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**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda/Conflict of Interest
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
  - b. Committee Members Present: Joe Deets, Ron Peltier, Sarah Blossom
  - c. Staff Members Present: Chief Horn, City Manager Morgan Smith
  - d. Member of the Public Present: Kian Ashabi (RETF), James Friday (RETF), Cindy Anderson, David Schutz, Charlotte Rovelstad, Andy Rovelstad
  - e. A discussion of Navigator program room rental was added to the agenda.
  - f. There was a request to discuss speed limits during the Good of the Order
  - g. The Agenda was accepted as modified (Peltier/Deets)
  - h. There were no conflicts of interest
  
2. Approval of March 4, 2019 minutes: Approved (Peltier/Deets)
  
3. Public Comment

Cindy Anderson – would like to talk about 3 things

  - Filed a complaint a year ago in March and has not gotten a written response. Cindy believes that is because we're worried it will end up in litigation. That's not fair. She shouldn't be treated differently.
  - Would like to have a discussion of the fact that we have no liability coverage for use of unreasonable force or false arrest. Every City she knows of self-insures.
  - Discuss the difference between the internal investigation process and use of force investigations.

Charlotte Rovelstad

  - Has attended RETF meetings. Would be good to have a discussion about racial profiling on this Island. How can we get information about the prevalence or lack thereof?
  - Future plans on the use of technology. Would be prudent to have a community conversation around that. Talk to other jurisdictions i.e. Poulsbo using drones. Bill in Olympia re missing and murdered indigenous woman, stats not tracked at all. Seattle has highest number in country so relevant to us.
  - Drew Hansen – Hope Act re people newly released from prison and obstacles that they face. Troubled by the requirement of a background check to apply for PSC as a citizen. Not satisfied with answers she's gotten. Would encourage further exploration.
  
4. Race Equity Task Force
  - There is a need for RETF to try to change the actions of citizens. Things that are happening on the Island demonstrate the need for the RETF. Introduced the purpose of RETF and goals.
  - Kian read the founding statement and vision
  - The data does not exist to determine if there are certain trends that demonstrate racial bias
  - RETF will continue to have a presence at the PSC meetings
  - It was suggested that maybe someone from PSC could attend RETF meetings



- Joe asked James and Kian how they felt about the RETF? Kian feels slightly overwhelmed because we'll be charting a new path to gather the data that's needed. Considering developing a survey for the high school, also a hotline where incidents can be reported.
  - Joe also asked if there was anything to highlight what the PSC could do for RETF? That's still in development and would also like to know if there's anything that the RETF can do for the PSC.
  - James thinks that requiring a background check does not make the opportunity available for everybody.
  - Kian said RETF is here to serve entire community
5. Navigator program update – request for room, Morgan is still working on an interlocal agreement with the Program. Very supportive of it. New interlocal agreement was drafted but then format changed. Putting it together again to bring to Council and can address the request for a room in the agreement. Not able to waive the fee per the Auditor.
6. Police Chief's Report – Chief Horn summarized the Chief's Report
- 2 complaints, 1 exonerated (noise related), 1 unfounded (officer wasn't near incident)
  - 1 use of force (minor injuries to both suspect and officer)
  - Survey results – 83% very high impression of officer or employee
  - Performance Measures – no juvenile arrests this year
  - James asked if the RETF could ask the Police Department for data for them to use? Morgan and the Chief will follow up with James
  - James asked if there is a Community Watch Program? Chief – nothing like that, have tried to work on it but some communities are pretty spread out, others are not, and it would be easier. In other communities the Police go to the neighborhoods on National Night Out, we do it differently here. James – perhaps insert it into neighborhoods that are organized via disaster preparedness.
  - Chief – will be speaking at Memorial ceremony in Bremerton for Police Week, also reminder that 4 Corporals and K-9 Officer will be sworn in on 5/14
6. For the Good of the Order
- New PSC structure and qualifications were discussed
  - Charlotte – maybe the purpose of the Committee could be broadened to focus on how we become a safe community in more respects
  - David Schutz - City Manager makes a really good point regarding adding citizen representatives and Council should pause because it may become a forum for topics that are more appropriate for other venues i.e. Chief's Roundtable

7. Adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Submitted by Sarah Blossom

  
Joe Deets, Chair

  
Date