

City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Columbia Police Chief's Vehicle Stop Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
6:00 PM
Regular
Conference Room 1C City Hall - 701 E.
Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 4 - Chris Horn, Tabitha Juneau, Derek Moore and Andy Muscato

Absent: 2 - Toni Dukes Larkins and Pamela Hardin

II. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chris Horn made a motion to approve the agenda, and Tabitha Juneau seconded. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 9, 2024 VSC minutes (draft)

Attachments: 2024-04-09 VSC minutes

Chris Horn made a motion to approve the minutes from 04/09/2024, and Derek Moore seconded. The motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chair's Update

There was no chair update.

Other Items to Discuss

Tabitha Juneau talked about the Missouri Attorney General's Vehicle Stop Report. She and the committee discussed that examining rates other than stop rate (such as contraband rate, or search rate) could be a better measure. She also discussed the differences between driving population and actual population for the statistical analyses. The committee discussed how there was a disparity between white and black drivers, but it was difficult to know what to attribute that to. There was further discussion about how disparity was difficult to measure across different agencies, and about the efficiency of searches (in that most searches did not result in discovery of contraband).

Derek Moore discussed that most arrests end in a search, and that it was practice to do so (giving an example of an arrest for driving while intoxicated, and a subsequent search for evidence of that). The committee discussed a desire for detailed information from

racial profiling entries (such as how many citations vs warnings, and dispositions by race). Andy Muscato discussed a policy about prioritizing more dangerous driving behavior for enforcement.

The committee discussed what they were going to do with this report, and that it was not clear how to continue without further and more specific direction from Columbia Police Chief Jill Schlude. The committee also discussed the idiosyncrasies of reporting, such as whether a "frisk for weapons" is categorized as a search or not, and whether a "no report" disposition meant a verbal warning or not. Chris Horn brought up a question about how many weapons are found during frisks and searches, and whether officers are more worried about black people carrying guns than other people.

Derek Moore made a motion to request data on searches, the contraband, the hit rate between them ("incident-level data"), as well as the stop outcome. Chris Horn seconded the motion, and the motion carried at approximately 6:44pm.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS, AND STAFF

None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Chris Horn made a motion to cancel the 07/09/2024 meeting, and to have the next meeting on 08/13/2024. Derek Moore seconded, and the motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chris Horn made a motion to adjourn, and Tabitha Juneau seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45pm.