

Working Group for Police & Community - Group Memory
Meeting December 16, 2021

Meeting Goal: The primary purpose of this meeting was to continue the process of choosing among options for recommendations to City Council.

Co-Chair Welcome & Announcements: The session began with brief welcoming remarks from the committee co-chairs.

Choosing Among Options for Recommendations: The committee considered the options for recommendations on the topic of police oversight options, as well as police and community partnerships and the complaint process. Four recommendations were motioned, seconded, and approved by vote:

- The City Council and City Manager's office should consult with NACOLE to investigate the creation of a Civilian Oversight Board that could function under Wyoming state statute and International City Managers Association guidelines. (Motioned by: Tess Kilwein; Seconded by: Hunter Swilling; 10 voted to “approve”; 8 voted to “not approve”)
- The city council should investigate the creation of a police and community committee to serve as a volunteer group to build a more effective partnership between LPD and the community, specifically looking at increasing transparency of LPD activities, that includes formerly incarcerated individuals and those underserved or otherwise disadvantaged groups from within the city. The city council should collect data to evaluate the program. (Motioned by: Hunter Swilling; Seconded by: Robin Haas; 18 voted to “approve”; 0 voted to “not approve”)
- The city council should investigate the creation of a citizen academy and engage in collecting data to evaluate the program. (Motioned by: Hunter Swilling; Seconded by: Lisa Rich; 13 voted to “approve”; 4 voted to “not approve”)
- City Council should investigate a complaint process that allows citizens to file a complaint outside of LPD. (Motioned by: Andi Summerville; Seconded by: Nate Martin; 18 voted to “approve”; 0 voted to “not approve”)

The working group discussed scheduling an additional meeting, but a majority of the group voted that this last, scheduled meeting should be the final meeting of the group.

In addition, a motion was put forward (Hunter Swilling), seconded (Tess Kilwein), and approved by unanimous vote to allow drafters of the recommendation document to make technical and conforming amendments.

The facilitators and co-chairs thanked the group for their hard work, resulting in six recommendations across various topics within the resolution to be presented to the City Council in early 2022.