



City of Tucson 2017 Public Safety Tax Oversight Commission
Monday, October 14, 2019
Tucson Police Department: Evidence, Property,
and Identification Center (EPIC)
945 E. Ohio Street
Tucson, Arizona 85714

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Commission Chair Andrew Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., the roll was called and a quorum was established.

Present		Absent
Margarita Bernal - Ward 1	*Laura Nagore - Ward 2	Jon Aitken - Ward 4
Michael Ford - Ward 5	Kyle Pitcock - City Manager	Elizabeth (Liddy) West - Ward 3
Oscar Gandy - Ward 6	Andrew Townsend - Mayor	**Polly Knape – City Manager
Harriet Harrell - City Manager	Joe Gulotta - Ex-Officio	Jason Dragon - Ex-Officio
Pilar Martinez - City Manager	Eric Kazmierczak - Ex-Officio	Michael Wintrode - Ex-Officio

*Laura Nagore arrived at 5:34 p.m.

**Polly Knape resigned the Commission in August 2019

2. Approval of Minutes: Aug. 12, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of Aug. 12, 2019, as submitted was passed by a voice vote of 8-0.

3. Call to the Audience

No member of the audience asked to speak to the Commission.

4. Future Agenda Items

Commission members agreed the next meeting would be Monday, Jan. 13, 2020.

5. Distribution of Financial Update Reports (Expenditures and Revenues)

Program Financial Specialist Jasmine Chan distributed financial reports that included information for Safer City through September of 2019. In order to leave enough time for the scheduled tours of the evidence facilities, there was no discussion about the report.

No action was taken.

6. Update on Tucson Delivers Website Visitor Count and Inquiries

Ms. Kerwin said the Tucson Delivers website Home page has had about 4,500 visitors since the site relaunched in the spring, with the Safer City section of the site getting 1,538 visits. She said she would present updated visitor metrics at future meetings. Ms. Margarita Bernal

requested that, as part of spreading awareness to the community on the work of the Program, that Staff draft an oped for the commission to review and publish in the local newspaper. Staff committed to bring a draft back to the Commission for their review and approval.

No action was taken.

She also reported on feedback coming through the website's Contact Us page. She said no comments were related to the Safer City part of Tucson Delivers. She told Commission members she would provide regular updates on feedback.

No action was taken.

- 7. Overview of Evidence Storage Line Item in the Public Safety Improvements Plan**
Before the tour of the Evidence, Property and Identification Center (EPIC) at 945 E. Ohio St., Bill Brantley, Tucson Police Evidence Superintendent, explained how city sales tax collected under the Tucson Delivers program is used at the facility to purchase storage bins to hold evidence collected during investigations. Ms. Kerwin told Commission members that the five-year Tucson Delivers program provides \$90,000 per year for evidence storage.

No action was taken.

- 8. Evidence Tour Discussing Importance of Storage to the Operation**
Mr. Brantley gave a tour of the evidence storage facility highlighting the importance of evidence storage bins and lockers to the operation. He explained the systems used to store evidence. He described safety measures, security systems and organization and classification protocols in place at the facility.

No action was taken.

- 9. Overview of Southside Substation and Fire Station Project and Relocation of Police Vehicle Evidentiary Storage**
Before a tour of the Tucson Police Vehicle Evidence Storage facility at 4410 S. Park Ave., Ms. Kerwin explained that the facility's current location would become the new South Side substation and new Fire Station 10. Efforts are being made to relocate the Vehicle Evidence Storage functions to a location near the Public Safety Training facility, 10001 S. Wilmot Road.

No action was taken.

- 10. Tour of Vehicle Evidentiary Storage**
The meeting was adjourned before the tour of the Vehicle Evidence Storage facility.

No action was taken during the tour.

- 11. Adjournment – 6:20**