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Meeting Title			
08/13/2019	6:03 PM	PD Conference Room 4 S. Elm	
Meeting called by	Kevin Sombart		
Type of meeting	Police Community Engagement Board		
Facilitator	Kevin Sombart		
Note taker	Erin Klippi		
Timekeeper	Erin Klippi		
Roll Call/Speakers In Attendance	Kevin Sombart John Thomas Jean Scholtes Karen Alexander Rev. Eric Hayes Dr. Scott Groesch Katy Miller Mayor Gerry Welch Chief Dale Curtis Officer Fred Bell Captain Greg Perks		
Agenda Item			
Approve 6/10/2019 Minuets	With modification to "chairperson" not "president"		
Discussion	Approval moved by Dr. Scott Groesch and Seconded by Jean Scholtes		
Conclusions	Unanimously Approved		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Erin Klippi	
Action item 1	Send to City for Website	Conclusion Sent	8/14/2019
Action item 2	Presenter Name	NA	
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Selection of Vice Chair	Katie Miller		
Discussion	Moved by Kevin Sombart, Second by Jean Scholtes		
Conclusions	Approved Unanimously		

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Action Items	Person Responsible	NONE
Action item 1 NONE	All Board Members	

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Presentation By Community Engagement Officer Fred Bell	Summary of his job description and the roll he serves with in the Webster Groves Police Department. Answered question from Kevin Sombart about the Community reception of his position, Officer Bell indicated that the feedback he has received from the community has been largely positive.	
Discussion	General	
Conclusions	No Action Taken	

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
NONE	Presenter Name	Date time
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Presentation by Captain Perks	Summary of his job description and summary of the COP (Community Oriented Policing) positions with in the Webster Groves Police Department. Spoke of the positive reception of National Night Out and briefly discussed how the public was able to contact the police department to schedule an officer to attend an event.	
Discussion		
Conclusions	Contact can be made through the City of Webster Groves website or by calling the Police Department Admin Coordinator Erin Klippi	

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<p>RP By DC of Recent WGPD Felony Stolen Vehicle Stop</p>	<p>Chief Dale Curtis provided background and context of the incident by showing 4 videos of actual incidents where similar stops have had dire consequences and why officers must use assertive tactics on Felony Vehicle Stops. Chief Curtis then gave a summary of the circumstances of the actual incident.</p> <p>The board proceeded to ask general questions regarding the stop a summary as follows.</p>		
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Scott Grosch - Was the License Plate Reader (LPR) accurate?</p> <p>Chief Curtis: Yes, the reader was accurate, the information entered by another agency was later determined to be incorrect.</p> <p>Katy Miller - Does the WGPD require de-escalation training?</p> <p>Chief Curtis Yes, WGPD includes de-escalation as part of multiple types of training</p> <p>Kevin Sombart - How many Officers were on the scene in question? Chief Curtis Four WGPD Officers</p> <p>Karen Alexander - When did the original officer know something was “not quite right” with the information he was being provided?</p> <p>Chief Curtis Approximately 25 minutes into the stop.</p> <p>Katy Miller - How much of what was reported on social media was correct?</p> <p>Chief Curtis - We have no real way of knowing what was reported on what types of social media but it appears there was some truth and some misinformation at least on Facebook</p>		
<p>Conclusions</p>			
<p>Action Items NONE</p>	<p>Person Responsible</p>	<p>Deadline</p>	
<p>Farrell Carfield form the Alliance for Interracial Dignity distributed information regarding their organization</p>			
<p>Agenda Item</p>			
<p>Discussion of PCEB Response to Specific Incidents</p>	<p>Kevin Sombart lead discussion regarding who responds to inquiries and if it is appropriate for board members to respond to ‘rumors’ on social media. It was surmised that due to the nature of the board it would not be in the best</p>		

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	interest for individual board members to respond to discussion on social media community pages for many reasons including Sunshine review.	
Discussion	John Thomas - Is their information regarding the Community Engagement Board on the City website? Chief Curtis - Yes, the minutes are available much the same as the other city committees	
Conclusions	Gerry Welch suggested the board create a plan to communicate and suggested that the city attorney was invited to a meeting to review Open Meeting Sunshine Law but no individual was tasked with the plan	
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Discussion of Possible PCEB Action Items and Future Agenda	General discussion of how to let the community know what the PCEB does was included in the general discussion of response to specific incidents.	
Discussion	Should an article be submitted it Webster Kirkwood Times regarding the PCEB?	
Conclusions	Unknown at this time - social media may be a more effective form of communication depending on the demographic.	
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Confirmation of Next Scheduled Meeting and Adjourn	Next Meeting is Scheduled for September 24 th 2019 6:00 PM Called to Adjourn by Kevin Sombart		
Discussion			
Meeting Adjourned	7:39 PM		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	