

Lockport PPR Committee

Meeting Minutes September 14, 2020

I. Call to order

Chief Abbott call to order the second city of Lockport Police Policy Review Committee meeting 6:30 pm at 1 Locks Plaza room m-24, as well as those in attendance remotely at link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/124041165>


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Roll call

Mary Pat conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: **Attendance:** Police Chief Steven Abbott; Mayor Michelle Roman; Alderwoman-At-Large Ellen Schratz; Civil Service/Personnel Director- Mary Pat Filbert; Corporation Counsel Jason Cafarella; Police Union President Kevin Lucinski; Police Union Vice President Tricia Vosburgh; Police Board Chairwoman Commissioner Flora Hawkins; Human Relations Chairwoman Commissioner LauraLee Zagarrigo; Human Relations Commissioner Felicia Grooms; Community Police Aide Mark Sanders **Absent:** Alderwoman Kelly Vandemark; Police Board Commissioner Cheryl Brown

II. Open issues

- a) Public Input Meetings- Mayor Roman
 - i) Completed 8 public input meetings- Citizen comments included at the end
 - ii) Survey- Prepare survey to have live by September 25.
 - iii) County Police policy review committee has Lenny Thomas as the city representative
- b) Police Policy Updates- Chief Abbott
 - i) Stop It anonymous reporting app is going live tomorrow, Tuesday September 15
 - ii) 1/3 of policies updated and previously shared- no questions; 1/3 of policies will be updated by mid-September; 1/3 of policies will be updated by early November
 - iii) ADA from county office is assigned to our committee


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- iv) Close to 150 candidates signed up to take the civil service exam scheduled for September 26.
 - c) Union Input- Kevin Lucinski and Tricia Vosburgh- PDF created with sample tests and answer keys available. Email klucinski@lockportny.gov for a copy. Mary Pat will share information with anyone who requests it. It will be posted on city sites, as well.

III. Next Steps

- a) Tasks-
 - i) Chief Abbott is emailing the sample survey from Syracuse.
 - ii) Members of committee will send their survey question suggestions to chief by Friday September 18
 - iii) Chief and Mayor will create draft survey and share to committee by Monday September 21
 - iv) Members of the committee will give comments/suggestions on draft by Wednesday September 23
 - v) Survey will go live Friday September 25- shared with press, website, social media and residents who shared their contact information.
 - vi) Flo and Mark will start process for universal traffic stop protocols
- b) Next meeting- think about specific policies that you want to see enhance, modified, eliminated, or added for the overall suggestions to the police board and council. Start to formalize the review process and outcome.

IV. Adjournment

Chief Abbott call to order the second city of Lockport Police Policy Review Committee meeting on Tuesday October 13 at 6:30 pm.



Community Input Meeting Comments:

Increase Patrols
Block Clubs/Neighborhood Watch
Anonymity for Witnesses
Community Education (how citizens can help)
Call Police to establish nuisance houses
security cameras on private property- register w/ police
police explorers at the high school
ride along with police
transparency- keep it up
increase patrols- foot/bike
Expand neighborhood watch/block programs
Get to know neighbors
Block parties with health screenings/services
enforceable noise ordinance
anonymity for witnesses

find grants and other funding opportunities
respect citizens
gang unit
shot spotter program
better communications between police & crises services
clear procedures
training for screeners
Volunteers to help
Community Garden in park
More Patrols
Improved Lighting
Neighborhood Watch
communication training for all officers
role play training
enforcable noise ordinance
anonymous reporting- publicize how to report
newsletter communication for people offline
youth activities-boys and girls club
work as a community
reuse old YMCA for community center

stop good ol' boy network
listen to citizen complaints
improve response time
no excuses from police
don't blow off residents
Mental Health crises supports
Improve Police Response
stop being interested in being in charge
don't defund the police-
call appropriate agencies i.e. mental health/substance abuse
certify people to work with special circumstances
drug house
gang issues
Speed Control
Better Communication
competitive salaries
budget limitations
budget limitations
civil service and CBAs
Budget
Teen Issues
Apartments
Tree Issue/Drain issue
Park Improvements