

Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations Minutes

July 21, 2025 – 6:00P.M.
Twin Towers Building, Room 420
(456 Fulton St., Peoria, IL)

The Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations met at Twin Towers Building, Room 420, on Monday, July 21, 2025, with proper notice posted. Chair Lang called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bragg, Cuizon, Echevarria, Lang, Palm, Williams, & Wilson.

Excused: Amick, Jackson (Darrell), & Mitchell.

Absent: Boone, Gress, Jackson (Denise), & Sommerville.

City Staff Present: Kirby & Sylvester.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Cuizon motioned to approve the June 16, 2025, meeting minutes; seconded by Member Wilson. Motion passed.

MEETING

Chair Lang presented a draft of committee by-laws that included information pulled from the ordinance that included the committee's created purpose, membership composition & appointments which was pulled directly from the ordinance, meeting time & date, member attendance, elections, & the committee's responsibility as it relates to the city's strategic goals. Asst. City Manager Richardson & Chair Lang discussed OMA for member remote attendance. ACM Richardson clarified that members could participate remotely if it was due to childcare, health or business related. However, the member would not count towards quorum & could not participate in discussion or vote. Chair Lang opened the floor for discussion regarding the committee's strategic goal. Chief Echevarria brought up "smart goals" and encouraged the committee to also create smart goal(s). ACM Richardson passed out a handout explaining what smart (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, & time) goals are. Chair Lang opened the floor for discussion on the committee's mission statement. ACM Richardson discussed the pamphlet & how it explained "who we are" – "the purpose of the Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations is to foster a positive working relationship between community members and the Peoria Police Department." Members confirmed that they wanted this as the mission statement.

Vice-Chair Cuizon discussed how he and Member Williams are working on developing youth coalitions. Vice-Chair Cuizon discussed how he is working on one targeting college & university students and Member Williams is working on one targeting high school students. Both members are involved in their respective student government associations.

Members discussed having goals for the committee. Chief Echevarria encouraged the committee to have one goal that the group can have for the year & that they can measure; for example, attending a number of community events by a certain date. ACM Richardson encouraged members

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to get involved with current city events that are already in place. Chair Lang, Vice-Chair Cuizon, & Member Amick recently attended the city's neighborhood cookout & had a table set up where they represented the committee.

GENERAL POLICE UPDATES

Chair Lang asked about a recent increase in phishing emails that she has been receiving. Chief Echevarria & ACM Richardson encouraged members to never download or click on any attachments or links if they think it is a phishing email. They both recommended contacting the city's IT department.

Chief Echevarria gave a brief overview of the year-to-date shooting statistics which included an increase in homicides. He explained how 2 of the shootings were domestic related and how domestics are difficult to manage from a police viewpoint (i.e. the police department is reactive to situations).

Chair Lang updated the committee on a complaint that was received via email. This parking ticket complaint was resolved as it was issued by OSF security who gave the complainant incorrect information. The complainant was connected with the correct personnel.

Lt. Sylvester briefly discussed the complaint statistics since the last meeting. These included 3 complaints.

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE – none

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.