

Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations Minutes

September 15, 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, September 15, 2025, with proper notice posted. Chair Lang called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Amick, Bragg, Echevarria, Jackson (Denise), Lang, Marlin, Richardson, and Williams.

Excused: Cuizon and Wilson.

Absent: Gress, Jackson (Darrell), Mitchell, Sommerville.

City Staff Present: Kirby, Sylvester, and White.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Palm motioned to approve the August 18, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Chief Echevarria. Motion passed.

MEETING

Chair Lang and Chief Echevarria introduced Shamim Jaleel, Director of the Co-Responder Social Services Unit. Shamim was invited to present an overview of the unit and the services they provide. She discussed how this unit is comprised of non-clinical employees (administrative staff) and clinical employees (social workers) who help connect people to resources during crisis situations. This unit is a collaboration between the Peoria Police Department and Trillium Place, an affiliate of Carle Health. The social workers (of which there are currently two with a third one pending) are a secondary response to community crisis calls with the Peoria Police Department. Chief Echevarria echoed on the importance of the unit. He explained how Peoria is the leader for the Illinois Co-Responder Pilot Program on which there are locations in Peoria, East St. Louis, Springfield, and Waukegan.

Chair Lang opened the floor for discussion on the by-laws. Prior to the meeting, the committee had received an updated draft which included an update for the strategic goal. It was updated to include a generic statement that the committee will align to the City of Peoria's strategic plan. Chair Lang asked for feedback; all members agreed with this update. Chair Lang said that she will forward to Assistant City Manager Richardson for legal's review.

Chair Lang tabled the college community coalition update until the next meeting since Vice-Chair Cuizon was unable to attend.

GENERAL POLICE UPDATES

Lt. Sylvester gave a brief overview of the department's complaint statistics which included 11 additional complaints since the last meeting.

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CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE – none

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.