

## ***Public Safety Citizen's Review Panel Minutes***

Monday, October 5, 2020

Meeting called to order: 4:00 PM

Panel Members present: Amanda Bulris-Allen, Bonnie Black, Jaime Douthat, Herb Carpenter, Michelle Cromwell, Wilbel Brewer, Police Chief Levi Ritter, Maxine Perry, Hilary Rogers

Approval of the minutes for September 21, 2020. Motion by Amanda Bulris-Allen. Second by Bonnie Black. All in favor: 9 All opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Police Officer Focus Group: Bonnie advised panel members regarding the meeting with members of the Plattsburgh Police Department. Jaime Douthat and Herb Carpenter present for the meeting. Officers were forthcoming. Survey was given to officers with a deadline for submission of Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Public Safety Focus Group: Members discussed how to gather more information from the public. Possible options for use of outside rooms and a meet and greet in Trinity Park. City Counsel advised Panel cannot use outside meeting space. Members decided to hold a focus group to discuss strengths and weaknesses of the police department and suggestions for improvement. Focus group to be held October 16<sup>th</sup>, with three groups due to density requirements. Focus group will be in the main meeting room with additional panel members compiling data in the side room.

Survey Update: Motion to table by Maxine Perry. Second by Wilbel Brewer. All in favor: 9 All opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Vice Chairperson: Amanda Bulris-Allen advised panel she resigned as the vice chairperson.

Other: Discussion regarding research on local and national recommendations. Chief Ritter advised he attended an online seminar last week that spoke about restorative justice a/k/a principled policing. Police Department will hold that training early next year.

Budget: Discussion regarding the 900K budget cut. Mayor to release proposed budget today, which is subject to Common Council approval. Discussion regarding panel making a statement to mayor. Panel declined.

**Public Comment**: Comment from Joanne Britner regarding survey results and EO 203 and David Yokum regarding recent criminal activity.

Motion to adjourn by Amanda Bulris-Allen. Second by Wilber Brewer. All in favor: 9 All opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Next meeting is October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 for the public focus group.