

Police Civilian Review Panel

May 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Rooms 9/10, Fairfax County Government Center

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Panel Members present:

Hansel Aguilar

Kathleen Davis-Siudut

Steve Descano

Hollye Doane

Doug Kay

Randy Sayles

Jean Senseman

Adrian Steel. Panel Chairman

Rhonda VanLowe

Panel Chairman Steel brought the meeting to order. He announced that Mr. Schott, Police Auditor, will be traveling to Spokane, Washington in September for the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference.

Ms. Doane commended the Police Department on its receipt of the nationally recognized 2016 Capstone of the Year Award from the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy for the County's Diversion First Program. Major Gun Lee, FC Police Department explained Diversion First and its success.

Ms. VanLowe and Mr. Kay presented pages six through fourteen of the draft bylaws. Panel members had a few grammatical, spelling, and punctuation edits. Panel members discussed the following items to be clarified on the next draft of the bylaws:

- Officer actions considered to be an "abuse of authority" or "serious misconduct"
- The definition of "brandishing" of weapons
- Whether the initial jurisdictional review decision can be appealed
- Whether the definition of "abuse of authority" and "serious misconduct" apply to an officer when off-duty
- The process to be followed when the matter of a complaint is the subject of a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding
- Whether the Panel is permitted to hear testimony from witnesses not initially interviewed by the Police Department

The Panel next discussed how they preferred to bring areas of disagreement with the Board's Action Item to the Board's attention. Those areas are primarily around the timeline for review, the hearing of

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additional witnesses and the designation of which complaints are to be reviewed by the Police Auditor and those by the Panel.

The Panel decided that the next meeting will take place on May 15th at 7:00 p.m. to review the second draft of the bylaws. The Panel also decided that at their training session on May 13th they will convene at 8:30 a.m. rather than 9:00 a.m to discuss the timeline for review of a submitted complaint.

Ms. Davis-Siudut and Mr. Sayles presented the draft of the Panel's Code of Ethics and described the relationship to the bylaws.

Major Lee referred to Ms. Doane's comments about the 2016 Capstone of the Year Award granted to the Police Department. He said that the award was actually for the Restorative Justice Program which diverts juveniles who commit nonviolent and non-drug related crimes from incarceration to mediation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.