

## Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting MARCH 9, 2022

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X Paul Soptick  
Scott Mackey  
X Reed Partridge  
ZOOM Irene Caudillo  
X Dan Soptic  
X Lynn Melton  
ZOOM Casey Meyer  
Kent Anderson  
X Kimberly Weaver  
Kelly Herron  
LaRon Thompson  
Abbie Dillard  
X Karl Oakman  
ZOOM Kendall McReynolds  
Raymond Nunez  
Gayle Townsend  
ZOOM Nancy Chartrand  
David Patton  
ZOOM J'Hiesa (Nikki) Richardson  
ZOOM Michael Armstrong  
X Rick Behrens  
X Duane Beth  
George Simms  
Curtis Nicholson  
X William Barajas

Rick Behrens opened the meeting at 4:15pm .

As committee chair Rick Behrens will use the ZOOM video as minutes of the meeting but also wants a written outline of the meeting.

A discussion was held in reference to the 2016 Legislative Audit Areas of Improvement and a survey of board members points of discussion.

The audit says “ the flow of information generally flows in one direction” from law enforcement to the board, and changing the Monthly Agenda will help in this respect.

The demographic makeup of the LEAB could better reflect the community, including age. Progress has been made in this area.

The LEAB could improve its community outreach. Discussion on this point.

LEAB members should not rely on law enforcement for agenda items. This month's agenda reflects this point.

LEAB attendance could improve. This month was a definite improvement with 15 in attendance either in person or ZOOM.

LEAB reports will be submitted per the ordinance no later than June 1 and December 1.

A discussion on street racing was held. Casey Meyer talked to the street racing ordinance. Chief Oakman brought up several issues. Street racing was not a majority of persons of color but usually a majority of white individuals. Kansas City Missouri incidents of street racing had 16 shootings at the events. Kansas City Kansas had one homicide and 1 spectator death other than shooting at these events. Sheriff Soptic said Street racing is spectator driven and the way to stop street racing is to eliminate the spectators. These events are being held all over in KCMO AND KCK and other locations. Kaw Point is locked up each night because of incidents like these. There are no teeth in our ordinance ( such as KCMO;s) as of yet.

A board member had a question in reference to the death in the detention center. Sheriff Soptic stated that there is an ongoing investigation internally and by the KBI, and at this time it looks like a natural death or a medical issue, but because it is an ongoing investigation he cannot comment on. There was another death a week ago Thursday and was also investigated by the Kbi and also the DA'S office was called in and that was ruled a suicide. Sheriff Soptic wanted everyone to know that a third party company is hired to provide health related treatment , both physical and mental 24 / 7 / 365 for the inmates.

A question was asked by a board member about the LEAB touring the jail and Sheriff Soptic said he would set up a time for that.

Sheriff Soptic stated that there was one COVID case in the jail at this time.

Chief Oakman talked about the Peace March on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 starting at 5<sup>th</sup> n Washington to 5<sup>th</sup> n Parallel and will have a rally and lunch at that time.

There will be a ribbon cutting at the West Patrol location ( meet n greet ) on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm.

The South Patrol will have an open house ( meet n greet ) on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

The East Patrol is working on a date and time for their new location at the Indian Springs offices.

The Police Department is hiring 18 summer cadets ages 15 to 18 at \$15.00 / hour.

Each station of the pd is having a youth engagement age 12 to 15 to teach the youth anger management and conflict resolution.

Chief Oakman wanted us to know the new Police Department motto: KCK Building Community TIES, which stands for Transparency, Integrity, Engagement, and Service.

Chief Oakman said they will be doing some high level operations against some of the drug dealer , in part that in 2020 we had 27 drug overdoses.

Chief Oakman said there should be a flyer available by the end of the week on all the events happening .

These minutes are to reflect an outline of the meeting used with the ZOOM video posted on line in the LEAB SITE.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:15