

DULUTH CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: October 23, 2024; Call to Order: 1730

Present board members: President Franklin, Bobbie Underthun, Chenoa Williams, Todd Maas

Others in attendance: City Councilor Tara Swenson, Lt. Steve Ring, Police Chief Mike Ceynowa, Human Rights Office representative Laura Laaksonen, and citizens- Betty Greene and Kathy.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 1730
 2. **Public comments:** None
 3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve – Todd Maas, Seconded- Bobbie Underthun
 4. **Police Liaison Report:**
 - Request was made by President Franklin on how Priley wrapped up? Chief Ceynowa explained this started on May 1, 2024 and continued through the summer with multiple calls on overdoses.
 - The property signage was posted for 7 days to get people moving, and most people lined up private transportation and moved things on their own accord.
 - There were 2 arrests that morning. The first was an occupant hanging on or grabbing permanent items from the site. The other arrest was someone who claimed to be a journalist. This person was told he/she/ they could not occupy the space and were arrested for obstruction.
 - Any remaining items that were abandoned were removed.
 - Some occupants moved to the Point of Rocks encampment. There was a stabbing there, property signage was posted, and Life Safety assisted with moving that camp. This camp took 4 days to clean up. Some of the items found were needles and TVs.
 - President Franklin asked, "When someone is cited, what is the cost"? Chief Ceynowa replied, "Per city ordinance, the fine is \$200.00. We do try to react and get people to move before these become 4–5-day clean ups. These were admin fees". President Franklin asked, "What does this mean"? Chief Ceynowa replied, "The only option we have is to assess the fine; and we can waive it." Citizen-Kathy stated, "The people who get fined, do not have money, and end up in jail. That's the city council, they don't know what they are doing". Board member- Maas, stated, "So some people with go through the summer racking
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many move back to the metro. Pathway for non-traditional students gives the police department \$50,000 to have 2-4 year degrees, which helps with room and board, so think of people going for their second career. Unfortunately, this is only in Hennepin County and we are trying to work with Fond Du Lac to get that there." Lt Ring stated, "There was only one female in the last application process and she was 18 y/o. We did look into if there were any age minimums and offered a CSO position, but she moved to Montana. We do like to see some life experience, and decision making." President Franklin asked, "In regards to 30 x 30, where are we at now?" Lt. Ring stated, "18% and if we hire 2 more, we bump up 4%." Chief Ceynowa stated, "When I started we had more females. 50% of the specialty positions were occupied, and hopefully we can get some diversity back in our ranks because in 2025, 2500 officers are eligible for retirement."

8. Other Business:

- President Franklin stated, "I hate to air our dirty laundry here, but as far as CRB, there has not been much contain with board member Blair, and I am really left wondering about his availability".
- Citizen- Betty Greene asked, "Where are things with the Human Rights Officer?" Human Rights Representative- Laura stated, "Second interviews are tomorrow, and we are hoping to hear by next week."
- Board member- Underthun asked, "Any ideas for the CRB outing/retreat?" President Franklin stated, "We will have to look at January due to the holidays. We will want a theme and agenda, so I will reach out to prior members to see how this has worked before."
- There will be no meeting in December due to Christmas. We will be meeting for the end of the year on Wednesday Nov 20 if all are agreeable. Bring coffee or something to eat because this will be a long one.

9. Adjourn: 1810