

Police Services Community Review Board

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Meeting Notes – March 23, 2017

Members

Kelly Brown – Student Affairs – present
Justin Puckett, Student – present
Eden Thorkildsen, Student – present
Nigel Jett, FAD Representative – present
Charles Adkins, Student – present
Glenn Landram, Faculty – present
Pat Barte – present
Artee Young, Faculty - present
Pat Kahrig – Office Assistant, Police Department – present

Ex-officio

Stacy Brown, Chief of Police Department – present
Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs - present

Notes

The committee reviewed meeting notes from February 23, 2017 and there were motions to amend name changes for Charles Adkins and Glenn Landram.

All present participated in introductions.

Stacy provided a tour of the police department to all members of the committee.

On completion of the police department tour, the committee members continued the discussion from the last meeting regarding fostering relations between the community and the police department.

Charles suggested the creation of a panel of former police chiefs and elected officials; he stated that he has already spoken with John Lovick and a number of other elected officials.

Wendy was concerned about bringing in outside police force and attracting negative behavior. She wants to start a community dialogue and have our students get to know our police officers.

Artee asked if there were any articles listing things such as the community food bank located in the police department.

Stacy would like to be able to put out positive messages but is hesitant/reluctant due to possible backlash from the community. She would like a relationship with the CPJ and to create a section in the journal called “Stacy’s Corner” to have her message be heard and to be more pro-active in communication.

Kelly commented that we are in a state where things are more negative and would like it to shift where people can show their support of the police department.

Stacy noted that she would like the communication to be a two-way street to make internal changes as well and to have articles or postings like a “Did You Know” regarding the police department.

Justin inquired as to whether or not Evergreen has a Facebook page.

Charles responded that we do, the name of the page is The Evergreen State College Class of 2020 and he heads up this page. He suggested that this would be a good beginning place and a great way to disseminate information. He stated that other departments such as food services have posted in there as well.

Glenn suggested that we highlight the things that the police department does at the college that the county/city departments don’t do and to highlight the additional sensitivities that we have established for our community.

Stacy suggested we create “A day in the life of” with information available on things like:

Fingerprinting

Provide a tour of a jail

Shoot don’t shoot

Trainings

Use of force – case law around it

Artee asked if other colleges are doing what we do here?

Stacy responded that she believes they are and provided the example that Portland State University has their own police department and the students there are rebelling against the police. She stated that police as a whole are looking at doing things differently, for the good, and they are looking to engage their communities differently.

Artee suggested that we ask the community “what are your issues and concerns”.

Kelly suggested that we put out something to ask for input.

Charles suggested that we talk to Tom Mercado and ask that the Community Review Board be included on the GSU agenda.

Glenn supported this idea and stated that Facebook, Evergreen’s website and news articles cannot be shut down like a public forum can be. The last public forum was effective in that they were able to shut it down.

Kelly suggested more co-sponsorship with outside officials – sponsored by the student union.

Wendy suggested that if we wanted to sponsor a program, she might be able to find some sponsorships to fund it.

Charles asked that if we were open to the panel idea he would like to hold them for May and June.

Planning, Outreach & Education

- Survey at the beginning of fall term.
- Connect with the GSU and get on the agenda.
- Put on a program with GSU.
- Seek input and invite feedback from students on the board.
 - What can the police department do better?
 - Help with objectives that the police department could measure.
 - Can student help with those issues?
- GSU – spring term – put out a survey to capture the new students coming on.
- Outreach during orientation.
- Have students list what they think the goals of the police department are.
- Have boards around school listing police department stats.
- Create a “did you know” on ice cream wrappers to be handed out by police officers.

Kelly suggested putting out a survey asking the following:

- Did you know there was a free food pantry available in the lobby of the police department?
- What are the general attitudes about the police department (do you believe the police are a positive influence on campus?)
- Do you feel that police officers are approachable?
- Do you believe the police department cares about you?

Action Items

1. Justin, Wendy and Glenn will get together to create a draft of survey questions before our next meeting.
2. Eden will contact Tom Mercado about community review board being included on the GSU agenda.