

Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee on Elgin Civilian Review Board

Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Meeting Objectives:

- Finalize recommendations

Attendees: Shimon Blanchard, Danise Habun, Corey Battles, Chief Lalley, Ismael Cordova, LeJewel Crigler, Kevin Zaldivar

Discussion Agreements:

- Speak for yourself about what has heart and meaning
- Honor the agenda or modify by agreement
- Learn from and understand each other's perspective
- Be respectful, candid, and constructive; address people as they would prefer to be addressed
- Provide balance of speaking time
- Test assumptions by asking questions
- Explore innovative solutions based upon common interests
- Strive to resolve differences and seek common ground
- Discuss topics together rather than in isolation
- Limit side conversations and actively participate

Time (CT)	Topic	Notes
6:30pm	Call to Order and Agenda Review	Meeting started @6:26 pm
6:35pm	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Any member of the public who wishes to address the task force may do so via Elgin City Hall</i>	No public comment
6:40pm	Review of prior deliberations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recap of previous discussion and review final list of recommendations	Facilitator Schooler sharing recommendations with the subcommittee for further discussion/vote Member Crigler: 17 and 18 Want to make sure the wording of giving an option be

highlighted.

Habun: This ties into what Lejewell said I prefer the word shall in each of the recommendation

Member Ismael stated when voting in the full Task Force they are voting n numbers individually not the whole document

Member Battles: 4 and 21 I don't know about the age where we end up?

Facilitator Larry eminded the subcommittee that they voted on 18 a desire to have a young adult 18-25 year old.

Member Battles shared 21 Subpoena was a tough one. Where did we end up?

Member Cordova clarified the age the terminology was: if you are eligible to vote you should be able to serve. 3 no more than 5 members should reside in whatever area. Need to be specific to the City of Elgin and not unincorporated Elgin.

Facilitator Larry: No objections to that.

Member Habun: stated that on the recommendation of the age of 21 we took a roll call vote and Shimon was the only objection 4 to 1 vote.

Member Cordova asked shall retain the right to air concerns

Facilitator Larry stated that they were Trying to figure out if the chief recommendation of discipline was different from the chief, and the chief will return to the CRB to discuss.

Member Habun stated that the CRB should have the right to be transparent about what happens including going to the City Council. It was more about transparency if it was a disagreement.

Cordova: The language I will change the wording to the right to address concerns publicly or verbally and ensure members are protected.

Member Crigler has concerns about airing thoughts electronically, via social media. I don't think that is professional. Maybe go to the newspaper or Council. Need to be a body that people can trust in. That should be the only outlet.

Member Cordova stated that we're a public body and it doesn't refrain us from posting about it. Electronically incorporates any emails to council.

Member Cordova suggested to change air to address and remove the publicly electronic, etc.

Chief Lalley: CRB will have access to private information. Something needs to be put in there that protects the people that come forward. It's more about the complainant's name not attached. The Legal Department can take a look and draft some language to use.

Member Blanchard stated the the subcommittee wants the CRB to have the ability to speak and it should be a platform for them to do that. To get some resolution.

Member Habun stated that members should maintain the privacy and

confidentiality of all parties involved in the investigation.

Member Cordova states that he agrees with maintaining privacy. I would like to incorporate how you go about removing someone. If we don't move forward with that I'm ok. We decided on signing a NDA. I don;t want to restrict people from voicing their opinions

Member Habu recommends that when there are statements that are made by a commission it is whoever is Chair will be the person who makes the statement. 21 adjusted

Facilitator Larry reminded the subcommittee that the slide deck from Powell does reference this. A formal report from the CRB to Council. The idea that the Board as a body felt if the Chief's decision was improper can communicate that in a report to council.

Member Crigler states that she hears what Ismael is saying about disagreement with the Chief's overall decision. They should be able to address certain concerns. I agree with Ismael. I'm thinking there has to be a set aside where the CRB can sit down after being outside of the city council in a special meeting to address concerns to discuss further.

Facilitator Larry suggested that the subcommittee try to create a process by which it occurs rather than saying anyone can talk about this. Let's provide a way the CRB can convey to gain attention of the people that have the influence over it.

Chief Lalley agrees that the language is

complete. She got it to the core and the legal team can look further.

The core is there is a high profile case and this is where we're at. Just a case status. Keep the community involved.

Facilitator Larry took language from the slide deck from Powell.

Chief Lalley states the Civilian Review Board goes to City Council and needs to state that I provide information on why I disagreed.

Member Cordova has a Recommendation on individual running for office.

Member Crigler said You can't use the office as points to run.

Cordova: If you are running for office at any point you can't be on the CRB or you can't use CRB to promote your candidacy.

Crigler: If you are currently in the process if you're on the board and want to run you have to complete your run with the CRB. There is going to be a lot of information given. I don't think CRB should be used to get elected.

Member Cordova suggested Including language about replacement members. They can remove themselves temporarily if they want to run. What happens if/when they are appointed. They must withdraw from the CRB.

Member Habun suggests that candidates running for office should not be considered for the CRB. If someone is on the CRB and decides to run I do not use any experiences from the CRB for leverage.

		<p>Member Cordova suggested bringing this to the entire Task Force to be voted on</p> <p>Facilitator Larry stated that he will pull language that the City has from other boards and circulate it and if you want to change you can. Removal/resignation pull language from other City of Elgin Boards. Currently there isn't a subpoena in place.</p> <p>Chief Lalley explains we have the power to subpoena criminal cases that are not in the criminal process. We don't subpoena people. It's their voice if they want to speak to us. We can reach out to people who the CRB recommends us to reach out to.</p> <p>Facilitator Larry suggested looking at other boards in regards to this. Any concerns?</p> <p>Agreed by subcommittee.</p>
<p>7:00pm</p>	<p>Finalize recommendations</p>	
<p>7:55pm</p>	<p>Recap and discussion of next steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send entire recommendations to the Task Force ● Send process on voting, it's a suggested path ● Categorize the recommendations ● Next meeting TBD. to conclude recommendations but we need to make sure we are meeting deadlines. ● April 7th possibly in person meeting. ● Who will present to the full Task Force Habun and Crigler ● Possible Meeting April 4 <p>Meeting adjourned @8:01pm</p>

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