

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VIRTUAL WORK SESSION
JULY 21, 2020**

Mayor Dan Richardson called the July 21, 2020, virtual Work Session to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor
Trustees

Dan Richardson
Lani Kitching
Marty Silverstein
Heather Henry
Erica Sparhawk
Luis Yllanes
Ben Bohmfalk

Staff Present:

Finance Director
Town Clerk
Police Chief
Lieutenant
Lieutenant

Renae Gustine
Cathy Derby
Gene Schilling
Chris Wurtsmith
Kirk Wilson

POLICE POLICIES

Police Chief Gene Schilling and Lieutenants Chris Wurtsmith and Kirk Wilson were in attendance for the meeting.

Kirk, who will be promoted to Police Chief when Gene Schilling retires, stated that he has been speaking with many members of the community including: Alex Sanchez, Mind Springs Mental Health Center, the Hope Center, Perry Will, Bob Rankin, the media, Jeff Channey, Rob Stein etc.. He also attended two Black Lives Matter protests.

He stated the police department has been very busy this year and they have attended multiple graduation parades. He noted that Trustee Sparhawk did a ride-along with three officers last week.

Michelle Muething, Executive Director of the Hope Center, gave an overview of the Hope Center. The Hope Center is an independent crisis program. They are responsible for putting a full time clinician in Roaring Fork High School. They work very closely with law enforcement. Gene noted that the Hope Center has an \$80,000 budget shortfall due to COVID-19 State budget cuts. He asked if the Town could possibly contribute some of the marijuana funds to the Hope Center.

Mayor Richardson asked the Board if they want to change police policies. Trustee Bohmfalk responded that he is comfortable with the use of force policy. However, he would like a broader conversation on how the police interact with the community (community policing).

Trustee Kitching asked Michelle what percentage of calls initiated by the police involve substance abuse. Michelle explained that they do not assess substance abuse cases, they rely on substance abuse specialists.

The Board agreed that they would like the police to continue with the implicit bias training, cultural differences training, concentrate on enhancing the Student Resource Officer position and continue to include mental health clinicians as part of the PD team.

Kirk offered to write an explanation as to what community policing is.

Trustee Sparhawk described her police ride-along experience. The officers had great questions for her, and they told her its important for them to know the Trustees. She encouraged her fellow Trustees to go on a ride-along. She suggested that the police include a line item in their budget for community policing give-aways since one of the officers has been giving kids powerbars that he personally paid for.

Mayor Richardson outlined the next steps which include: define Carbondale's Policing Approach in a conceptual summary; talk about the Student Resource Officer, mental health, recovery center funding (possibly from tobacco tax), and seek continuous community input.


CARES ACT DISCUSSION

Mayor Richardson informed the Board that staff thought we would have received the results of the survey sent to business concerning how CARES Act funding should be spent. However, the survey is not complete and still needs to be translated into Spanish. The Board agreed that the survey should be distributed to all businesses, not just to those who are members of the Chamber. The Trustees suggested that an ad regarding the survey should be placed in the Sopris Sun.

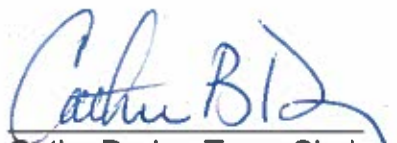
ADJOURNMENT

The July 21, 2020 joint work session adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED


Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cathy Derby, Town Clerk