The Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations met on Thursday, February 13, 2020, in Room 404 at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois with proper notice posted. The vice chair member King called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL - Present:** Allen (5:36 p.m.), Begner, Draper, Jackson, King, Marion, Nguyen and Zagardo. **Absent:** Ali (excused), Boone, Brewer, Burch, Burnside (excused), Ford, Parks, and Wilson, (excused). The vice chair, Lorene King acknowledged a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Member Begner motioned to approve the January 9, 2020 minutes; seconded by member Nguyen. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**GENERAL POLICE UPDATE**
A total of 12 police recruits were sworn-in and sent to the police academy. Unfortunately, one male recruit (Hispanic) was unable to pass the Academy’s entry physical; therefore, 11 are at the police academy for 14 weeks. Also, the city rehired a recent former police officer on January 21, 2020.

Continue to recruit minorities through social media, billboards, etc. In addition, pulled some retired African American police officers that would go to some of the historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in Indiana and Missouri to help recruit minorities.

Accepting applications for police recruits. The examination cycle for placement into April 2020 Police Eligibility Pool to take place the end of March and early April. Applicants must be 21 years of age at time of exam, have a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver’s license, no felony convictions.

On February 15th at 11 a.m., 14 police officers are to participate in the Special Olympic Polar Plunge at Dozer Park Stadium.

*Andre Allen arrived at 5:36 p.m.*

Chief Marion updated the committee on the citizens’ complaints from the January 9th meeting. The chief reviewed the officers’ dash cam and body worn cameras and a meeting was scheduled with the mother to discuss the findings; however, due to an emergency the mother called and canceled the meeting and she would reschedule at a later date and that has not taken place. The chief then had called and left several messages on the mother’s cell to try to reschedule meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –
Vice chair member King summarized the retreat held on February 8th at the police department. The committee reviewed and discussed the goals. Members made changes to the committee’s:

**Goals related to citizens:**
- **Changed:** Solicit and publicize positive and negative feedback related to officer conduct.
- **Eliminated:** Be instrumental in recognizing citizens’ nominated Officer of the Year

**Goals related to police:**
- **Pending:** Establish Facebook page

**Evaluation of goals/activities:**
- **Changed:** Increase in compliments feedback from public
A motion was made by member Allen to amend the retreat goals; seconded by member Jackson. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by member Zagardo and seconded by member Allen to receive and file the amended February 8, 2020 retreat minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

Vice chair member King indicated she would revise the committee’s community goals and resubmit to the committee.

Member Zagardo had concerns about the news article written about the retreat. There was discussion and vice chair King asked for a motion. Member Zagardo motioned to write a letter from the committee, as a whole, to inform the committee is not part of the Police Department that it is a public body of the City of Peoria; member Jackson seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS** –
Request was made by member Allen to put on March’s agenda the item logistics for April’s meeting; website complaint process, etc.

**CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE** - No citizens in attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The vice chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Allen motioned to adjourn the February 13, 2020 meeting; seconded by member Nguyen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Lorene King, vice chair

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Megan Nguyen, member

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Annett Begner, member