

Norman Citizens Advisory Board

(NCAB)

Memorandum

To: Chief Kevin Foster

From: Norman Citizens Advisory Board

CC: Sarah Jensen

Members of the NCAB met on August 6, 2020 for a regularly scheduled meeting. NCAB reviewed three incidents of community concern expressed through a public link to NCAB. The three incidents are as follows:

- (1) An incident on August 4, 2020 between teens and a gathering of people near 36th Ave NW and Tecumseh Rd. The teens involved, recorded the incident and later shared their recording on social media. Citizens were concerned regarding rumors that NPD officers refused to take a police report from the teens involved in the incident. NCAB review of the incident found this concern to be false. In fact, NPD responded to the teens house to gather information for their report. NPD also gathered information from the adult involved in the incident. Neither party was interested in pressing charges, thus the case is now closed. NCAB was reassured that NPD has continued and will continue to serve all members of our community.
- (2) Former Ward 8 Council Member, Alexandra Scott, posted on social media that NPD officers had doxxed her by sharing information including her home address. NCAB was informed that a citizen filed an open records request form that included an officer's body cam footage from a call to Ms. Scott's house in 2020, an arrest record, and record of a call to NPD by Ms. Scott in 2015. NCAB found that the individual legally obtained the pieces of information through open records request and subsequently posted the records on social media. Ms. Scott's personal address was not shown on any of the open records. After the citizen shared to social media, many others re-shared the post, including two NPD officers. NCAB determined that the officers did not violate any laws by sharing the posts on social media, since the information was (1) legally obtained and (2) did not include an actual home address. Although the NCAB

determined the officers did not dox Ms. Scott, we have advised NPD to encourage its officers to refrain from sharing police matters on personal social media platforms.

- (3) In May 2020, then Ward 8 Council Member, Alexandra Scott spoke at a city council meeting about an unpleasant experience she encountered with NPD officers when reporting a stalker at her house. NCAB members reviewed Ms. Scott's account of the incident as well as watched a NPD Officer's body cam footage. NCAB believes NPD officers responded in a professional manner to the reporting party. Upon arriving at the house, officers are seen searching the area. When officers were asked to put on a mask, they complied without hesitation. NCAB believes the officers remained professional and responded appropriately, in accordance with the expectations of the department. NCAB did not recommend any corrective action for the officers involved.

NCAB members encourage Norman citizens to continue to reach out with questions and concerns. We are committed to continuing to offer advisory support to our police department to ensure all citizens remain safe and supported in Norman.