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**Chief's Citizen Advisory Council Meeting Notes  
January 14, 2015, 2:30-4:30 PM**

1. Welcome
2. Introductions of New Members
3. 2015 Roles and Expectations Discussion
4. New Program Ordinances: Jaywalking, Spit on Sidewalk, Vagrancy, MJ, Disorderly Conduct
5. Jan. 21, 2015 Public Safety Presentation
6. Open Discussion
7. Adjourn

**ACTION ITEMS**

- **CCAC group** agreed on coming up with 4-5 goals for 2015.

**DISCUSSION**

- **CCAC Member** announced his upcoming Public Safety & Regulatory Services presentation on the CCAC before Council members and stated there needs to be “more active ears” to the Council as the CCAC’s two main goals are (1) Provide an open invitation to the Mayor and City Council (2) Supporting the Chief’s agenda
- **Sherman Patterson** thanked members for overwhelming response to MLK event
- **Chief Harteau** discussed the five (5) city police department project from the Dept. of Justice that focuses on Procedural Justice, Fair & Impartial Policing, and Racial Reconciliation; Chief is considering having the MPD participate as one of the five cities.
- **CCAC member** discussed reaching out to our State Senators for their support
- **CCAC Member** stated CCAC should use the Downtown 100 and Court Watch as positive examples of models that do effective preventative work, and suggested CCAC should use an educational campaign around the City ordinances being considered for elimination.
- **CCAC Member** brought up each ward has different public safety issues and concerns
- **CCAC Member** mentioned health considerations, e.g. City ordinance on Spitting on a Sidewalk
- **CCAC Member** mentioned the recent terrorism incident in Paris and how it impacts us all re-thinking how community members can become more involved with their public safety.
- **CCAC Member** suggested CCAC should review a list of specific ordinances, and said he believes there are certain ordinances e.g. Lurking with Intent, that are designed to unfairly focus on certain racial group(s).

- **CCAC Member** discussed the importance of Chief Harteau initiating an assessment of MPD by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP/Federal Agency) as opposed to local agency doing so, as it gives the Chief more ability to manage her own department.
- **CCAC Member** said the Disorderly Conduct charge is often used as a default charge when a higher, more serious charge cannot be obtained by prosecutors.
- **CCAC Member** stated if the City starts to remove ordinances “this can lead to a slippery slope”.
- **CCAC Member** stated Racial Disparities are real and should not be overlooked but we should ask ourselves – how are we interacting with each other as police and community?
  - **Sherman Patterson** noted the OJP Sub-committee he’s chairing on Community Relations will focus on that relationship piece of community and police
- **CCAC Member** discussed the importance of safety in schools and building better, more positive relationships between our youth and police officers – that interaction should start in 6<sup>th</sup> grade with topics and presentations on how to interact with the police being explored in the school system.
  - **CCAC Member** said building positive police community relationships must start with you at a much younger age than middle school.
  - **CCAC Member** said morals, values, and character building starts in the home, and with families
- **CCAC Member** said all (5) precinct Inspectors should have a dedicated beat officer to build relationships with an identified, visible social service agency/provider in the community like Sabanthani, Phyllis Weatley, Little Earth of United Tribes, etc. These are places that touch the lives of folks in the community, and officers should visit these places once a month to build those relationships.
  - **CCAC Member** noted there were plenty of good beat cops that knew their community and were respected that have since retired. “In Minneapolis you don’t see many dedicated beat cops walking in neighborhoods and knowing the communities they service. In the past many community members were brought up knowing how to respond to police officers and Precinct Inspectors, Lieutenants, and Sergeants are key in molding the appropriate behavior to its officers.”
- **CCAC Member** asked what other elements are needed? EIS will help in addressing complaints and dealing with performance issues before they become larger; recruiting and training will help in changing behavior. What are the core elements of changing behavior? “There should be a holistic approach.”
- **CCAC Member** mentioned that after participating in MPD Hiring interview panels she was disappointed and concerned about the lack of diversity in law enforcement/recruiting
- **CCAC Member** stated that policing is a good profession and those serving in the profession must be honorable and intelligent in their service and decisions.
- **CCAC Member** stated the real focus shouldn’t be on ordinances but relationships – the issue of police departments needing their officers to be better in interpersonal relationships can be addressed through professional development, establishing goals, and understanding the mindset.

- **CCAC Member** suggested we should look at how we are doing the policing in our communities – we must also look at creating real and substantive opportunities for people; we need to actively engage and get our business community to invest in our communities.
- **CCAC Member** stated the CCAC should select 4-5 goals for 2015, and begin to focus and work on those decided goals.
- **CCAC group** agreed on coming up with 4-5 goals for 2015.
- **CCAC members** would like to participate in MPD's FATS (Shoot-Don't Shoot) exercises; CCAC members would also like to extend that invitation to City Council members.
- **CCAC Member** stressed the needs for more facilities to assist our mental health community
- **CCAC Member** said that with the multitude of situations placed on our police officers "they are really social workers."
- **CCAC Member** stated officers need more support from the community and the community needs to get more involved with public safety.