MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

June 22, 2016, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Room 370

CPC Attendees: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair, Rev. Harriet Walden, co-chair, Josias Flynn, Enrique Gonzalez, Kay Godefroy, Jay Hollingsworth, David Keenan, Cpt. Joe Kessler, Marcel Purnell

CPC Absent: Claudia D'Allegri, Melinda Giovengo, Taylor Hoang, Isaac Ruiz, Ofc. Kevin

Stuckey, Rev. Aaron Williams

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

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (6-0-3): "To approve with the following amendments to the 6-8-16 minutes:

- Staff will send a letter to FAS asking what alternatives are available or can be created regarding the North Precinct new building project.
- Add that the Commission voted to waive privilege on the attorney-client memo regarding CPC commissioner term limits."

NORTH PRECINCT NEW BUILDING UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

A commissioner attended the City Council's Safe Communities Committee hearing where FAS and SPD presented the plans for the North Precinct new building project. The commissioner reported on the various perspectives shared during public comment regarding the North Precinct new building plans. He stated that there was overwhelming community opposition to the project. Some of the major concerns shared by community members related to the cost of the project, fear of police, and purpose behind certain aspects of the design. Many would like to see the money spent on other projects that serve the community. Staff and Co-chairs will draft a letter to FAS and SPD asking what alternative designs or approaches have or will be created.

Action Item

WORK PLANS (JUNE – JULY)

Staff updated the Commission on the CPC work plan covering June and July.

Executive Director -

- Training recommendations
- District Liaison report-backs

CPC Consultant-Policy Analyst –

- Provide input on revisions to accountability package
- Continue work on accountability legislation recommendations

 Prepare draft and finalize formal CPC comments to inform the reappointment process to share with the Mayor's Office and City Council

Policy Analyst -

- Continue developing recommendations on the SPD hiring and training assessment
- Community meetings facilitated and information analyzed
- Write letter to Monitor regarding survey methodology
- Rewrite CPC collateral for ease of reading and translation

Community Engagement and Communications Specialist -

- DAC and Community/Town Hall Meetings
- District Liaison launch
- Community Meetings

Administrative Staff Assistant – (continuous daily/monthly duties)

Public Disclosure Requests

Public Disclosure Report and Recommendations – The CPC has met with members of SPD and community advocates. The issue is complicated and needs further research and work. Co-Chair Daugaard volunteered to work on identifying issues and present those to the CPC at a future meeting. This will be an on-going work project for the CPC.

Action Item

POLICY REVIEW WORKGROUP

The Policy Review Ad-Hoc Workgroup was created to work with City stakeholders to discuss policies up for review in the monitoring plan. SPD and DOJ have agreed to participate in the workgroup meetings. The OPA Director, OPA Auditor, and members of the Monitoring team were also invited. The workgroup will likely meet weekly to review and comment on the policies listed in the Monitor's Fourth Year Monitoring Plan. The CPC has not yet received the draft revisions of the Use of Force and Stops policies from SPD. The CPC will ask the Monitor and Parties to extend the comment deadline of the UOF policy so that the workgroup will have sufficient time to review and comment. Also, the CPC would like to review the UOF policies at the same time as the Crowd Management policy since blast balls will be included in the UOF policy instead of the Crowd Management policy. The CPC also requests to review certain draft assessments to potentially provide feedback to the assessments prior to the Monitor filing them with the court.

Action Item

COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

The CPC's Community Engagement and Communications Specialist is working on solutions to assist the CPC in communicating more effectively. She believes that one important tool is the consistent use of social media to help keep the community informed and the Commission more accessible.

The CPC's Policy Analyst gave a presentation informing the Commission of the key concepts she learned at a training regarding accessible written communication. The Commission believes there is value in improving our materials to reach a wider scope of our community and make the CPC materials easier to translate into other languages.

TRAINING WORKGROUP

The CPC met with the Office of Civil Rights to go through recommendations to the SPD Bias-Free Policing Training. Staff has scheduled a meeting with OCR, CPC and SPD to discuss those recommendations on July 1st.

DOJ/MONITOR UPDATE

DOJ – The DOJ has reviewed and submitted comments to the City's proposed stipulation.

Monitor – The Monitor has decided not to file a semi-annual report at this time. They are collaborating with the DOJ to finalize the Monitor's Fourth Year Monitor Plan.

The Monitor representative has been attending District Advisory Council meetings and commented on the positive outreach the CPC has done to gather information regarding potential recommendations related to the recruitment, retention and training report the CPC issued in January.

The CPC stated that it will request extensions to the filing of certain policies to allow time for the CPC to provide comments.

ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP

Accountability Legislation Process Update – The court has rescheduled the status conference to August 15th at 1:30PM. The CPC plans to hold the originally scheduled June 23rd conference call to signatories and interested community members to inform them of the status conference reschedule and current status of the legislation.

Legal Counsel to the Mayor has agreed to attend future Accountability Workgroup meetings to track and provide feedback to the updates the CPC is making to the legislative package. There has been significant progress made on the accountability legislation.

LIVESTREAM AND MEETING LOCATION UPDATE

Meeting Location Update – The Commission will re-evaluate moving the CPC meetings to another location after it conducts the six-month review of the District Liaison Outreach program's effectiveness in reaching out to communities.

Livestream Update – The Seattle Channel responded to Staff explaining that they cannot livestream the CPC meetings because the meetings do not fall within policy. They also sent a list of contractors who could provide this service to the Commission for a significant fee. The CPC decided not to pursue livestreaming the meetings at this time due to the significant cost.

OTHER BUSINESS

NACOLE – The annual conference will be held September 25th – 29th in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Native American DAC Update –A staff member and commissioner attended the DAC. The DAC is working on the White Deer Crossing Project. The project is a crosswalk at the intersection where the late John T. Williams was shot and killed by an officer. It is intended to convey a sense of healing, learning and peace. The Seattle Department of Transportation and Department of Neighborhoods have provided matching funds to the project. There will be a block party to celebrate the completion of the project; however, the date has yet to be set.

LGBTQ DAC – A member of Staff attended the meeting and reported back to the Commission. The discussion was focused on added security to the Pride Parade and the nightclubs in the area. Members in attendance vented their frustrations and fear and do not yet feel secure enough to be able to report suspicious activity per the "see something, say something" policy.

Action Item

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- Staff and Co-chairs will draft a letter to the North Precinct building design team with community concerns.
- Staff will set a meeting with the Monitor regarding survey methodology.
- Staff will request extension of UOF policies from Parties.
- Staff will schedule weekly Policy Review Meetings.
- Staff will reach out to commissioners to inquire whether they would like to attend the NACOLE conference.