

CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD REPORT

August 1, 2012 through August 1, 2013

History of the Board, Charge, Meetings and Attendance

The Citizens' Review Board came into existence in September, 1997. The Board reviews appeals from the outcome of citizen complaints to the Police Department about use of force, unbecoming conduct, arrest, search and seizure by a sworn police officer. In addition, the disposition of the review of any discharge of firearm by an officer, which results in the death or injury of a person, may be appealed to the Board. The Board also serves in an advisory role to the Chief of Police, the City Manager and the City Council. It is charged with making periodic reports to the Chief of Police, the City Manager, the City Council and the Community Relations Committee. The Board meets on the second and/or fourth Tuesday of the month when appeals are received. The Board has had five meetings and during this reporting year. All members meet the attendance requirement.

Current Members

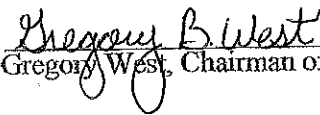
Currently, the 11 Board members are Mr. Alan Adler, Mr. Jason Baker, Mr. Lance Berger, Ms. Victoria Corwin, Ms. Theresa A. Halsey, Ms. Robbie Harrison, Mr. Harvey Katowitz (Vice-Chair), Ms. Carolyn Millen, Mr. Ken Rance, Ms. Brigit Taylor, and Mr. Gregory West (Chair).

Board Activity for this Period

During this period, the Board has considered two appeals. The governing ordinance provides that the Board may hold an appeals hearing only "when it appears, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that the disposition of the disciplinary charges entered by the Chief of Police constituted an abuse of discretion." No hearings were held during this time period.

Recommendations to Council

In light of questions raised by citizens regarding the Board and its' having found in favor of the Police Department in all cases considered since 1997, some members of the board are currently working with the Community Relations Committee to receive input from community stakeholders and is reviewing the charge of the Citizens' Review Board and the abuse of discretion standard that citizens filing complaints are required to meet. At the conclusion of the stakeholder process, the Board may have some recommendations for redefining the charge of the Board.


Gregory West, Chairman of the Board