City of Salem Community Police Review Board

January 14, 2020 6:00 p.m. City Manager's Office Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jodi Sherwood, Chair; Bevin Clapper, Vice Chair; Steven Rice and Michelle Teed.

Members Absent: Lowell Alik, Erin Hull, and Robert McGinty

Guests Present: Sgt. Stephen Smith, Salem Police Dept., Sgt. Matthew Riddle, Salem Police Department

Staff Present: Gretchen Bennett, Mayor/City Manager's Office, Marc Weinstein, City Attorney's Office

- **1. Roll Call**. Chair Sherwood welcomed everyone. Introductions were shared.
- **2. Approval of Minutes**. Vice Chair Clapper motioned to approve the October meeting minutes as presented. Member Teed seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.
- 3. Public Comment: None provided
- 4. Consideration of Requests from City Manager or Chief of Police: None
- 5. Training: Arrest Procedures Sgt. Riddle provided an overview of arrest procedures. The Board visited the parking garage to discuss the topic near a police vehicle. He noted that being arrested doesn't automatically mean being lodged in jail. Some arrests are "cite and release." The person receives a citation and are expected to present at court to discuss the matter. If the person fails to appear, a warrant is commonly issued. Chair Sherwood clarified when a person would be lodged. There are certain types of crimes wherein the person would be lodged; with other crimes, it can depend upon the public interest, jail space availability and/or DA Office input.

Types of handcuffs were described. SPD buys double locking cuffs to ensure they don't further tighten on people. The group talked about times when a person would be handcuffed. Sometimes a person needs to be cuffed for their own safety, such as if the person is experiencing an emotional disturbance and are being transported to the hospital. It was noted crime requires a culpable mental state; willful fleeing an accident isn't the same as leaving, and then realizing, for example. Chair Sherwood asked about medical issues and arrest procedures. Sgt. Riddle explained sometimes cuffs need to be placed in the front of a persons' body; there are exceptions based upon circumstances. Flex cuffs are available such as for when a person has a cast on their arm. In a medical emergency, medical aid is the priority, and then cuffs.

The process for placing cuffs and then guiding a person into a vehicle was demonstrated.

- **6. Requests for Review Hearings:** No new requests for review hearings have been received. Gretchen provided an update regarding the pending case review. Board correspondence was sent; no reply was received. Vice Chair Clapper moved to dismiss the pending case 16-Fl-0013. Member Rice seconded the motion. Member Teed clarified the process. The motion to dismiss the case was approved unanimously.
- **7. Election:** Vice Chair Clapper moved to pend the election of officers until the next meeting, to afford a greater participation. Member Teed seconded the motion. The motion to delay the election of officers was unanimously approved.
- **8. Ride Along Status Update:** An update was provided. Member Rice commented he is impressed with the amount of time officers spent with people experiencing homelessness. He talked about the amount of respect shown by the officer.
- 9. Board Member Remarks: Vice Chair Clapper would like to revisit the conversation on data. She would also like to hear more information about the opportunity for the chair or someone from this board to sit on the recruitment team for the chief. The group discussed upcoming meeting agendas: data, public meeting law, and mock hearings are all topics for future meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Gretchen Bennett, Staff Liaison