The regular meeting of the Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations was held Thursday, June 13, 2019, in Room 404 at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois with proper notice posted. Chair Ali called meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Roll Call - Present:** Ali, Burnside Draper, Green, Jackson, King, Nguyen, Sierra, Thomas, Zagardo-vice chair, and Michael Scally for Chief Marion. **Absent:** Begner, Burch, Marion (excused), and Moore (excused). The chair acknowledged a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes** - Member Sierra motioned to approve the April 11, 2019 minutes; seconded by member Draper. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**General Police Update** – Captain Scally updated the committee on the crime stats for 2019 vs 2018 as of June 13, 2019.

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<th>UCR Crime Stats</th>
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Channel 19 News to host a follow up panel discussion on Violence in Peoria on June 20th. The Peoria Police Department removed 156 illegal guns off the streets of Peoria since the start of 2019.

**Unfinished Business** – Vice chair Zagardo followed up on the mission statement that was tabled under unfinished business. Member Zagardo informed she asked members to read the ordinance and agreement between the NAACP, Peoria Police, and City of Peoria on whether all parties want to renew. After some discussion, it was agreed to further discuss mission statement at the next meeting.

Member Zagardo suggested data collection to find out if anything has changed since 2010.

Member Jackson said he would contact and invite to the next meeting Mr. Ken Bergeron representative from the U. S. Department of Justice to review what has been done over the last five years and maybe receive suggestions on how Peoria is doing in comparison to Rockford and Springfield, Illinois.

Member Ali commented that members are on the committee to serve and be effective, to think about and talk about the committee’s purpose, how and what to accomplish to move forward, what has been accomplished, what needs to be accomplished, how to restructure, and fill the committee’s vacancies especially for an Under Age 25 representative.
Member Jackson commented his disappointment to the number of young people who came to the NAACP office with complaints on police that would have stepped up to serve on the committee.

Member Green shared her thoughts on the committee’s progress and initial goals, that there is a lack of trust within the community, the need of additional outreach the committee need to engage in with African Americans, how to interact with the public, to change some of the structure or change the dynamics of the committee or become more aggressive in some of the things the committee does, and maybe the community would trust and bring their thoughts and ideas to the committee that can be taken and shared with the police.

Member Ali indicated that the purpose of the Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations is to provide advice to the chief of police, mayor, and city council on matters that related to approving police community relations. The committee would advocate for diverse voices to approve relations by serving, supporting, and engaging the community that would foster paths for a two-way communication between citizens and the police department. The chief of police would review complaints, compliments, and trends with the committee, and the committee would review police related policies and practices and make recommendations for improvement. Citizens not satisfied with findings of a police complaints can ask for a review by the committee and the committee would make recommendations for changes. The committee and the chief of police would work to streamline the complaint process.

Member Nguyen informed the Student Police Advisory Committee (SPAC) is made up of young adults from all the Peoria area high schools. They meet to develop programs/assembles/neighborhood projects in which students and police can team up together to complete tasks. They meet during the summer and in the process to develop a mission statement and other policies for the upcoming school year. The SPAC is supervised by Police Officer Daniel Duncan and member Nguyen is the liaison.

**New Business**

Members Jessica Bastian and Eric Thomas did not renew their terms to expire June 30, 2019, and member Savino Sierra would not be able to serve out his term to expire June 30, 2021. Currently, need to fill vacancies for 1-Under Age 25 representative; 2-At-large representatives; 1-1st district representative; 1-4th district representative; and 1-Peoria Public School representative.

*Member Green excused herself from the meeting at 6:05 p.m.*

The committee congratulated Dr. Rita Ali as one of the elected At-Large City Council member. Dr. Ali expressed her appreciation.

Dr. Ali informed there can only be one councilmember, Denise Moore, to serve on the committee and announced this would be her last meeting to serve as chair and as an appointed member to the committee.

Member chair Ali designated member vice chair Zagardo to serve as interim chair.

Agenda items for the next meeting under new business: 1) Nominations for chair and vice chair; 2) Election for chair and vice chair; and 3) Forthcoming of new members

Member Jackson announced the Heritage Ensemble special Juneteenth and 20th year anniversary celebration to perform at the ICC Performing Arts Center on June 15th at 7 PM.
Member Draper invited members to PCAV P-Town Soup on Thursday, June 27th, 6 PM at First English Lutheran Church, 725 W. Forrest Hill, Peoria.

Member King invited members to the NAACP Juneteenth celebration at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park from 12-5 PM and a jazz concert at 5:30 PM at George Washington Carver Center on June 22nd.

The committee unanimously agreed to cancel the July 11th meeting.

**Citizen Opportunity To Address The Committee** – Ms. Susan O’Neal, citizen, wanted to know how to obtain an application to serve on the committee. She was provided the information.

**Adjournment** – The chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Member King motioned to adjourn the June 13, 2019 meeting; seconded by member Sierra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Janice Zagardo, vice chair

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Lorene King, member

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Sharon Draper, member