Sheriff’s Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2019

**Attendees:**  
Kenneth Winn    Skip Johnson    Larry Marlett    Steve James  
Tom Mackenzie    John Nowles (SCSO)    Mike Davison    Brian Standow  
JT Ramsey    VJ Pavani    Chuck Parker    Vern King  
Mehrdad Samadi

**Guests:**  
None

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM

Minutes were approved for the June 10 meeting.

There were no visitors present wishing to speak in the Open Forum

JT Ramsey was introduced to the CAB as our newest member, Andrew McGee’s clearance is pending awaiting test completion.

Bob West tendered his resignation which leaves us at 15 members, we have three applications pending. The three, Russell Andres, Jeff Fortin, and Kristina Blake will be invited to the October meeting.

**Old Business:**
Deputy Gordon Discipline  
Discussion amongst the board members on what we felt should be the tenor and content of the letter to Sheriff Knezovich.

Themes  
Termination warranted by Sheriff  
Acknowledge of Due Process and mediation or arbitration  
Civil infraction, Not criminal  
Tom Mackenzie to write first draft

**New Business:**
Election of Officers  
Nominations taken from the floor  
Chuck Parker – Chairman  
Tom Mackenzie – Vice Chairman  
Leigh O’Neill – Secretary  
Nominations Closed, Individuals above approved by voice vote
Deputy Sam Turner – Collision with a bike
Chuck Parker was contacted by the Spokesman Review for comment and CAB position before publication of Aug 31 article in the newspaper. At the time no formal review had been taken but left open that the board could take it up.
Interest in the incident was renewed with the Spokane County settlement in the amount of $25K. The incident occurred some two years prior (Aug 31, 2017) when the TV program COPS was filming with the SCSO. The show made it appear that Deputy Sam Turner performed a pit maneuver into a bicycle driven by Austen Sullivan. The City of Spokane Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit investigated. Deputy Turner was put on administrative leave for six weeks while Origin Forensics was called in to assist. The data provided by Origin was compelling showing the bicycle actually turned left into the deputy’s vehicle. This was corroborated with statements made by the TV crew, deputies, and Mr Sullivan. Motion by Larry Marlett/ Brian Standow to defer review at this time was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Our request for complaint statistics for the past 1/5-year periods (John Nowels) was deferred to October meeting as the report is not complete yet.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Next Meeting:
October 14, 2019
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: Spokane County Health District (1101 W. College Ave., Room #140)

Minutes Submitted by
Tom Mackenzie, Vice Chairman