All to brainstorm recommendations to be included in our report
- All to continue to review the comments in survey to identify issues relative to equity and bias. Try to identify what locations are being policed most, who filled out the surveys/where they live, what are the calls about for folks who have had good interactions with the MPD, and other trends.

Adjournment

- Rich K. makes motion to adjourn
- Maddox seconded.
- Motion passes unanimously