



Police Community Relations Commission Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 18th, 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		Brieanne Lonergan	
Isabel Pena	X	Bill Sowards	X
Stephan Triplett	X	Rodney Thomas	X

Also in attendance:

- Lt. James Morris / *Adriana attended virtually

2. Public Comment – None

3. Approve/Accept Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve amended minutes from the February 21st, 2023 meeting. The motion was passed by members present.

4. New Business

- a. The elections were discussed. Cody stated that he would be willing to be the Chairperson for now, pending any possible ordinance changes to the elected positions. Stephan said he was interested in the Vice-Chair. A motion was made and seconded for Cody to be Chairperson and Stephan to be Vice-Chair. The motion was passed by all members present.
- b. There was discussion about requesting to combine the High School and College seat requirement into one “young adult” position and present that to the Mayor for consideration. It was stated that the ordinance changes, previously discussed, still needed to be worked on so that they could be presented at a later date.



- c. The members discussed that they needed more visibility to the citizens and more PR from the City to help promote the commission. They discussed the option of creating a Facebook group page that could get more messages out. Also discussed was a possible link to their Facebook page that could be put on the City website. There was discussion about asking Alderman for funds in reference to events held in their Wards. The members also discussed whether or not they could accept donations from businesses or citizens and it was decided to reach out to City officials on the legality of this process. They also discussed possible partnership with the CCC and the NAACP for events.
- d. Cody told the members that he had started working on an event that would introduce newer officers to the Community. He hoped to hold the event in May. He also said that he would be working with Brienne on a community survey with the assistance of Eastern Iowa Community College.

Carlos spoke about the upcoming Drug Take Back Day and that the event has been a big success in the past. Carlos also gave details on the Community Bicycle Event that is happening on May 11th. The Rock Island Police Department will be providing officers for assistance and participation during the event. The annual report is still being completed and is pending submittal.

Rodney and Isabel both shared recent experiences they had with Rock Island Police Officers. They both shared with the group that the officers were professional and polite and that they felt it was a positive encounter.

- 5. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Eliff', is written above a horizontal line.

Commission Chair, Cody Eliff