

Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations Minutes

October 20, 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, October 20, 2025, with proper notice posted. Chair Lang called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Amick, Cuizon, Echevarria, Edwards, Jackson (Denise), Lang, Marlin, Palm, Richardson, and Williams.

Excused: Bragg, Sommerville, and Wilson.

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

City Staff Present: Kirby, Sylvester, and White.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Cuizon motioned to approve the September 15, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Member Palm. Motion passed.

MEETING

Chair Lang opened the floor to discuss members' goals and objectives. Chief Echevarria briefly brought up juvenile law and being a bridge between the community and their local legislators. ACM Richardson discussed the Youth Coalition that Vice Chair Cuizon and Member Williams had worked on and how this is line with what Chief brought up. Vice Chair Cuizon summarized the 5 programs that were outlined in the draft. Chief Echevarria asked if any of them involved parents; Vice Chair Cuizon said that any of them can also include parents.

Member Palm brought up a committee goal of resolving conflict with the community and police department. He mentioned further discussing transparency and accountability. Chair Lang asked if Member Palm would outline this for the next meeting. Vice Chair Cuizon and Member Williams also agreed to work with Member Palm to outline this.

Chair Lang updated the committee on the by-laws draft. She mentioned that she had some questions to clarify with legal.

Vice Chair Cuizon updated members on the Youth Coalition and how both he and Member Williams were exploring grant funding and expecting an increase in student interest. Councilmember Jackson asked about the recent Bradley incident. Chief Echevarria provided a brief update to include commending Bradley on the great job they did responding to this incident. Vice Chair Cuizon emphasized internal changes the student government is exploring to vet outside visitors and to hold students accountable.

GENERAL POLICE UPDATES

Chief Echevarria briefly went over crime statistics to include a 17% decrease in shooting incidents compared to last year. Lt. Sylvester gave a brief overview of the department's complaint statistics which included 9 additional complaints since the last meeting. Chair Lang mentioned an email she had received through the advisory committee email. She briefly mentioned that she tried calling the sender and has not heard back. ACM Richardson discussed educating both the committee (especially since there are new members) and the community about the complaint process. Lt. Sylvester said that he could present on the complaint process at the next meeting. Chief Echevarria clarified that he is not involved in the complaint process and will immediately forward any to internal affairs.

Chair Lang asked new member Dru Edwards to introduce himself to the committee. Member Edwards asked about the transparency dashboard. Chief explained that this dashboard is headed towards a real time update.

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Lou, a concerned citizen, commented on her concerns on parental responsibility regarding juveniles with the nuisance gathering ordinance. She voiced concerns over paying fines, especially among low-income families. She also presented ideas for offering civic engagement.

Tian, a concerned citizen, discussed that she filed a complaint. Chief Echevarria confirmed that the department had received her complaint that is being reviewed by internal affairs. Chief said that Lt. Sylvester could have a conversation with her after the meeting.

Chief circled back to the nuisance gathering ordinance. He discussed that the department is working on an internal policy for officers regarding enforcing this ordinance. He reminded members that there are already curfew laws in place. ACM Richardson also clarified that this is an ordinance violation and discussed the process if you receive a C ticket. Residents have the right to contest these tickets in front of a hearing officer.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.