

October 1, 2018 Observer Report

Committee: Human Services

Observer: Eileen Lowery

Meeting began: 8:23 p.m.

Meeting Ended: 9:07 p.m.

Committee Members: Alderpersons Fleming (chair), Fiske, Braithwaite, Rue Simmons and Revelle

Staff Present: N. Whyte, L. Hemingway, W. Bobkiewicz, M. Treto, R. Eddington, J. Pickett, Commanders Glew and Leak

Media Present: EvanstonNow, Evanston Roundtable, NU

Citizen Comment: Two citizen comments called for increase community participation in Police Chief recruitment and increased citizen notification of participatory meetings.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(HH1) Review of Police Complaints Summary of one complaint which has been reviewed by the Citizen Police Advisory Committee.

Commander Leaks addressed questions regarding complaint that body camera was not engaged during a recent encounter; there was a technical malfunction, the camera was not synced properly with car electronics and has since been remedied.

(HH2) Police Issues Work Plan Update Two officers have been Crisis Intervention Trained

Commander Glew reported that the Work Plan is being transitioned to the online dashboard and will be online. The dashboard will be updated daily and should be more user friendly. Citizens will be able to view data-sets the department frequently receives questions about: Arrests, CAD Events (Police Activity), Citations, Commendations, Complaints, Evanston Contact Cards, Police Crashes, FOIA Requests Processed, Guns Recovered, Traffic Stops, Use of Force and Part I Crimes.

(HH3) Use of Force Annual Report In 2018, the Use of Force Panel reviewed a total of 24 incidents where force was used by a member of the Evanston Police Department.

Commander Leaks provided an overview of the report in the packet, he and Chief Eddington answered questions about state mandated use of force investigations.

(HH4) Evanston Gang File Audit Results of an April 2018 audit of Gang Files

Chief Eddington reported that the audit will keep their files updated and reiterated that the files are just one tool used in the police process.

(HH5) Police Chief Recruitment Update

City Manager Bobkiewicz reported there will be another community meeting at ETHS, date/time tbd, expects that reviews will conclude in the 2nd week in Nov followed by panel interviews. The panels will consist of peers, staff and community.

(HH6) Duluth Speak Your Peace-The Civility Project Presentation A community-based effort to urge citizens of the community to communicate in a respectful way.

Aldersperson Fiske thanked staff for providing information for the meeting packet and spoke to the importance of improving civility citing the positive response to the Duluth project presentation at a recent Ward 1 meeting.

V. ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

Aldersperson Braithwaite stated the Alternatives to Arrest Special Council Committee will report at the one of the next 2 meetings.