

**Advisory Group for Obama's Pledge  
(AGOP)  
Minutes of the 2/21/2021 Meeting**

**Members present:** Erga Pierrette, Birukti Tsige, Karen Colón Hayes, Isadel Eddy, Carey McDonald, Ben Hartzell, Kelli Collomb, Tihun Lawrence, Tamerlie Roc and Yusin Mok.

**Also Present:** Councillor Steve Winslow and Maria Luise (Mayor's Office).

**Minutes of the January 31, 2021 Meeting**

There were no changes or additions to the minutes of the January 31st meeting. If no comments are forwarded to Maria by Wednesday, then the minutes can be posted on the website.

**Introduction and Survey**

All the changes discussed at the last meeting have been incorporated into the "Get Informed," and "Get Involved" page. The document will have links to the translated "summary and draft recommendations," the Use of Force Policy and the online form. A phone number was added in the event there are questions, or someone wants to request a hard copy. The plan is to have this document translated by Google Translate.

The group worked on an introductory paragraph to the survey that describes AGOP and provides a link for more information on the website. It also indicates that the feedback will be used by AGOP to re-assess and finalize their recommendations. Also added that persons may remain anonymous but that comments will be submitted as part of the public record.

The group went through each demographic question as well as the recommendations. An intro paragraph was added prior to the recommendation section indicating that comments and optional feedback may be made after each recommendation where it says, "your answer."

Two questions were added to the end of the form. "Are you aware of any experiences with the Malden Police Department that you would like to share?" and "Do you have additional comments about the Use of Force Policy?"

The group agreed that the online form was ready to be translated. It is anticipated that it will not take as long as other translations given that parts of it have already been translated.

**Community Meeting and Time Frame:**

There was discussion about the launch of the online survey and the date of the community meeting. The aim is to launch the online survey as soon as completed. Most felt that a Wednesday night would work best. A date for the community forum was set for April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00PM. The deadline for responses to the survey and public comment will be April 30<sup>th</sup>.

As discussed at previous meetings outreach will include the following:

- The schools through Connect Ed and/or ClassDojo
- Through different civic and community groups
- Press release
- An MATV Live event
- A Code Red call by Mayor

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**February 21, 2021**

**Other Action Items:**

Print packages for those wanting hard copies to leave in the lobby and include a phone number for more information.

Next meeting will be scheduled once translations complete.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Luise".

Maria Luise