

City of Montpelier Police Review Committee
Meeting Minutes · April 19, 2021
Video Conference

Committee members present: Alyssa Schuren, Michael Sherman, Lauren Hierl, Justin Drechsler, Daniel Towle, Abbey Jermyn, Jack McCullough, Jen Duggan

Other individuals present: Mary Smith, Morgen Edwards (committee intern), Chief Peete, Shaun Stephens, Russel Frank, Stella Kahn, Cameron, Cameron Niedermayer, Stephanie Gomory, Steven Whitaker

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair Alyssa Schuren at 4:30 PM

1. The committee members approved the meeting minutes for March 22, 2021.
2. The Chair opened the meeting for public comments. Each person was provided five minutes to speak. Several members of the public provided comments, and committee members asked questions.
3. Jen noted that the Creative Discourse survey is now live and includes one policing question: What is one action the MPD can take to improve interactions with the community or its services? Cameron gave an overview of how the City and SEJAC are distributing the survey. Cameron noted that the goal is to receive 300 responses with an overrepresentation (10%) of BIPOC responses. The committee members agreed to distribute the survey via their personal networks and to individuals and groups they have met with as part of their stakeholder outreach.
4. Chief Peete provided an overview of the MPD Internal Affairs and Discipline policy as well as proposed improvements he would like to make, and the committee members asked questions.
5. The Chair asked the committee members if they would be willing to schedule an additional meeting on April 28, and the committee members agreed. The meeting will be from 5:00-6:30.
6. The committee members discussed themes from the public hearing and stakeholder engagement. The committee members also discussed whether the consideration of recommendations related to alternative models of policing is within the scope of the committee's charge. Abbey agreed to provide resources to the committee related to abolition.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM
Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Jen Duggan