

MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

November 6, 2013, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Avenue, Conference Room 2750

CPC Attendees: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair; Diane Narasaki, co-chair; Jay Hollingsworth, Joseph Kessler, Tina Podlowski, Marcel Purnell, Jennifer Shaw, Kevin Stuckey, Rev. Harriett Walden, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Claudia D'Allegri, Bill Hobson, Kate Joncas

CPC Staff: Betsy Graef, Tracy Whitlatch

PUBLIC COMMENT

Two members of the public offered testimony.

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No changes were made to the draft agenda and there were no announcements.

Moved, seconded, and passed (11-0-0): "To approve with no changes the draft 10/23/13 CPC meeting minutes."

UPDATE ON STIPULATED MOTION

Mike Diaz reviewed the DOJ position opposing the CPC's motion to intervene (the DOJ is also opposing some of the date extensions proposed by the CPC). He noted that the DOJ supports the CPC's active participation and believes the CPC has a vital role in the reform process. Nevertheless, nationally the DOJ has opposed such party status for community groups because in his view, it complicates the DOJ's work and is inconsistent with governing statutes. He also expressed concern about how granting party status to the CPC would be "a slippery slope," in that it could open the door for other entities to seek such status. Jennifer Shaw noted that the CPC is charged with specific responsibilities, but that the original deadlines are not feasible. It is critical that sufficient time be provided so as to not just give "lip-service" to the involvement of the community in the reform process. Lisa Daugaard indicated that the CPC would be interested in finding a solution short of party status that would be acceptable to the DOJ and would meet the CPC's need for access to the Court. Lisa asked Mike if the DOJ would meet in a conference call with CPC representatives to work on a solution, and he agreed to discuss her request with the DOJ staff.

The CPC then went into Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Betsy Graef reviewed anticipated new expenses for the balance of 2013, including additional expenses associated with the recent community outreach effort (including reviewing initial findings with partner organizations) and proposed consultant planning support for the OPA workgroup. Even with these expenses taken into account, the CPC is expected to have a balance of \$130,000 at the end of the year, mostly due to unfilled staff positions.

Moved, seconded, and passed (11-0-0): "To approve an amendment to the PRR contract for additional community outreach services, and to approve a new scope of work for PRR to provide consultant planning support for the OPA workgroup, for up to \$32,000, with specific amounts to be negotiated and approved by the Community Engagement workgroup."

The group discussed a new draft of the CPC Director job description, and made some revisions to it. Staff will confirm with Human Resources that the position can be posted until filled and that "rolling" interviews may be scheduled. Commissioners who expect to participate on an interview committee include Lisa Daugaard, Kate Joncas, Joe Kessler, Marcel Purnell, Diane Narasaki, Kevin Stuckey, Rev. Harriett Walden, and Rev. Aaron Williams. Commissioners were encouraged to identify possible candidates for the position.

Moved, seconded, and passed (11-0-0): "To approve the CPC Director job description, as revised, and pursue a 'rolling' interview approach to filling the position."

Betsy Graef reported that she has asked the Law Department to begin drafting a stipend ordinance. Staff will provide Commissioners with log-in information and instructions for using Dropbox at its next meeting.

The group reviewed the CPC's policies on public communications and confirmed how e-newsletters will be released in the future.

Moved, seconded, and passed (11-0-0): "To confirm that the CPC's E-newsletter will be approved by the co-chairs prior to posting and will be released periodically, rather than weekly."

ACTION items below

CPC DRAFT POLICY REPORT

All workgroups must have their overview drafts in by November 8th so that staff can work on drafting the final report for review by all commissioners on November 11th. The final draft of the policy report will be completed for review, revision and adoption on November 13th for delivery to the court on November 15th.

The group reviewed the draft policy report and key themes matrix from the community outreach activities. Each workgroup area commented on their respective policy areas— noting also the community feedback received:

Bias-Free Policing – At its last meeting, the workgroup made revisions to Appendix A of the bias-free policing policy recommendations and tasked Katherine Beckett, a CPC consultant, with drafting material for Appendix B. The complete policy draft and draft policy overview will be ready on November 8th. Rev. Walden reported feedback she's received from community members. They believe their voice is being heard and that there is a possibility of positive change with SPD.

Stops and Detentions – Jennifer Shaw reported that feedback from the public outreach activities indicates that people stopped by the police do not know their rights, and that public education is needed. The stops and detentions matrix was useful, but insufficient in providing people with enough information about their rights and obligations and about what the police are allowed to do when they stop someone.

Use of Force – The use of force policy is a cornerstone to the reform efforts. Given that many police agencies operate in Seattle, there may be a need for a policy that applies to these other police agencies. For this reason, Sue Rahr with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission is reviewing the current draft policy and is likely to propose revisions that allow it to be applied regionally. Feedback from the community endorsed the CPC's view that the policy needs to be more concise.

In-Car Video Recordings – Tina Podlodowski noted that community feedback in this area raised similar issues about a lack of community understanding. Many community members do not have a good understanding of how in-car video recordings work, and need to better understand their rights (both in terms of police recordings and of public recordings of police activity).

Suggested revisions to the draft report were noted by staff for follow-up.

ACTION item below

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

1. Amend PRR contract and finalize PRR scope of work for OPA workgroup support.
2. Revise Director job description and post opening.
3. Follow-up with Law Department on status of drafting stipend ordinance.
4. Revise draft policy report for consideration/adoption at the next CPC meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND EMERGING ISSUES

The next CPC meeting will focus on review and approval of the CPC policy report and recommendations due on November 15, 2013.

**November 13, 2013, 9:00am to 1:30pm
Seattle City Hall
600 4th Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 370, Seattle, WA**