

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2012**

Board Members:

Jarrold Bentley (absent)
Crystal Collette, Chair
Demetria Gammage
Carole Horan
Timothy Jennings-Bey
Louis Levine

Sarah McIlvain
Donna Oppedisano
Rachel Smith
Tafara Timmons
Diane Turner

Quorum Present

Call to order: 6:35 p.m.

Call To Executive Session: 6:37-7:47

Board Recommendation: Sarah seconded the recommendation of the Search committee for the hiring of an administrator **Motion APPROVED unanimously**

Minutes: APPROVED with one abstention

General Business

- Rachel announced that an administrator has been hired by the board and that an announcement would be made the following Monday after the candidate had accepted the position
- The lengthy, but important training held did not allow time for committees to meet

Committee Reports:

Community and Youth Engagement:

- Demetria Gammage has been added to this committee
- Noble will chair
- A caution was issued to be sure that the make-up of committees includes all members and is a good cross section of board members
- This committee's first task will be to set up the community forums in each district as required by the legislation
 - Crystal will get the district map to Noble with the hope that we will be able to begin in late May or early June (once our administrator is aboard)
 - Committee will begin an outreach campaign focused on getting out the message that we do exist and that we are a resource for the community
 - The question was raised about how to engage the youth. One suggestion was that it be done through the High School Participation in

Government classes. The committee will bring a recommendation regarding this

Search Committee:

- This committee will cease to exist once the administrator has accepted

Training Committee:

- This committee will meet after the general meeting and will connect through e-mail
- Its first priority is to establish goals and prioritize the training required for members
- Next training will be with Chief Fowler on April 19

Government and Police Interface:

- This committee will meet on April 20th

Old Business

- The By-Laws will be undertaken through the administrator, but for now, there is no committee set to work on them
- Old Cases
 - How far back should we look at complaints? The legislation does not have a time-line in place
 - Some old cases may be too old to investigate, but may provide valuable information for our use and for police training purposes
 - Crystal has been encouraging people who filed under the old board to file...we will look into the cases and at least document them
 - No conclusion was reached...we will revisit this discussion
- Crystal advised that Corporation Council is eager to work with us

Motion to Adjourn: 8:19 All in favor

Public Comment Period:

The following concerns and questions were raised by members of the community:

- We still have no nametags and the community wants to know who we are
- We need a flier about upcoming meetings. Thanks, Tafara, for offering to do this

Respectfully Submitted
Donna M. Oppedisano,
Recording Secretary
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