STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

SUBJECT

DATE:   November 10, 2022                            NO:  K-09
FROM:  CHIEF STANLEY MCFADDEN      TO:  ALL PERSONNEL
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I.  POLICY

The Police Department will have a Community Advisory Board (CAB) that reports to the Office of the Chief of Police. The mission of the CAB is to foster better communication, trust, and collaboration between the people of Stockton and the Police. The CAB gathers a cross-section of the Stockton community for better communication between the community and the Police Department. The board members will maintain an open dialogue with the Office of the Chief of Police Chief. Members will consist of a diverse group of individuals from a variety of disciplines and organizations, including but not limited to: non-profits, community betterment organizations, community activists, education, the business community, social workers, health care, the clergy/ interfaith community and youth leadership.

II. SELECTION

A. Qualifications
   1. Members of the CAB must fulfill the following requirements
      a. Either work or live within the City of Stockton
      b. Volunteer for a two-year term as a member
      c. Represent a discipline, organization, or community group that can provide insight, recommendations, and strategies to enhance the growth of trust between the police department and the community
      d. Show an ability to work collaboratively with people of diverse perspectives and experience
      e. Function in the role as of part “think tank,” making recommendations to the Chief about relevant issues in the community
      f. Be subject to a basic background screening
      g. Not arrested or convicted of any felonies in the last 7 years
      h. Not arrested or convicted of any misdemeanors in the last 2 years

B. Application
   1. Persons wishing to be considered for assignment to the Community Advisory Board will email the Office of the Chief of Police at police.chief@stocktonca.gov and will be contacted when an opening occurs, and new members are being considered.
   2. An application will be provided and returned either by mail or email to police.chief@stocktonca.gov.

III. EXPECTATIONS, DUTIES, AND TERMS

A. Expectations/ Duties
   1. Members of the CAB are expected to attend the scheduled meetings and be prepared to engage in an honest and productive dialogue.
   2. Members of the CAB are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect.
   3. Members of the CAB are expected to maintain the confidentiality of any information that is designated as confidential and discussed and/or disclosed during the meetings.
   4. CAB members are not to utilize the meetings to facilitate personal agendas.
   5. Members of the CAB will be encouraged to attend and participate in major police events (such as swearing-in and promotion ceremonies).
6. CAB members are expected to abide by the General Orders of the Police Department regarding discrimination, harassment, and workplace violence.

7. CAB members are not to identify themselves as active members of the Stockton Police Department.

8. Members of the CAB acknowledge that service is strictly on a volunteer basis and members will not receive any form of compensation.

B. Meetings

Meetings will be as follows.

1. All Members will attend a general meeting once a year in January.
2. Members of the Community Action Group will meet three times a year in February, June, and October.
3. Members of the Community Research Team will meet three times a year in March, July, and November.
4. Members who miss a total of two meetings in a calendar year may be considered to have vacated their position and may be replaced.

C. Terms

1. Effective January 1, 2023, all legacy members of the CAB (service started before June 1, 2022) will serve a two-year term. An extension of service will be at the discretion of the Chief of Police.
2. Newly selected CAB Members will serve a three-year term. A two-year extension of service will be at the discretion of the Chief of Police.
3. CAB members joining after January 2, 2023, will serve a two-year term with an extension of service at the direction of the Chief of Police.
4. Any CAB member leaving before the end of their term will have a replacement chosen by the Chief of Police to finish the term. The replacement CAB member will have the opportunity to serve a full initial term of their own and a two-year extension. An extension of service past will be at the discretion of the Chief of Police.
5. The Chief of Police can exercise their right to revoke membership at any time with or without cause.

IV. CAB SUB-COMMITTEES

The CAB will consist of the overall Community Advisory Board delineated into two subcommittees as defined by the Chief of Police: The Community Action Group and the Community Research Team. Each subcommittee composition will be determined by the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police or their designee will serve as the chairperson of the CAB. The Chief of Police may designate a member of the board to serve as chairperson of a subcommittee. The subcommittee duties are as follows:

A. The Community Action Team

The focus of the Community Action Team will generally be as follows.

1. Coordinate community outreach and engagement at the direction of the Office of the Chief of Police.
2. Assisting in communications to community groups and neighborhood programs.
3. Participate when requested in Departmental community engagement projects.

B. The Community Research Team

The focus of the Community Research Team will generally be as follows.

1. Providing insight on community trends regarding policing.
2. Acting as a sounding board to the Office of the Chief of Police regarding pending legislation that impacts policy and training.
3. Providing feedback on the use of future technology in law enforcement.