



Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach
April 3, 2024

Members of the public and CAC members attended this meeting in person/online hybrid format. January 3, 2024 Community Advisory Council meeting was held hybrid in person and via zoom.

PRESENT

Council Members: Trevor Ward, Lorena Barrera, Robin Jurs, George Valenzuela, Darnell Bowen

IOLERO Staff: John Alden, IOLERO Director; Lizett Camacho, Community Engagement Manager; Consultant Rania Adwan

Members of the Public: 3 members of the public attended via Zoom. 10 members attended in-person.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff's Office Administrative Captain, Orlando Rodriguez

Absent: Nathan Solomon, Esther Lemus, Casey Jones, Nancy Pemberton

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was facilitated by CAC Chair Barrera. Council members introduced themselves to the public.

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 7, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

A. Motion to approve the meeting minutes: Councilmember Jurs
2nd: Councilmember Valenzuela
Vote:
Ayes: Jurs, Barrera, Ward, Valenzuela, Bowen
Abstain:
Absent: Lemus, Solomon, Pemberton, Jones
Motion carries.

3. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. We continue to have the following vacancies:

- District 2
- District 5

4. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Chair Barrera announced there was an email from a community member concerned with the Board of Supervisors intent to redefining the specifications for the position of the IOLERO Director. This was not an item on the agenda, however Director Alden will be speaking on the item during the director's report.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Alden shared that the IOLERO office construction project is almost completed. We are working on an interview room inside the office that will be used to do confidential and independent investigative work.

IOLERO staff continue to attend more trainings. State law designates IOLERO as an Inspector General under the Government Code, and we talk to other Inspector Generals about how they do the work and what rules they use to guide their auditors. Some staff will be attending an auditor training with the Los Angeles Police Department late April. Also, we have sent some staff to the same Internal Affairs training that the Sheriff's Office attends. These are offered statewide through POST, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

We continue doing outreach, including with Leadership Santa Rosa (LSR) and La Prensa. Last month we also met with the NAACP and the Press Democrat.

We have a whistleblower complaint portal on our website now, so that county employees can file a complaint there.

After conversations with the Chair and Vice Chair, we decided to contract with an outside consultant, Rania Adwan, that will help the ad hocs organize their work and move forward. Rania Adwan then spoke to her qualifications and experience. In the last few years, she has particularly done consulting with the San Francisco Police Commission as well as the Oakland Police Commission by helping them capture their policy work. In the next weeks, Rania will be introduced to, and start working with, the various ad hocs.

Public Comment: 1 member of the public addressed the director

8. SHERIFF'S LIAISON REPORT

A. Sheriff's Office Captain Orlando Rodriguez shared about who he was and what brought him to work with the Sheriff's Office.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Recap of the 2024 Strategic Planning Workshop and Possible Action on Acceptance of the 2024 CAC Work Plan

CAC members discussed and shared all the positives which took place at the retreat. 2024 CAC Work Plan was accepted.

B. Confirmation of ad hoc and Standing Committee Appointments for 2024

CAC members discussed the work that has been completed and not completed within the ad hocs. CAC members confirmed which ad hocs they wanted to continue to participate in.

Public comment: 3 members of the public addressed the CAC.

10. CAC AD HOC REPORTS

A. Community Engagement: No report

B. Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA): Ad hoc met in March and were provided the name of the RIPA Administrator Lt. Burris. A meeting was scheduled last week of March. This meeting was cancelled. The ad hoc will be following up with Lt. Jones.

C. Recruitment and Hiring Practices: No report

D. Policy Recommendations Review (Canine): The ad hoc has reviewed current Sheriff's Office policies regarding the use of canines. The ad hoc just received an update to the Sheriff's Office canine policy and is reviewing this update. The ad hoc met a month ago and is looking forward to meet with the Sheriff's Office Personnel to review the updated policy. CAC members will be attending a canine training next month. Ad hoc Chair Casey has discussed with John the possibility of having a presentation to the CAC about the canine policy work the ad hoc has completed.

E. Evictions: ad hoc has met twice and is discussing how evictions can be carried out differently.

11. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment: 5 members of the public addressed the CAC.

12. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Whistleblower Portal website location and how it will be advertised
- B. Advocating for Independence with the BOS and CAO
- C. Update on the Pelaez-Chavez case

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:00pm and it will be hybrid (via zoom and in-person).

Location:
Finley Community Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Manzanita Room
Santa Rosa, CA. 95401