TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Community Police Collaborative

Hosted Remotely Via WebEx

Thursday, October 8th 2020
7:30pm-8:30pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Bobby Brown 7:35pm

ATTENDANCE -
CPC Members: CPC Chair Bobby Brown, CPC Vice Chair (absent with notification -Jocelyn Ryan), Recording Secretary Sara Wakefield (dialed in), Adrian Acevedo, Brendan Gioello, Stephanie Lawson-Muhammad, South Orange Police Chief Kyle Kroll, Annemarie Maini, Lt Eric Moore

South Orange Village Trustees: Donna Coallier, Summer Jones

Community Members: Approximately 2 residents attended and 1 subcommittee volunteer via WebEx (Joshua Tinkelman)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Brendan Gioello made a motion to accept the minutes. All agreed.

TOPICS

- CPC Membership Update

  Alan Nolan resigned and Freddy Arsenault as alternate resigned as well

  We will recruit to ensure that we have someone with the time and effort.

- Update on State-Level Police Reform

  Trustee Coallier reported that the trustees approved the previously shared resolutions to support a variety of state reform.

  Trustee Coallier wants to move fast to take advantage of the public attention span. How does the CPC want to be involved on these topics:

  - automated ticketing is not legal in NJ
  - tracking demographics for infractions
  - civil service union protections conflicting with culture of the police

- training at police academy to augment some of the pending issues

The CPC agreed that we need to be involved as these questions are directly related to our committee structure and the original intention of this committee. The CPC should drive this work as the topics fit in our subcommittees. We will attempt to move quickly but with intention and based on data and best practices.

- Report from Subcommittee Chairs
  - Data Analytics - Brendan Gioello

    Hypothetical set of "asks" has been put together by the subcommittee. The committee will meet with the police department to review the feasibility of the request.

    Collaboration with Maplewood CPC Kasia Piekarz had to be rescheduled.

    This committee has agreed to take a deeper dive into history/use/purpose/success of red light / speed cameras to reduce traffic infractions.

    Analysis of traffic calming vs. enforcement.
  - Training -- Stephanie Lawson-Muhammad

    The committee agreed to first collect data about our current state of training and compare to the best practices in the state/nation:

    Map out current training - from onboarding to continuing education

    Understanding what are county and state level requirements and what flexibility does South Orange have in defining these requirements; defining what is mandatory vs. voluntary

    Determining metrics for measuring training effectiveness and defining how the CPC would be involved in non-mandatory training and evaluations

    The committee will also research best practices for de-escalating and mental health training.
  - Community Outreach - Bobby Brown

    Bobby Brown will take over as interim chair. The first event is being organized with the YMCA to organize a positive collaborative event for our

youth to interact with the police. Date is to be determined.

- Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Ordinances -

  Joshua updated the committee on the work to date.

  The document was circulated earlier in the day and the ad hoc committee is seeking input from the committee.

  Once the ad hoc committee receives the feedback (on the process as well as content) we will then send it to the trustees and administration to determine next steps.

  Plan will be to incorporate feedback on process and tackle the next section of the code.

- Report on Police Social Worker Pilot

  Maplewood is evaluating how they want to integrate the social worker into the community and coordinate with the police department. There was a presentation by social workers in Maplewood to outline the pros and cons. President Collum is planning to move forward with a Seton Hall professor to produce something new and exciting and not necessarily aligned to best practices.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jordan Muhammad 73 South Crescent, South Orange. MapSo Youth Coalition is interested in following up on how South Orange will incorporate the social worker. Jordan attended the Maplewood presentation and agreed that the option 2 and 3 should be considered. Invite all of us to the rally on Public Safety Maplecrest Park at 2pm-4pm Saturday. Instagram account: @mapsoyouthco

NEW BUSINESS

- FY2021 Budget

  Budget year starts in January. Funding estimate required for the budgeting. Asking for the police budget presentation to be posted on the website that President Collum presented two meetings ago.

- CPC Retreat

  Recommendation to get together to discuss goals and mission and vision.

- Handle with care - Chief Kroll shared with the committee that the Attorney General mandated that all police departments share names of children with their local schools that were impacted by trauma or witnessing trauma. Annemarie Maini agreed to forward that information to the superintendent of SOMSD for implementation.
- FAQs is on the website and it is "live" but will not be celebrated and pushed out to the community until later in the month.

NEXT MEETING DATE November 12th, 2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No discussion topics

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm