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Meeting Title			
1/26/2021	6:34	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 John Thomas Cynthia Neu Angela Brooks Jean Schultz Rev. Eric Hayes Jennifer Conrad (host)		
Agenda Item 3			
Approve October Minutes	Motion for approval by: Dr. Scott Groesch Second by: Rev. Eric Hayes		
Discussion	As corrected		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Erin Klippi	
Action item 1	Send to City for Website		

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Agenda Item 4		
	Selection of New Board Chair	
Discussion Summary	<p>Kevin Sombart said a few words before offering to step down as Chair. Suggestion was made by Mayor Welch to have a nominating committee. It was agreed upon that Dr. Scott Groesch, Katy Miller, Kevin Sombart, John Thomas, and Eric Hayes would meet at a date TBD to discuss nominations. Item was tabled to next meeting.</p>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	
Schedule Nominating Committee Meeting	Kevin Sombart	
Agenda Item 5		
	Recap and Discussion of November 19, 2020 Alliance for Interracial Dignity Presentation and Meeting	
Discussion Summary	<p>Katy Miller discussed the presentation and testimonials from the Alliance for Interracial Dignity meeting she attended on 11/19/2020</p> <p>Discussion was had referencing materials from the AID meeting and not presented to the Board in this meeting.</p> <p>Further discussion was had referencing the AIDs involvement with the PCEB. Reference was made to a letter presented in the AID meeting that is not a part of this record.</p> <p>Cynthia Neu, Angela Brooks, Dr. Scott Groesch, and Jean Schultz expressed personal accounts and feelings regarding the afore mentioned letter. Further discussion was had regarding various Board members interaction with Police, both within Webster Groves and beyond. Limitations to interactions due to the Covid19 pandemic were acknowledged. Rev. Eric Hayes expressed need for dialog directly with WGPD Officers.</p> <p>Discussion was had among the Board as to the possibility of a “retreat” to further discuss personal experiences and</p>	

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	feelings regarding interaction with police. Kevin Sombart reminded the board that any such action would need to be fully documented and open to the public to comply with Missouri Sunshine Law.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible		
None confirmed at this time			
Agenda Item 6			
	Recap and Discussion of December 4 th 2020 Webster Groves Rotary Club Presentation and Meeting		
Discussion Summary	<p>Kevin Sombart gave a short description of the Rotary Club meeting he attended and expressed that it was a positive event where he presented information from the PCEB and the PCEB Survey.</p> <p>Chief Curtis gave a short description of the impact the Board has made thus far.</p>		
Conclusion			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None			
Agenda Item 7			
	Update of future presentation to WU Students and Faculty		
Discussion Summary	<p>Dr. Scott Groesch gave an overview of a meeting he has scheduled with 8 WU professors on 2/9/2021</p> <p>Anticipation of Student presentation in March or April</p>		

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Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Dr. Groesch will send out further information regarding meeting once available.	Dr. Groesch	As Practical	
Agenda Item 8			
	Review and Discuss documented body camera observances of Officer behavior related to traffic stops and de-escalation tactics		
Discussion Summary	Chief Curtis presented multiple BWC video clips of actual WGPD interaction with the public to give the Board a feel for how Webster Groves LEOs conduct traffic stops and reduce escalation in various situations.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None			
Item 9			
	Discuss Tentative Report on 2020 State Vehicle Stop Data and Disparity Index		
Discussion	<p>Chief Curtis reviewed the preliminary 2020 disparity index and gave an overview of the number of training hours officers received in Anti Bias and Racial Profiling in 2020. Percentage of vehicle stops to residents and information regarding the break down of traffic stops by unit (Traffic/General Patrol/Grants) was presented.</p> <p>Chief Curtis acknowledged that through actions taken by the WGPD, at the suggestion of both the Board and WG residents, the disparity rate is trending down.</p>		

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Action Items			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Item 10			
	Review Latest PCEB Survey Results		
Discussion	Tabled		
Action Items			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Item 11			
	Determine methods to expand distribution of PCEB Survey		
Discussion	<p>Kevin Sombart and Mayor Welch led discussion of ways to drive people to the survey. Suggestions included but were not limited to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising in the WKT Adding a link to the Friday Page Adding information to the sign at City Hall Adding Links to Facebook Pages 		
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Mayor Welch will explore internal options	Gerry Welch	N/A
Item 12		
	Report on Community Conversations and Implicit Bias/Anti-Racist/Equity/Systemic Racism Training	
Discussion	Mayor Welch discussed that the City is in the process of a DEI audit and that training for the City would follow.	
Action Items		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Item 13		
	Remarks of Visitors	
Discussion	None	
Action Items		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

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Item 14	Confirmation of Future meeting Schedule	
Discussion	4 th Tuesday of the Month	
Action Items	Meeting Scheduled for 2/23/2021	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Item 15	Adjourn 8:35 p.m.	
Discussion	Motion by Jean Schultz Second by Dr. Scott Groesch	
Action Items		
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