



Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2019

Attendees:

Kenneth Winn	Skip Johnson	Larry Marlett	Steve James
Tom Mackenzie	John Nowles (SCSO)	Mike Davisson	Brian Standow
JT Ramsey	VJ Pavani	Chuck Parker	Vern King
Mehrdad Samadi			

Guests:

None

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM

Minutes were approved for the June 10 meeting.

There were no visitors present wishing to speak in the Open Forum

JT Ramsey was introduced to the CAB as our newest member, Andrew McGee's clearance is pending awaiting test completion.

Bob West tendered his resignation which leaves us at 15 members, we have three applications pending. The three, Russell Andres, Jeff Fortin, and Kristina Blake will be invited to the October meeting.

Old Business:

Deputy Gordon Discipline

Discussion amongst the board members on what we felt should be the tenor and content of the letter to Sheriff Knezovich.

Themes

Termination warranted by Sheriff

Acknowledge of Due Process and mediation or arbitration

Civil infraction, Not criminal

Tom Mackenzie to write first draft

New Business:

Election of Officers

Nominations taken from the floor

Chuck Parker – Chairman

Tom Mackenzie – Vice Chairman

Leigh O'Neill – Secretary

Nominations Closed, Individuals above approved by voice vote

Deputy Sam Turner – Collision with a bike

Chuck Parker was contacted by the Spokesman Review for comment and CAB position before publication of Aug 31 article in the newspaper. At the time no formal review had been taken but left open that the board could take it up.

Interest in the incident was renewed with the Spokane County settlement in the amount of \$25K. The incident occurred some two years prior (Aug 31, 2017) when the TV program COPS was filming with the SCSO. The show made it appear that Deputy Sam Turner performed a pit maneuver into a bicycle driven by Austen Sullivan. The City of Spokane Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit investigated. Deputy Turner was put on administrative leave for six weeks while Origin Forensics was called in to assist. The data provided by Origin was compelling showing the bicycle actually turned left into the deputy's vehicle. This was corroborated with statements made by the TV crew, deputies, and Mr Sullivan. Motion by Larry Marlett/ Brian Standow to defer review at this time was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Our request for complaint statistics for the past 1/5-year periods (John Nowels) was deferred to October meeting as the report is not complete yet.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Next Meeting:

October 14, 2019

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Spokane County Health District (1101 W. College Ave., Room #140)

Minutes Submitted by

Tom Mackenzie, Vice Chairman