



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SHERIFF JOHN W. MINA

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time Scheduled: 6:00 PM

Started: 6:01 PM

Ended: 6:36 PM

Location: Orange County Sheriff's Office
Central Operations Center
2500 West Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32804

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Eric Kidwell, Mr. Michael Doby, Mr. Jay Smith, Mr. Kevin Sutton

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. Warren Lewis, Ms. Ingrid Morfa, Pastor Roderick, Bishop Derrick McRae

Others Present:

Captain Debra Doub, Captain Antorrio Wright, Lieutenant Abby Hilley, Mgr. John Farrell, Kimberly Boothe, Heather Dublonsky, Patricia Rumph

3. OPENING:

Mr. Farrell opened the meeting at 6:01 PM.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Kidwell, and seconded by Mr. Doby for the approval of November's Meeting Minutes.

5. HOUSEKEEPING AND OLD BUSINESS:

- Organizational changes
- Quarterly CAC Meeting

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Farrell read into record four emails which were non related to the Citizen Advisory Committee. All other emails were forwarded to the appropriate unit to respond. An email was sent from Ms. Patricia Rumph regarding Florida Senate Bill 576. The bill would abolish existing boards, which oversees complaints made against law enforcement and correctional officers. Mr. Farrell explained that this bill does not apply to OCSO Citizen Advisory Committee.

7. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION):

Deputy Involved Shooting

A presentation was conducted by Professional Standards Captain Antorrio Wright to discuss a deputy involved shooting case that occurred August 6, 2022. He provided a brief synopsis of the case which happened in a parking lot at Heritage Hotel where two deputies responding to that location in reference to an aggravated battery by firearm. He further explained the circumstances that led to the shooting involving the two deputies. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement concluded their criminal investigative report regarding this case on April 23, 2023 with no charges against the deputies. The report was sent to the State Attorney's Office which reviewed the report and in July of 2023 determined that there were no criminal charges warranted. At the conclusion of external investigations; an internal administrative investigation was conducted into the deputies involved in the shooting. The deputy that discharged his firearm was exonerated. Mr. Doby inquired about the wellbeing of the deputies involved in this case. Captain Wright confirmed that both deputies are back to work and appear to be doing fine.

Body Worn Cameras

Mr. Farrell led the discussion mentioning years ago the committee's consensus was to have the BWC footage of a deputy involved shooting reviewed, and accessible to the public within 30 days of the shooting occurring and or as soon as FDLE finished their investigation. He referenced a recent deputy involved shooting that occurred February 6, 2024. Although, we will not be discussing this particular case due to it being under an active investigation. The Citizen Advisory Committee was shown that our agency has posted the video on our public social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook. Mr. Kidwell inquired about the public's response to being able to view the BWC footage. Mr. Farrell explained that our agency has not received disapproval from the public regarding this matter. Furthermore, our agency has increased its transparency by releasing the video footage to the public. The public gets more upset when the footage is not released. In the past, the concern was that if the agency released the video footage during an active investigation it would taint a witness that the FDLE needed in the investigation prior to the release to the public. Thus, the hold for at least 30 days or when FDLE confirms they finished their investigation.

OCSO Updates

Mr. Farrell informed the committee of the agency's organizational changes. He also discussed that Sheriff Mina has approved the shift of the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting being conducted on a quarterly basis. Lieutenant Abby Hilley invited the committee on the Sheriff's behalf to an intensive defense training held in Sanford. This would allow the committee the chance to experience the extensive scenario based training platform our deputies complete. Mr. Sutton mentioned a discussion from last year about ways to interact with the police when you get pulled over. He stated that he spoke with Scott Randolph with the Department of Transportation regarding this, and that he would play the video that the Sheriff Office puts together and be inclusive to the hearing impaired audience. He also mentions sector captain liaisons for our community events with the sheriff office involving backpack drives and donation distribution. He stated that a common concern others have is wanting to see our deputies more involved with the community outside their policing role and be more interactive at events. He voiced the concerns of other district commissioners wanting to see our deputies in a different light and engage with the community to build positive relationships. He further explains that the disconnect could be due to the other districts utilizing our deputies to be police instead of allowing them to be participating in events to truly interact with the community. Mr. Farrell and Captain Doub will pass this information to the sector captains. In conclusion, the next CAC meeting will be determined prior to July and posted online.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2024 or August 8, 2024.

Mr. Farrell requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Doby, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

John Farrell

OCSO Staff Member