

# Law Enforcement Advisory Board

UG Kansas City, Kansas/Wyandotte County

Minutes from Listening Session

August 9, 2023

Members in attendance: Ladora Lattimore, Duane Beth, Paul Soptick, William Barajas, Kendall McReynolds, Lynn Melton, David Patton, Marcus Winn, Nikki Richardson, and Reed Partridge. UG Commissioner Burroughs also attended.

Session called to order by Chairperson Lattimore. who explained the purpose and duty of the LEAB.

Chairperson Lattimore opened the session to citizen comments.

A citizen said his area of the city was underserved by police patrols and requested more patrolling because of shots fired incidents and trash dumping. Specifically an area around the 2500 block of Cleveland and Rowland streets.

The problem of homeless individuals was raised, citing the increased number of homeless needing shelter and services. Commissioner Burroughs explained, at length, the difficulties of providing services due to the excessive number of homeless being forced into KCK/WyCo by surrounding municipalities. He detailed how the lack of funding, how there is little cohesive response to solutions, and why simply providing shelter/services will actually increased the problem. A new homeless camp north of 50<sup>th</sup> and State was mentioned.

The schedule of budget meetings for the UG was discussed.

Paul Soptick moved to adjourn, David Patton seconded, and the vote was to adjourn.

Submitted by substitute secretary Kendall McReynolds