



Andy Schor, Mayor

City of Lansing HRCS Advisory Board Agenda
Tuesday, September 28, 2021
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Foster Community Center – Room 211
200 N. Foster Street
Lansing, MI 48912

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2021
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Communications
- VI. Proceed to a Closed Meeting for Racial Equity Grant Proposals
- VII. Adjournment

HRCS Advisory Board Members: Dr. Jeffrey Brown (Vice-Chair); Mark Eagle; Ronald Embry (Chair); Chad Guarrant; Josephine Washington (Secretary); Versey Williams, Two Vacancies
HRCS Director: Kimberly A. Coleman

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Note: A possible press conference may be scheduled for the Racial Equity Program Grant announcement.



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The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Chair Ron Embry.

In Attendance: Dr. Jeffrey Brown (Vice-Chair); Ronald Embry (Chair); Chad Guerrant; Josephine Washington (Secretary); and Versey Williams.

Excused: Mark Eagle

HRCS Staff in Attendance: Kimberly A. Coleman, Director, Renee Morgan Freeman, and Willard Walker - Zoom: Guadalupe Ayala; Delvata Moses, and Katrina Urista

J. Brown moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 2nd by C. Guerrant. Motion carried.

J. Washington moved that the minutes of May 25, 2021, be approved. 2nd by J. Brown. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

There were no communications to report.

Petitions/Complaints – G. Ayala reported on the Human Rights Ordinance Complaints, which D. Moses assists. No new complaints have been received. Contact has been made to previous complainants. D. Moses concentrates more on complaints dealing with LPD. HRCS is hoping other staff members will be trained to address mediation. D. Moses stated that one complainant did not consent to mediation; therefore, the process could not go forth without both parties.

Chairperson's Report – Chair Embry called on Director Coleman to introduce Chief Ellery Sosebee and Capitan Baldwin, who presented their reports, including statistics (see supplement). Board members responded to LPD's report with a series of questions. Further discussion ensued. Chief Sosebee stated that his platform is to inform the community of what LPD is doing. The hardest huddle LPD is experiencing is eye-witness cooperation. HRCS's role can be to assist with sharing good stories about LPD.

Director's Report – Director Coleman referred to G. Ayala, who reported that the MRJEA findings are being wrapped up with the final touches and reviews to generate a comprehensive report. Plans are to release the report next month. The HRCS Board will be notified regarding the press release. MPRI presented the Internal Scan to the City Council Committee of the Whole. The City Council also passed a \$300,000 resolution to conduct training identified within the MRJEA report and internal scan. Director Coleman and W. Walker provided updated info on the Racial Equity Program Request for Information and Qualifications Proposal. A discussion ensued. Director Coleman will convene a meeting with Chair Embry to discuss the next steps.

Committee Reports (Program; Budget; Policy; Complaint)

Program Committee: J. Brown reported that the Program Committee meeting would be rescheduled. However, committee members had informal dialogue. J. Brown expressed that they would like to be more involved with grant administration and the allocations process, such as receiving historical information of the agencies. He also cited other areas of concern. There was further discussion. Director Coleman stated that HRCS would review what can be implemented realistically to address the concerns of the program committee. Director Coleman asked K. Urista to share her feedback. K. Urista stated that Director Coleman is focusing on restructuring the HRCS department with additional capacity to address our quality and service delivery. Funds have been received from the federal government, such as CERA, to serve the needs of Ingham County residents and HRCS's role to administer. The department is looking at strategic ways to ensure the money is being utilized to assist residents without funds being returned. HRCS is also working with others to develop a marketing plan to inform the community of the available funds.

There were no other committee reports.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

V. Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

HRCS Advisory Board Members: Dr. Jeffrey Brown/At-Large (Vice-Chair); Mark Eagle/4th Ward; Ronald Embry/2nd Ward (Chair); Chad Guarrant/At-Large; Josephine Washington/1st Ward (Secretary); Versey Williams/3rd Ward, Two At-Large Vacancies

HRCS Director: Kimberly A. Coleman

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 2021

LPD Report presented to HRCS AB – July 27, 2021

The Lansing Police Department has been working diligently to address of violent crime which has been affecting the citizens of Lansing.

We work daily with our federal, state, and other local agencies to address the accused involved in these violent acts.

Our Safe Cities Partnership with the Michigan State Police provides Lansing Residents with more officers enforcing laws, and focusing on violent criminals. They work in conjunction with our Violent Crime Initiative officers to focus on violent offenders and areas within the city which are prone to gun violence through analytics (hot spot policing). The VCI unit also incorporates officers from Ingham and Eaton County as well as MSU and ELPD to assist.

SEIZED FIREARMS STATISTICS

2019: 254

2020: 382

2021 (June): 270 (for year projects to over 500 guns)

From July 21, 2021 to July 25, 2021 VCI and SCP Officers working in the city of Lansing seized 13 guns which were being carried illegally.

SHOTS FIRED INCIDENTS (through June):

2019: 92 (entire year 185)

2020: 171 (entire year 471)

2021: 208 (YTD 243)

These are incidents where there is evidence of a shooting, such as damaged property, shell casings, eye witness accounts of the incident. These numbers also include Non-Fatal Shootings (NFS) and Firearms homicides.

NIBIN:

Evidence collected at shooting scenes are also processed with the help of the ATF and Michigan State Police and entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network. This network links gun violence evidence to other gun violence evidence making connections to locations of crimes, accused subjects or victims, and the firearms which are used. Think of this as Fingerprints and DNA of firearms.

NON FATAL SHOOTINGS (though June):

2019: 26 (entire year 47)

2020: 33 (entire year 85)

2021: 33 (YTD 44)

One of the largest hurdles investigators face in investigation of non-fatal shooting is the lack of cooperation from the victim. I see many of these cases closed out due to the victim not providing investigators any information. There are victims who help us help them, and provide as much information as they can, but many will not tell us anything about the incident.

HOMICIDES:

Recently the Uniform Crime Report showed Lansing with a homicide in the 50 percentile. 2019 UCR showed 58% and 2018 showed 66%.

Actually our numbers for 2019 were 84% and 2018 was 88%.

2020 was a year unlike any others. From Oct to Dec of 2020 we had 10 homicides. Which yearly we average around 12 a year. Over 2020 we had 18 homicide incidents with 21 victims. Our clearance rate is 72% for the year. We continue to work on the 5 open incidents, and have presented a few of those to the ICPO for review, and ask that warrants be issued.

2021 has started out the same as 2020 ended. YTD we have 13 incidents, and 16 victims. We have resolved 7 of those with 6 open. Of the 6 open, we have presented 4 to ICPO. ICPO asks us to conduct further follow up on many of these cases, and sometimes that can take months getting search warrants for cell phone records, and social media records.

Similar to our Non-Fatal Shootings, we need the help of witnesses to come forward and say something. Many witnesses do not come forward, and they advise us they are scared of retaliation of the accused, which in my many years in investigation I have never seen (unlike television). We also cannot go forward with hearsay evidence on these cases, or word on the street. When we get this information we do the best we can to make connections and try to solve the crime based on these tips.

POSITIVE THINGS LPD IS DOING:

Community Engagements though out CSU. Getting out in the neighborhoods, and showing the positive interactions we have with the community. Many of these involve our community police officers, and MSP bike officers to provide a positive experience to the community, and hopefully role models to the kids they interact with.

Youth Leadership Academy at Peckham last week.

Youth Football program support.