

MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

September 23, 2015, 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

City Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 370

CPC Attendees: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair, Rev. Harriett Walden, co-chair, Melinda Giovengo, Kay Godefroy, Enrique Gonzalez, David Keenan Ofc. Kevin Stuckey, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Jay Hollingsworth, Marcel Purnell

CPC Staff: Fé Lopez, Anne Bettsworth, Minty LongEarth, Betsy Graef, Tracy Whitlatch

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (6-0-0): "To approve the 9/23/15 agenda and the 9/9/15 CPC Meeting minutes."

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY LETTER

Moved, seconded, and passed (8-0-0): "To approve with amendments a letter of support from the CPC to the Cleveland community coalition."

The CPC reviewed two letters from Cleveland coalition related to the Cleveland CPC and the process to choose a monitor. Staff drafted a CPC letter in support of Cleveland coalition's requests. The Commissioners reviewed and made some changes. Staff will finalize and forward the Seattle CPC letter to the Cleveland coalition.

Action Item(s)

BODY CAMERA UPDATE

SPD received a \$600,000 grant from the DOJ to implement a body worn camera program. The City must match the grant in order to receive the money. Staff drafted a press release reiterating and clarifying the Commission's position regarding the CPC's concerns with moving forward with the program without public discussion and changes to public disclosure laws.

Moved, seconded, and passed (8-0-0): "To approve with amendments the CPC press release regarding the CPC's call to halt the implementation of the SPD body worn camera program until state laws are modified to protect the safety and dignity of community members."

Action Item(s)

WORKGROUP UPDATES

ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP UPDATE

The CPC has been meeting with the SPD General Counsel, the OPA Director and the Auditor to discuss SPD and OPA's responses and questions regarding her recommendations.

The OPA Manual has been revised with CPC and Auditor recommendations. The OPA Director has resubmitted the Manual to the Monitor.

The City will submit its framework to the court by September 30. The CPC has created a small workgroup that will review the City's court filing and draft a response to propose to the full CPC at the October 14th CPC meeting. The CPC must file its response to the court by October 16.

Action Item(s)

COMBINED TRAINING WORKGROUP

The workgroup has discussed the list of outstanding issues of the ISDM with OCR and SPD and has submitted final recommendations to the Monitor, Chief of Police and the DOJ.

The workgroup has been collaborating with SPD and OCR on the Bias-Free Policing Supervisors Training. The first part of this training will include the Racial Equity Toolkit and the second part will include applying the toolkit to a scenario. The next workgroup meeting will be developing how to move forward with this training and getting dates for the second part of the training.

SPD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT WORKGROUP

The workgroup has met to gather conclusions and write the report regarding disparate impact of public consumption infractions data that has been collected.

SPECIAL GUEST – PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION – VANITA GUPTA

US Attorney Annette Hayes joined Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Division Vanita Gupta to meet with the CPC. Commissioners shared their experiences and lessons learned over the past 3 years. The CPC shared this information to assist the DOJ in enhancing the communities' voice in other cities under consent decree. There was also discussion regarding why the CPC believes that the body camera program should be put on hold due to substantial safety and privacy concerns, as well as the possibility of creating a "chilling" affect among certain disparately impacted communities. The Commission and DOJ agreed that partnerships with city partners and communities are part of creating sustainable change in police accountability.

OTHER BUSINESS

On September 29th the Executive Director will be attending the WA State House of Representatives Judiciary Committee work session on law enforcement and body cameras. She will be testifying on the community panel. The panel is to provide community perspectives on the issue of law enforcement use of body worn cameras.

The Commission has decided to end most of the standing, individual workgroups in exchange for task-based, ad hoc groups. The Accountability workgroup will continue to function as a standing workgroup.

The CPC Executive Director will be a panelist at the WASCLA Conference on October 16th in Ellensburg regarding language access, police accountability and the courts.

Several commissioners and staff will be attending the NACOLE Conference in California October 4th through 8th. The CPC SPOG representative will also be a panelist at the NACOLE conference. He will be discussing de-escalation tactics.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- Staff will send the CPC letter of support to the Cleveland coalition.
- Staff will post the CPC press release regarding the CPC's call to halt the implementation of the SPD body worn camera program until state laws are modified to protect the safety and dignity of community members.
- A small workgroup will review the draft court filing and present the draft to the full CPC at the October 14th meeting. The CPC must file its response to the court by October 16.