TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Community Police Collaborative

Hosted Remotely Via WebEx

September 10th 2020
7:30pm-8:30pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm by CPC Chair Bobby Brown

ATTENDANCE

CPC Members: CPC Chair Bobby Brown, CPC Vice Chair Jocelyn Ryan, Recording Secretary Sara Wakefield, Lt Adrian Acevedo, Brendan Gioello, Stephanie Lawson-Muhammad, South Orange Police Chief Kyle Kroll, Annemarie Maini, Lt Eric Moore, Alan Noel

South Orange Village Trustees: Donna Coallier, Summer Jones

Community Members: Approximately 4 residents attended and 4 subcommittee volunteers via WebEx

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 13th, 2020 Meeting Minutes approved

TOPICS

- Essex County Prosecutor: Bobby Brown and Donna Coallier offered a summary of their meeting (with Village President Sheena Collum) with Essex County Prosecutor staff in order to understand the administrative and criminal processes related to inappropriate use of force by police officers, asking for additional transparency on procedures, charging decisions, and how many cases are received for review and potential charges. This conversation is ongoing.
- Subcommittee Reports:
    - Data & Analytics: Subcommittee Chair Brendan Gioello offered a summary of the subcommittee's initial meetings; discussion surrounded generating community feedback, difficulties accessing relevant data on police contacts, and gathering information from 911 dispatchers.

    - Community Outreach: Subcommittee Chair Alan Noel reported that the subcommittee would be having their first meeting next week.
    - Training: Subcommittee Chair Stephanie Lawson-Muhammad reported that the subcommittee would be having their first meeting next week and is completing a series of pre-reads in order to guide their discussion.
- Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Ordinances (Annemarie Maini, Jocelyn Ryan, and Joshua Tinkleman) continued their review of town ordinances and will be suggesting changes at subsequent meetings.
- Report on Social Worker Pilot: Maplewood and South Orange have been in discussions for a joint hire Social Worker in order to work with the SOPD and MPD. These discussions are on-going and current discussion is surrounding whether and how a joint venture makes sense, a job advertisement for the position, and the needs such a position would be expected to address. CPC members Brendan Gioello and Sara Wakefield are representing the CPC on the South Orange side.
- Trustee Jones announced that she is working on an official CPC address and making changes to the website in order to facilitate more community feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

o No Public Comments

NEXT MEETING DATE October 8th, 2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The CPC moved to executive session at 9:20 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by CPC Chair Bobby Brown at 9:26pm.