



CITIZEN'S POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CPOC)

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Room 102, Village Hall

Minutes

Present: **CPOC:** Chair Albert Berry, Josh Luttig, John Nowicki, Kevin Ochalla  
Absent: Tanya Ford  
**Police Department:** Police Chief Ambrose, Deputy Chief Limon, Commander Partyka  
**Village Staff:** Director of Human Resources, Assistant Village Manager Julia Scott-Valdez, HR Generalist Sue Kornatowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

There was a citizen observing the committee for possible interest in joining CPOC. Chair Berry explained the rules that citizens may observe the open session portion of the meetings but not the executive session portion of the meeting.

There were no public comments.

There was a comment from Chief Ambrose that they are down seven in sworn personal and have several on extended leave. There are currently five members on the CPOC committee and two people are interested in joining.

There was a motion to approve the October 18, 2016 minutes. The motion was proposed by Josh Luttig and seconded by John Nowicki. Ayes: All, Nays: None. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Berry discussed the workplan and believes it is a workable plan which could be reviewed on a semi-annual basis and asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Luttig asked if there was a report to the Trustees regarding statistics. Chief Ambrose indicated that we could give the committee the number of complaints at the end of the year. Commissioner Ochalla indicated that in February Chief Tanksley gave a breakdown of traffic stops, duration of stops, racial make-up, crime stats. Chief Ambrose stated that there is a year-to-date report done on a monthly basis that details crimes monthly and year-to-date. Chair Berry asked if the committee requested those documents if they can see them and Chief Ambrose

Chair Berry asked for comments on the workplan. Commissioner Ochalla wanted to confirm that the workplan can be modified and that the document is flexible. Chair Berry said that makes sense and we might have to find a way for citizens to speak to us maybe an electronic mailbox for us or a link that could go directly to the chair. HR Director Scott-Valdez said she would talk to the I.T. Department about a mailbox. She stated it may be a FOIA issue but we can check. Chair Berry asked for a motion to accept the workplan as is but with the notion that it is a living vote. All in favor agreed. All agreed. The workplan was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Luttig asked about the evening with the Chief. Commissioner Nowicki stated that the event lasted about two hours and it was very good. He stated that Chief Ambrose took many questions and explained things in great detail. He also discussed what to expect during a police stop. There were not a lot of people there but he was impressed. Chief Ambrose stated that he thinks it is important for people to understand Oak Park is fortunate to have a great relationship with the community.

There was a motion to go into Executive Session. Ayes: All, Nays: None. The Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

The meeting resumed from Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

There was a motion by Chair Berry to forego the December 20 meeting and meet again in January which was seconded by Commissioner Luttig. Ayes: All, Nays: None.

There was a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Ochalla, seconded by Commissioner Luttig. Ayes: All, Nays: None.

The CPOC meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.