

MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

July 5, 2017, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Seattle City Hall, 600 4th Ave., Suite 370

CPC Attendees: Enrique Gonzalez, co-chair, Rev. Harriett Walden, co-chair, Isaac Ruiz, co-chair, Lisa Daugaard, Josias Flynn, Kay Godefroy, Jay Hollingsworth, Cpt. Joe Kessler, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Claudia D'Allegrì, Melinda Giovingo, Ofc. Kevin Stuckey

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

CPC Staff Absent: Fé Lopez, Karen Chung

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): “To approve the 07-05-17 agenda.”

Moved, seconded, and passed (6-0-1): “To approve the minutes from 06-07-17.”

Moved, seconded, and passed (5-0-2): “To approve the minutes from 06-21-17.”

Charleena Lyles #SayHerName

Seattle City Council’s Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee held a town hall meeting at Kane Hall on the University of Washington campus on June 28th to address the shooting and death of Charleena Lyles. Every city council member was in attendance. The town hall prioritized comments by females of color and Charleena Lyles’s family. In the 2.5 hours, attendees expressed an outpouring of grief. After taking public comment, each council member was then given 2 minutes to address attendees.

Charleena Lyles’s funeral service will be held July 10th at New Hope Baptist Church.

INTERIM AUDITOR REPORT

The Interim OPA Auditor discussed three areas in which he has concerns: 1) the contacts that OPA adds to its Contact Log, 2) how supervisors respond to and document bias complaints, and 3) the quality and timeliness of OPA investigations.

Action Item – The CPC asked the interim OPA Auditor to prepare a written report of areas of concern. CPC staff will also contact the Mayor’s Office to request that this report be prepared.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER UPDATE

CPC staff shared a timeline for the CPC review of the Community Service Officer (CSO) revival process. June and July will be the assessment period, with time in August and September to write the review. The CPC will disseminate the review in October. The City’s inter-departmental team will finalize the program plan based on feedback from the community, the Racial Equity Toolkit, and CPC’s review. The CSO program will roll out in June 2018.

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

All commissioners have submitted their Statement of Intent forms or have acknowledged that they do not intend to continue serving on the CPC.

An overarching committee charged with the search for an Inspector General and OPA Director is being formed, which will have two subcommittees, each charged with one of the searches. Three CPC members will be on the overarching committee and there will be two CPC members on each subcommittee. A CPC member will be a co-chair of the overarching committee, and of each of the subcommittees. Meetings will take place starting in August with hopes to hire individuals for these positions by the end of 2017.

The DOJ reviewed the draft CPC brief to be filed with the Court asking the Court to enter an order opening the door to full implementation of the ordinance and DOJ had no suggestions for changing it.

The status conference on the police accountability ordinance with Judge James Robart is scheduled for July 18th in Judge Robart's chambers. The CPC may do a Facebook Live event for the community.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): "To approve filing a brief encouraging the Court to enter an order clearing the path for the City to move forward with the ordinance."

Action Item – The CAO will file with the Court the CPC brief on moving forward with the ordinance.

Action Item – CPC staff will contact Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez's office to ask if the Council has written a letter yet to encourage the Court to approve the ordinance.

SPD RECRUITMENT, HIRING, TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS

The final report has been drafted, but CPC staff is seeking input from SPD at a meeting scheduled later today. Commissioners will be emailed immediately following the meeting with a summary of the discussion and information about any final revisions that may be appropriate.

Moved, seconded, and passed (6-0-1): "To approve the report. Any minor changes to the report approved by CPC may be authorized by the co-chairs."

Action Item - CPC staff will send information on SPD's comments on the recruitment, hiring, and training recommendations report to CPC members for review and feedback to ensure any needed revisions are not major.

ACLU REQUEST REGARDING CB 118930

A representative from ACLU gave an update regarding the Seattle Surveillance Ordinance Bill. The bill is to update the ordinance to incorporate some fixes due to technology changes and data sharing. The bill creates a process for purchasing technology. The ACLU would like community input prior to equipment purchases. A full Council vote will take place July 17th and the ACLU requested the Commission testify and sign on to the ACLU letter in support of the bill.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): “To approve the CPC signing onto the ACLU letter in support of Bill 118930.”

DOJ and MONITOR UPDATE

DOJ – The DOJ had nothing to report at this time.

Monitor – The Monitor’s representative had nothing to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

CPC Police Accountability Legislation Celebration for Commissioners and Staff – July 11th from 6pm – 8pm.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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- CPC staff will contact Councilmember Gonzalez’s office to ask if the Council has written a letter yet to encourage the Court to approve the ordinance.
- CPC staff will send information on SPD’s comments on the recruitment, hiring, and training report to CPC members for review and feedback to ensure any needed revisions are not major.