ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS
MINUTES
January 9, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.

The Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations met on Thursday, January 9, 2020, in Room 404 at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois with proper notice posted. Vice chair King called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Present: Ali (5:42 p.m.), Allen, Begner, Burch, Draper, Jackson, vice chair King chair, Marion, Wilson, and Zagardo. Absent: Boone, (excused), chair-Burnside (excused), Brewer, Ford, Nguyen (excused), and Parks (excused). The vice chair, Lorene King acknowledged a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Member Allen motioned to approve the October 10, 2019 minutes; seconded by member Jackson. Minutes were unanimously approved.

The vice chair wished all in attendance a Happy New Year.

GENERAL POLICE UPDATE – Chief Marion reported:

- December 12, 2019, Peoria’s police officers, firefighters, probation officers, and public schools employees had their Holiday with Heroes Program hosted by Wal-Mart on North University. Each year the Heroes raise funds to purchase Wal-Mart gift cards to give to each underprivileged child invited. The Heroes walked with the children throughout the store, as the children shopped for Christmas gifts for their families. Wal-Mart wrapped the gifts free.
- December 21, 2019, police officers volunteered their time to the Paul Reatherford and Jerry Brady Memorial Christmas Basket Program. The officers escorted Santa and helped deliver over 200 food baskets, toys and good cheer to families in need.
- December 21, 2019, the Peoria Police Department hosted the “Jingle on into Candyland” sponsored by Peoria Community Against Violence (PCAV) and Toys for Tots campaign. The campaign was an invite only and served over 250 children under the age of 14.
- December 24, 2019, Peoria police officers and Santa Claus delivered Christmas gifts to children hospitalized in Peoria’s area hospitals and the Ronald McDonald’s House. Peoria Police officers raffled off donated prizes and all proceeds was used to purchase gifts for the children.
- January 6, 2020, three new recruit officers were sworn-in. Two recruits to attend Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center in Decatur, Illinois, and the third recruit has prior police experience and would start in the Field Training Program.
- January 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., members invited to see 11 new police recruits to be sworn-in at the police department.
- January 21, 2020, members invited to meet and greet the new East Bluff Resident Officer Jerry James at the East Bluff Community Center from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Officer James replaced longtime Resident Officer Cary Hightower to retire in March.
- The 5th Resident Officer’s house at 1000 E. Madison is almost completed.
- Quarterly and Year-To-Date Complaint Report – The 4th Quarter totals: 11 complaints (8-citizens 3-internally generated); 12 alleged policy violations (9-citizens 3-internals); Sustained citizen complaint policy violation-1, not sustained-7, pending-1. The Year-to-date totals: 57 complaints (37-citizens 20-internally generated); 74 alleged policy violations (42 citizens 32-internals); Sustained citizen complaint policy violation-11, not sustained-29, withdrawn complaint-1, pending citizen-1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The vice chair and members expressed their appreciation to member Rita Ali for her years as the committee’s chairperson.
NEW BUSINESS - Member Begner suggested the idea for the committee to have a retreat to be held on a Saturday morning. The retreat would be to establish, accomplish, and measure goals for 2020. There was discussion and member Begner agreed to coordinate the retreat and to follow up at the next regular meeting.

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE
Brooklyn Sanders and Michelle Sanders, citizens, commented about a recent traffic stop and the police officers’ conduct and professionalism.

ADJOURNMENT – The vice chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the January 9, 2020 meeting; seconded by member Allen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Lorene King, vice chair

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Karen Wilson, member

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Andre Allen, member