

**CITY OF COCOA
COCOA POLICA COMMUNITY RELATIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

JULY 23, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Cocoa Police Community Relations Advisory Committee was held on July 23, 2020 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Alton Edmond called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M

Committee Member Bookhardt led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Committee Member Wash provided the invocation.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Alton Edmond	Chairperson
	Kevin McCann	Vice Chairperson
	Al Boettjer	Committee Member
	Aldon Bookhardt	Committee Member
	Marsha Dyal	Committee Member
	Michael Klug	Committee Member
	Jarvis Wash	Committee Member
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Alton Edmond	Chairperson
	Al Boettjer	Committee Member
	Aldon Bookhardt	Committee Member
	Michael Klug	Committee Member
	Jarvis Wash	Committee Member

<u>ABSENT:</u>	Kevin McCann	Vice Chairperson
	Marsha Dyal	Committee Member
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Cantaloupe, Chief of Police, Dennis Bunt, Code Enforcement Manager, Jake Williams Jr, Mayor, Alex Goins, Deputy Mayor, Lorraine Koss, Council Member, David Lightholder, Volunteer Police Officer/ Code Board Member.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

AGENDA: REGUALR MEETING OF JULY 23, 2020:

MINUTES: REGUALR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2019:

- **MOTION by Committee Member Boettjer; SECONDED by Committee Member Klug to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 14, 2019 with amendments.**

AYES: EDMOND, BOETTJER, BOOKHARDT, KLUG, WASH

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. DISCUSS FREQUENCY OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS:

Chairperson Edmond allowed an opportunity from anyone in the public to voice their opinion.

Citizen Riverine Dennis shared his beliefs of having meeting every other month.

Deputy Mayor Goins mentioned if there wasn't anything on the Agenda for a certain month the meeting could be canceled, and felt it would make the community more involved.

Committee Member Klug stated he believes if a compliant arises it would easier to stay on top of it with bimonthly meetings before it became an issue in the city.

Committee Member Wash expressed that he believes in order to be effective meetings should be bimonthly.

Committee Member Bookhardt agreed that meeting should be bimonthly.

Committee Member Boettjer stated he believes the meeting should be bimonthly but he has a concern that the agency has to have enough time to address the complaint properly.

- **MOTION by committee Member Boettjer, SECONDED by Committee Member Wash to have bimonthly meetings.**

AYES: EDMOND, BOETTJER, BOOKHARDT, KLUG, WASH

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

IV. DISCUSS POLICIES RELATED TO POLICE REFORM:

Chief Cantaloupe started off by stating that The City of Cocoa Police Department is an accredited agency and has been since 2006. Chief Cantaloupe then explained the process of becoming an accredited agency and having to do certain things like training to stay certified. Chief Cantaloupe then at this time answered all questions turned in to The Police Advisory Board related to police reform and questions asked by the Board.

Chairperson Edmond stopped half way through questions submitted and opened the floor to the public for questions.

Chief Cantaloupe answered questions asked by citizens.

- **MOTION by Chairperson Edmond; SECONDED by Committee Member Bookhardt to produce Officer Menendez's disciplinary jacket for the committee to review for the next meeting.**

Chief Cantaloupe stated that Officer Menendez's disciplinary jacket was reviewed by the board when they reviewed his termination report.

Chief Cantaloupe then continued answering questions submitted to The Police Advisory Board related to police reform and further questions asked by the board.

Chairperson Edmond then reopened the floor for the public to speak on the second half of questions answered related to police reform.

Mayor Jake Williams Jr stated that he and Councilwomen Lorraine Koss are both staying quite because they do not want to violate Florida Sunshine Law.

Chief Cantaloupe continued answering questions asked by both the public and the board.

V. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF CLOSED CITIZEN COMPLAINT CASES:

Committee Member Bookhardt asked questions about Complaint 19-22-cc. Discussion was held between Chief Cantaloupe and Board Members on this complaint, body cameras, and reports.

- **MOTION by Committee Member Bookhardt; SECONDED by Committee**

Member Wash to review the video for case number 19-22-cc at the next meeting.

AYES: EDMOND, BOETTJER, BOOKHARDT, KLUG, WASH

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Chairperson Edmond opens discussion to board members regarding any of the closed citizen compliant cases.

Committee Member Bookhardt asked if a lawsuit was filed for complaint 19-22-cc.

Chief Cantaloupe answered that one has not been filed.

Committee Member Bookhardt then stated he had a question on case number 20-06-CC. Is it the policy for Cocoa PD to pull over individuals outside of their jurisdiction while they are driving a Cocoa PD Vehicle?

Chief Cantaloupe stated its not normal policy but they are an officer 24/7. They have a duty to act and respond. There is also a Mutual Aid agreement through Brevard County. It's not encouraged unless it's needed to be done. Cocoa PD has recently made changed to their off duty policy.

Committee Member Bookhardt asked where he could find a copy of the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Chief Cantaloupe stated that he could get him a copy of it.

Chairperson Edmond asked if there was an investigation in the missing video for complaint 19-32-cc

Chief Cantaloupe stated that it looks like on the dates that were originally mentioned there was no video located but there was a video located reference to the March 8th & 9th incident. Then on the 5th when he was arrested.

Chairperson Edmond stated his understating was there was at least 2 videos not accounted for.

Chief Cantaloupe mention he would have to look back at the entire case and get him and answer. It could be possible that the dates given at the first part weren't the correct date.

Committee Member Boettjer asked how long the body cam footages were kept for

Chief Cantaloupe shared that the actual body cam videos are kept for 90 days unless they are deemed to be evidence, which would stay until the case was disposed of.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Chairperson Edmond opened the floor to Citizens for open discussion.

Citizens spoke and participated in the open discussion with The Police Advisory Board.

- **MOTION by Committee Member Boettjer; SECONDED by Committee Member Wash to amend the motion of requesting Officer Menendez's Disciplinary Jacket to a request for the disciplinary policies as it relates to progressive disciplinary.**

AYES: EDMOND, BOETTJER, BOOKHARDT, KLUG, WASH

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VII. ADJOURMENT:

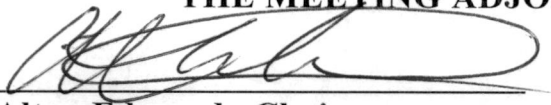
With no further business to discuss, the Police Advisory Committee Meeting of July 23, 2020 was adjourned.

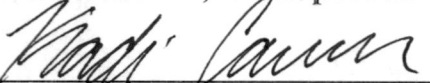
- **MOTION by Committee Member Boettjer; SECONDED by Committee Member Wash to adjourn the Regular Meeting of July 23, 2020.**

AYES: EDMOND, BOETTJER, BOOKHARDT, KLUG, WASH

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:42 P.M.


Alton Edmond , Chairperson


Kadi Carver, Recording Secretary