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College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2024 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom

Committee Members Present: Joel Peterson, John Parker, Jack Beresford, Nadia Sayeh, Darius Spearman, Steve Major, Kimberly Palek, Majeda Nasrawi, Anna Liza Manzo, Trenton Romero, Jazz Koehler, Angel Wilson, Xtopher Ruiz, Joseph Ramos, Nancy Schumaker, Patrick Velasquez, Aimee Gallagher

Committee Members Absent: Marco Guajardo, Alex Acevedo, Zora Williams, Haydee Zuniga

Meeting commenced at 2:02 pm

VP Parker asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented, approved with unanimous consent.

VP Parker asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 10, 2024, approved with unanimous consent as distributed.

VP Parker welcomed the new committee members followed by a round of introductions.

VP Parker asked the committee to consider submitting nominations, including self-nomination, for a new committee chair, vice-chair, and one (1) citizen-at-large member. Nominees will be presented during the October meeting and the vote will occur in November.

Chief Ramos shared updates on notable police investigations, incident calls and trainings. During the months June, July and August the police department received 2,023 calls for service to the communication center and engaged in 5,736 officer initiated activities. Officers conducted 4,660 security checks (169 intrusion alarms). They assisted with 112 staff and student assists including escorts, doors, vehicle assistance, and 23 classroom call box responses. They conducted 174 crime and or arrest reports including 23 misdemeanors, 21 felonies, 51 citations, and facilitated 5 protective custody for mental health evaluations. Noteworthy incidents included separate mental crisis responses to individuals on structures that successfully resulted in mental health treatment; a domestic altercation; recovery of a student's stolen bicycle; and assisting a struggling military veteran student. Notable trainings included several ALICE trainings. Chief Ramos shared a presentation outlining numerous extensive trainings that the department participated in over the summer, which included mandatory training for the Racial and Identity Profiling Act; advanced officer training; the San Diego County Regional Institute Leadership course for supervisors; and preparation for demonstrations. He also announced the implementation of virtual reality training to create realistic scenarios for de-escalation, use of force, and search training.

VC Peterson referred to the conducted energy devices (aka TASERS) documents distributed to the committee for review prior to the meeting. He reported that SDCCD hired an independent consultant, Secure Brands, to complete an exhaustive analysis of thousands of studies and reports; and, that over 98% of US law enforcement agencies have deployed CEDs, with SDCCD being one of the few exceptions. VC Peterson stated that Chief Ramos has officially recommended moving forward with

seeking authority for the SDCCD Police Department to deploy CEDs, ensuring that the concerns of this committee would be represented as the formal recommendation is considered through SDCCD's participatory governance.

Darius emphasized that the evidence in consideration of recent incidents involving officers and suspects did not necessarily support that the outcomes would have been different if Tasers had been deployed. The committee expressed a variety of concerns including a need to understand safety implications of not implementing non-lethal force; studies showing Tasers did not reduce the number of police involved shootings; benefits of available force options in a range of situations; the importance of officers prepared for any situation while having a range of accessible options. The committee agreed to continue discussing the matter of CEDs during the next meeting.

The presentation and supporting documents shared with the committee during the February 2024 meeting by the Taser Subcommittee on Taser Research will be provided to all of the new committee members to review independently.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm