

Community Police Commission (CPC)

April 21st, 2021, 9:00am
Via Zoom Conference Call

I. Land Acknowledgement

II. Chief Diaz Update on Derek Chauvin Verdict

- **Upcoming events: May Day, Immigration Protests, Sentencing of Derek Chauvin**
- **SPD is working to facilitate these events and ensure 1st amendment rights are respected**
- **Accountability in policing is key: There have been 8 terminations since I became Chief that came from holding people accountable for their actions**

III. Attendance

CPC Attendees: La Rond Baker (Co-Chair), Erin Goodman (Co-chair), Suzette Dickerson, Joseph Seia, Esther Lucero, Prachi Dave, Rev. Harriett Walden, Katherine Seibel, Rev. Patricia Hunter, Dr. Navin Pinto, Austin Field, Mark Mullens, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman, Douglas Wagoner, Esther Lucero, Alina Santillan, Erica Newman

CPC Staff: Nia Franco, Brandy Grant, Shayleen Morris, Luiza Montesanti, Emily Trbovich, Jesse Franz

IV. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the 4/21/21 meeting agenda- With addition of Executive Session “Discussion on complaint of a public employee”

Moved: Suzette Dickerson

Seconded: Harriet Walden

Approved: by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the CPC meeting minutes from 4/7/21 Approved with Rev. Williams removed from Attendance

Moved: Rev. Patricia Hunter

Seconded: Rev. Harriet Walden

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

V. Public Comment

Public Comment is welcomed by the CPC. Individual speakers will be provided up to two minutes to comment on items on the meeting agenda.

- **Public Comment provided by Dr. Howard Gale**

VI. Open Discussion on verdict of Derek Chauvin Trial

- Pleased with the verdict, but we are not out of the woods. The CPC must continue to help develop equitable and anti-racist policing practices
- Our work is not done but the graciousness of the family and the collective resolution was a step on the road
- Encourage us to think about Ma'Khia Bryant, the 16-year old who was killed by police yesterday just hours after the verdict
- There was relief. There was no joy, nothing can bring George Floyd back. Recommitted to the work CPC does until there is truly justice for all people of color
- From an Indigenous perspective: This particular officer had inflicted violence upon a Native man years before George Floyd. This is a pattern of behavior
- Deep skepticism because of the appeals process and feelings of sadness that we are grateful in 2021 for the most basic justice

VII. Accountability Partners Updates

- **SPD Readiness Plan:** We have studied the reviews from the CPC, IG, and OPA to incorporate lessons learned and manage protests in the future. We are trying to distance ourselves from standing on a police line and working to just facilitate 1st amendment rights of protesters
- **Department of Justice (DOJ):** Have read the questions posed in the letter from the CPC on the monitoring plan and will continue to work with and address these questions
- **Council:** (Not present)
- **Mayor (Dominique Stephens):** Intentionality to work with community groups to activate community spaces. Spaces that people can gather and express their voice with more community presence and less police presence.
- **Monitoring Team:** We will be addressing the questions posed to us and we can address those at the next 5/5 CPC meeting. We will be sending a response 24-48 hours in advance per CPC's request.
- **Office of Police Accountability (OPA):** No Updates
- **Office of Inspector General (OIG):** No Updates

VIII. Co-Chair and Executive Director Updates

1. Co-Chair Update

- Two new commissioners appointed from City Council: Le'Jayah Washington and Katherine Seibel

2. Executive Director Update:

- Community Police Commission has launched their Police Accountability

Recommendation Tracker: More than 275 recommendations

- Please feel free to go over the recommendation tracker on your own and send us any feedback or questions you may have

3. New CPC Business

- Executive Session 5/3
- Wellness Unit of SPD sent an invitation to Franklin Graham, an anti-lgbtq pastor. Adrian Diaz did rescind the invitation, but what steps are taken to vet invitations for people?
- What is the status of SPD's investigation into the 6 SPD police officers who attended the capitol riots?
- Would like a more in-depth update of OPA's 2020 Annual Report

IX. Change of Legal Counsel

- CPC is changing legal representation from Perkins Coie to Susman Godfrey
- Dan Shih and Edgar Sargent will be representing the CPC at Susman Godfrey

X. Work Group Updates

- **Police Practices Workgroup, Initial Focus is Demonstration Management:** Two goals for this workgroup. Explore how SPD shows up into protest spaces and how they interact with community. Second, this workgroup will look at complaints that have stemmed out of protests and demonstrations. Planning meeting tomorrow and then we will set up meetings after that.
- **Complainant Appeals Process:** This workgroup is required by ordinance. It sets up a foundation to developing a process for victims of police misconduct to seek tangible justice. Projected to start week of May 31st.
- **Strategic Planning Workgroup:** This workgroup is important to have a wide range of views; new commissioners are welcome to be a part of Strategic Planning. First Meeting is Monday from 10am-12pm.
- **State Legislative Agenda:** This workgroup puts together CPC's legislative priorities in preparation for the legislative session. During legislative session we decide which bills to support. The commission voted to support 9 bills and 5 of them have made it through to the final stages.
- **Community Engagement Committee Workgroup:** Met and held space for community folks to express how they were feeling. We are working to grow the community engagement and expand more into community. We are trying to work more with engaging young people in our community.
- **Co-Chairs will place commissioners in workgroups with commissioners input on what they are interested in. Co-Chairs will call each commissioner to talk about workgroup assignments.**

XI. Executive Session

- Only commissioners and Executive Director will take part in Executive Session
- Discussion on complaint of a public employee
- Executive Session from 10:30am to 10:50 am

XII. Meeting Adjourned