

MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

November 13, 2013, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

City Hall, Room 370

CPC Attendees: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair; Diane Narasaki, co-chair; Claudia D'Allegri, Bill Hobson, Jay Hollingsworth, Kate Joncas, Joseph Kessler, Diane Narasaki, Tina Podlowski, Marcel Purnell, Jennifer Shaw, Rev. Harriett Walden, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Kevin Stuckey

CPC Staff: Betsy Graef, Tracy Whitlatch

PUBLIC COMMENT

One member of the public offered testimony.

REVIEW AGENDA AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No changes were made to the draft agenda and there were no announcements. However, prior to going into Executive Session, Mike Diaz from the DOJ provided updates to the Commission concerning the DOJ's position on the CPC's recent Court motions.

The November 6th minutes were unavailable at this time.

CPC MOTION TO INTERVENE

Mike Diaz noted that the DOJ spoke to CPC representatives during a conference call last week, and suggested that the CPC could have a role in future status conferences and that these conferences could be held more frequently (possibly quarterly, and tied to the schedule for the Monitor's regular reports). He has not yet been authorized to formally propose this option for meeting the CPC's need to communicate directly with the Court. The need for a "safety valve" to hold these sessions in times of emergency was noted, and Mike agreed to incorporate that provision in his proposal. Diane Narasaki reminded Mike that the CPC has a court-mandated role, but with no communication mechanism to discuss that role and its responsibilities with the Court when necessary. Jennifer Shaw stated again that the CPC would like to discuss a resolution with the decision-makers at the DOJ. Lisa Daugaard noted the need for additional time to prepare the CPC's upcoming pleadings to the Court. In respect to specific policy deadlines that the CPC proposes changing, Lisa mentioned the November 16th deadline (and proposed move of that date by the DOJ to November 30th) and asked whether a meaningful discussion of the CPC recommendations can occur during such a narrow timeframe. Mike responded that he believes there is an opportunity for ongoing discussion and consideration of the CPC recommendations during the entire period available before the Monitor makes his final determination on December 31st, and that in

any case, the City and the DOJ have had the CPC draft policy recommendations in-hand for consideration since September 20th. Diane Narasaki also noted her concern that it might not be realistic to expect the parties to fully engage with the CPC on its recommendations during this narrow window of time (during the holiday seasons). Both Greg Narver, from the Law Department, and Tina Podlodowski noted the importance of ensuring community input is seriously considered prior to SPD submitting the policies to the Monitor. Whether or not the CPC's draft recommendations were revised as a result of the outreach effort, the feedback received shows support for the CPC policy drafts; furthermore, it is critical to building trust that the community believes its voice has been listened to prior to finalizing the policies and it is necessary to maintain the credibility of the CPC.

The CPC then went into Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

An additional \$8,365 in community engagement expenses has been incurred. Some of this is associated with translations of answers to open-ended questions on the survey (\$3,195), while another \$5,170 is associated with the costs of inputting data, updating questionnaire results, and adjusting key themes for information submitted late by the People's Harm Reduction Alliance. This group surfaced as a convener after the October 31st deadline. The Commission concurred that its materials should be incorporated, if at all possible.

Human Resources agreed that the director position posting can remain open until filled and that the CPC may do "rolling" interviews of candidates.

The Law Department has just notified us by email that it prefers that the CPC have a sponsor (either the Mayor or a Councilmember) prior to its drafting a stipend ordinance. Staff will contact Jean Boler to discuss further.

CPC DRAFT POLICY REPORT / REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The draft CPC policy recommendations report was reviewed by the Commission and a few revisions were made. The report will be revised to incorporate those changes and delivered electronically to the parties (the DOJ and the City Attorney) on November 15th. It will also be released to the federal Monitor, the Mayor, the Mayor-elect, the City Council, the Chief of Police, the City Auditor, the OPA Director and Civilian Auditor, and to the chairs of the Seattle Human Rights Commission. The organizations that participated in the community outreach effort will also be alerted about the release of the report and how to access it (a link will be added to the CPC's webpage).

Moved, seconded, and passed (12-0-0): "To approve the revised policy recommendations and report, pending final approval by the policy workgroup chairs and the CPC co-chairs."

ACTION item below

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKGROUP REPORT

Kate Joncas went over the plan for preparing the full community engagement report. The workgroup will review a draft of the report at its November 21st meeting and an updated version will be discussed at the CPC's November 27th meeting. The initial findings will be reviewed with partner organizations at meetings in early December, with the workgroup making revisions to the draft based on that feedback. A final report will be brought to the CPC for approval at its January 8th meeting.

ACTION items below

UPCOMING WORKGROUP MEETINGS

The group confirmed times for upcoming workgroup meetings, but noted that while the next meetings of some workgroups (bias, stops and use of force) are suspended, the times will held on calendars for possible policy discussions with the DOJ and SPD.

Bias-Free Policing	November 26
Community Engagement	November 21
Stops and Detentions	November 19
In-Car Video	<i>None</i>
OPA/Accountability	November 21 (and every two weeks after)
Use of Force	December 2 (and every two weeks after)

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND EMERGING ISSUES

1. The possibility of “stipends” for commissioner’s work organizations (to offset the costs associated with employees being out of the office to do CPC work) may be discussed at a future commission meeting.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

1. Make final revisions to policy report, obtain workgroup and co-chair approvals, and issue the final report on November 15.
2. Prepare draft community engagement report for review by workgroup and by the CPC at its November 27 meeting.
3. Develop materials and agenda for meetings with partner/convener organizations in December.

**November 27, 2013, 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Seattle Municipal Tower
700 5th Ave., 16th Floor, Room 1610, Seattle, WA**