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| Meeting Title | | | |
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| 2-23-2021 | 6:33 | Zoom Meeting | |
| 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 Dr. Scott Groesch Chief Dale Curtis Katy Miller Mayor Gerry Welch Cynthia Neu Angela Brooks Jean Schultz Rev. Eric Hayes Jennifer Conrad (host) | | |
| Agenda Item 3 | | | |
| Approve January 2021 Minutes | Motion for approval by: Dr. Scott Groesch Second by: Angela Brooks | | |
| Discussion | | | |
| Conclusions | Approved | | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Erin Klippi | |
| Action item 1 | Send to City for Website | Erin Klippi | |
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| Agenda Item 4 | | | |
| | Discuss Board chair nomination from nomination committee and election of new Board Chair | | |

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| Discussion Summary | <p>Discussion was had regarding the nominating committee meeting and its conclusion. Kevin Sombart made the nomination of Cynthia Neu as new Board Chairperson Point of Order to retain Katy Miller as Vice Chair</p> <p>Motion to accept Cynthia as Board Chair was made by Angela Brooks and seconded by Katy Miller.</p> <p>Cynthia was approved as new Board Chair by unanimous vote, and the remainder of the meeting was chaired by Cynthia.</p> | | |
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| Action Items | Vote | Person Responsible | |
| In Favor | | All | |
| Opposed | | None | |
| Agenda Item 5 | | | |
| | Report on interviews for Webster University Student Newspaper | | |
| Discussion Summary | <p>Kevin Sombart and Chief Curtis gave their accounts of interviews with WU student Emily Craig which included information regarding how and why the board was formed and how individuals were chosen for the board. Katy Miller and Gerry Welch briefly recounted their interviews with Emily Craig and expressed that per Emily, her interest in the interviews was based on public interest in the topic with little knowledge on the subject. Further, she was advised that the WU students are an important piece of the community and the PCEB was interested in their views and suggestions for engagement with young people.</p> | | |
| Conclusions | | | |
| Action Items | | Person Responsible | |
| None confirmed at this time | | | |
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| Agenda Item 6 | | | |

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| | Update on future presentation to Webster University Students and Faculty | |
| Discussion Summary | <p>Dr. Scott Groesch reported on his ongoing meeting with Professors at WU. Meeting included providing a copy of the PCEB survey for input, possible community events, and PCEB presentation to students tentatively set for April.</p> <p>Off topic discussion was had regarding what changes have been made as a result of the PCEB and a brief discussion was had regarding racial disparity rates and the videos shown in the last PCEB meeting (see 1/26/21 minutes)</p> | |
| Conclusion | Dr. Groesch will provide feedback from the survey to the Board and update on possible student presentation. | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| Communication with the Board | Dr. Scott Groesch | As Received |
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| Agenda Item 7 | | |
| | Discuss possibility of solicitation engagement suggestions from WGPLD | |
| Discussion Summary | <p>Cynthia lead brief discussion regarding the PCEB's goal to facilitate any needed healing between citizens of Webster Groves and Police Officers.</p> <p>Board members gave suggestions as to what WGPLD Officers could do to further engage with the community at large. Suggestions were made (but not limited to) hosting a Zoom "story telling" session with Officers and citizens suggesting this be done by citizen age groups. Further suggestion was made to include requesting Officer feedback to the PCEB, the PCEB's facilitation of a Q&A with University students and Officers, amending the PCEB charter to allow the youth liaison to come from the University instead of the High School, increase citizen ride-along participation by adding information to the marquee in front of City Hall and renaming the Citizens Academy to sound less intimidating.</p> | |
| Conclusions | None at this time | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |

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| None at this time | | |
| Agenda Item 8 | | |
| | Determine Methods to expand distribution of PCEB survey | |
| Discussion Summary | Suggestions were made but not limited to making a definitive decision, agreed upon by the board, regarding to whom the survey should be sent, sending the survey to other City of Webster Groves boards and commissions, providing the survey to WU students at the presentation, and pausing the furtherance of the survey until these decisions are made. | |
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| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| None at this time | | |
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| Item 9 | | |
| | Discussion on expansion of engagement activities | |
| Discussion | Katy Miller and Angela Brooks reviewed the discussion they had regarding a possible PBEB "retreat". The board was reminded that any such event would be considered a public meeting and open to Sunshine law. The suggestion was made that a focused purpose and outcome should be established prior to any scheduled event. | |
| Action Items | | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| Further discussion needed on topics, dates, time, and place are necessary to move forward | None specifically assigned | |
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| Item 10 | | |
| | Report on Community Conversations and Implicit Bias/Anti-Racist/Equity/Systemic Racism Training | |

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| Discussion | Gerry Welch will provide more information in March meeting as the contacts through the City of Webster Groves were off work in February. | | |
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| Item 11 | | | |
| | Remarks of visitors below : | | |
| Discussion | <p>Good morning.</p> <p>I am wondering if there are any plans to get the officers out of their cars & engaging with the public in order to form more personal relationships. If not, why?</p> <p>Have a great day!</p> <p>Sandy Mudd</p> | | |
| Action Items | | | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline | |
| None at this time | | | |
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| Item 12 | | | |
| | Confirmation Date for next PCEB | | |

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| Discussion | Next meeting scheduled for 3/23/2021 @6:30 Via Zoom | | |
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| Set Agenda | Cynthia Neu | Next Meeting | |
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| Item 13 | | | |
| | Adjourn 7:41 p.m. | | |
| Discussion | No motion necessary | | |
| Action Items | | | |
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