



APPROVED

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS/BLACK LIVES MATTER
JOINT TASK FORCE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE SOUTH HURON, YPSILANTI, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm

II. ROLL CALL –

TASK FORCE

Council Member Nicole Brown, Chair	Absent
HRC Commissioner Jennifer Symanns	Present
Council Member Anne Brown	Present (7:25)
HRC Commissioner John Shuler, Co-Chair	Present
Council Member Brian Robb	Present
HRC Commissioner Theresa Saunders	Present

III. INVOCATION –

Commissioner John Shuler asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

V. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Commissioner Saunders moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Robb to approve the agenda.

On a voice vote the motion carried, and the agenda was approved as submitted.

VI. MINUTES

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Commissioner Symanns moved, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes.

On a voice vote the motion carried and the minutes were approved as submitted.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS –

1. Community Oversight/ Citizen Review Board
 - a. Sub-Committee Report

Commissioner Symanns stated she was waiting for the Deputy Chief of Eastern Michigan University Police Department to contact her regarding the structure of its Citizen Review Board. Commissioner Shuler asked if U of M has a Review Board. Ms. Symanns responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Saunders stated attempts have been made inquiring if Eastern Michigan University has a review board. Ms. Saunders added Council Member Anne Brown recently sent an email informing the Task Force that a bill had been signed in Michigan requiring further training for police officers. Commissioner Saunders responded it would be interesting to know how that bill will be implemented and the training funded. Council Member Anne Brown responded she will provide the details.

Council Member Robb stated Southfield has an advisory board and not a review board. Council Member Anne Brown responded Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said Southfield has been investigated for best practices. Ms. Anne Brown added the sub-committee was tasked with deciding if it would recommend the City implement a review board and feels that task was complete. Commissioner Shuler replied he would like the sub-committee to structure how a review board would be designed and its function.

Commissioner Saunders said part of the next steps is to engage the community. Council Member Anne Brown added it is her hope that the community will assist in the design of the board.

Commissioner Shuler asked what other tasks this task force will carry out other than the formation of a review board. Council Member Anne Brown stated Sheriff Clayton informed her training regarding implicit bias will be held.

Commissioner Shuler stated there was recently a Presidential Commission regarding items listed by Campaign Zero. Council Member Anne Brown responded the findings of that Commission were examined by the sub-committee and could be included in the resolution provided to the task force. Mr. Shuler responded he feels the recommendations should be considered separately by the task force. Ms. Anne Brown responded the Campaign Zero recommendations have already been reviewed by this task force.

Commissioner Shuler asked if the task force was satisfied with the response from Chief DeGiusti regarding officer training. Commissioner Saunders replied that task might best be examined by the oversight board once it is created. Mr. Shuler asked if the purpose of the review board to help form policy. Council Member Anne Brown responded the sub-committee felt the review board would have a broad charge.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

IX. CHAIR RESPONSE –

None

X. ADJOURNMENT –

Council Member Anne Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Symanns to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.