



Police Community Relations Commission Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 21st, 2023
 Time: 5:30 p.m.
 Location: Martin Luther King Center, 630 9th St, Rock Island, IL 61201

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Carlos Jimenez	X	Adriana Blanco	X
Chris Dunn	X	Cody Eliff	X
Jessica Kirkpatrick	X	Brieanne Lonergan	X
Courtney Martin		Bill Sowards	
Stephan Triplett		Rodney Thomas	
Isabel Pena	X		

Also in attendance:

- Lt. James Morris

2. Public Comment – Kelsey Swanson and Anjelica Villareal gave a short presentation on child and family services that are available. Mayor Thoms and City Clerk Samantha Gange addressed the Commission and discussed several items of issue with the group. Items discussed included asking for a gmail account, OMA requirements, a possible link to the commission’s Facebook page from the City website, providing money to update the technical equipment at the MLK for meeting purposes, and a discussion about making the ordinance that defines the commission less restrictive. A request was also made to the Mayor for a budget for the commission.

3. Approve/Accept Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the January 17th, 2023 meeting. The motion was passed by members present.

4. New Business


- a. The elections were tabled at this time. No one commissioner wishes to be the sole chairperson. There was discussion on possible amending the ordinance to have two co-chairs.
- b. Karen Arana, from Family Resources, gave a presentation on the services provided by that agency as well as her cooperation with the Rock Island Police Department and the services she provides there.
- c. Proposed changes to the ordinance were discussed. It was discussed that the agreed requested changes would be written up and submitted to the Mayor for consideration.



- d. Complaint forms were created and copies were given to the MLK Center and were going to be placed at various other locations for citizens to access.
- e. Jessica stated that she is still working on the annual report for the commission.

Brienne left the meeting at 6:45pm, at which point there was no longer a quorum. The remaining member discussed several items but did not make any motions or take any votes. It was discussed to possibly work with Brienne to connect with Scott Community College for collaboration on a survey. The commission would like to put future events on a calendar to make it easier for citizens to be aware of them. There was also discussion on getting together to brainstorm ideas for community engagement events.

- 5. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.



Commission Chair, Cody Eliff