

DRAFT MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

August 7, 2019, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Seattle City Hall
600 4th Ave., 3rd Floor, Room 370

CPC Attendees: Emma Catague (co-chair), Rev. Harriett Walden (co-chair), Isaac Ruiz (co-chair), Claudia D'Allegri, Colleen Echohawk, Helen Gebreamlak, Ben Goldsmith, Erin Goodman, Brandy Grant, Asha Mohamed, Natasha Moore, Karisa Morikawa, Mark Mullens, Alina Santillan, Joseph Seia, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Melinda Giovengo, Esther Lucero

CPC Staff: Nick Christian, Karen Chung, Jesse Franz, Roxana Garcia, Minty LongEarth, Bessie Scott, Tracy Whitlatch

Review Agenda and Approve Minutes / Announcements

Moved, seconded, and passed (10/0/0): "To approve the minutes from 07/17/19."

Moved: Erin Goodman

Seconded: Asha Mohamed

Absent for vote: Melinda Giovengo, Esther Lucero

OTHER BUSINESS

Communications Expectations

Communication expectations will be discussed in depth at the Commissioners' Retreat in September. Commissioners were asked to let staff know if they are having trouble accessing their City email accounts. Also, Commissioners were encouraged to let staff know how they prefer to communicate.

District Liaison Sign-ups

The Community Engagement Team has sent invitations to meet with Commissioners to discuss the District Liaison program.

Submit Bios and Headshot

Commissioners were asked to submit their biographies and headshots to the CPC Communications Analyst for a website update. A professional photographer will be available to take headshots for those not having one. Also, a group photo will be taken after the Commissioner Retreat.

CPC Workgroup Designations

A draft of new CPC workgroup and ad-hoc workgroup assignments will be sent out by Friday of this week.

Action Item: 2019 Workgroup designations will be sent out before the next CPC Meeting.

Action Item: Commissioners will send their Bios and Headshots to CPC Staff by the next CPC Meeting and if a headshot is needed, they will let staff know.

Action Items Review

The CPC reviewed the status of Action Items from the previous CPC meeting.

DOJ and Monitor Update

Monitor Update – No update at this time.

DOJ Update – Last week the DOJ filed revisions to the SPD Use of Force policies, filed a validation for the Force Review Board Audit that was completed at the end of July, and filed a validation for Type I/II Uses of Force Reporting, Investigation and Review.

Office of the Inspector General for Public Safety

The City of Seattle Office of Inspector General (OIG) was established to "help ensure the fairness and integrity of the police system as a whole in its delivery of law enforcement services by providing civilian auditing of the management, practices, and policies of the [Seattle Police Department (SPD) and Office of Police Accountability (OPA)] and oversee ongoing fidelity to organizational reforms implemented pursuant to the goals of the 2012 federal Consent Decree in United States of America v. City of Seattle, 12 Civ. 1282(JLR)." (Ord. 125315, 3.29.010.B). Inspector General Judge gave an overview of the functions of her office, including how the OIG provides systemic oversight.

Office of Police Accountability

The Office of Police Accountability's (OPA) authority and responsibilities include establishing and managing processes to initiate, receive, classify, and investigate individual allegations of SPD employee misconduct, as well as to promote public awareness of, full access to, and trust in the complaint investigation process, identify SPD system improvement needs and recommend effective solutions, and helping to reduce misconduct and enhancing employee conduct. Director Myerberg gave an overview of the functions of his office, including how the OPA fits within three-part civilian oversight system.

Human Services Department

Youth and Family Empowerment Overview – Jeron Gates, Manager for Youth and Family Empowerment with the Human Services Department joined the meeting as part of the CPC's Intergovernmental Liaison work. Jeron gave an overview of HSD's three departments, focusing on the Youth and Family Empowerment division which he runs. He covered the funding process and change implementation that his team has undertaken. He described many of the programs that his Youth and Family Empowerment section provides, including Upward Bound through the Seattle Public Schools, food and nutrition programs, summer meals program and childcare nutrition programs to providers. They assist in youth development and education support.

Strategy Standing Committee

Debrief of Meetings held on July 26, 2019

The Mayor's office invited the Commissioners to meet with her on Friday, July 26, 2019, giving two options for meeting times. The meetings were discussed here today, to include topics held and the mayor's consultants proposed methodology. The Commissioners her to a future CPC meeting so that her office and the CPC can get on the same page. The CPC Co-chairs had a meeting with the Mayor on June 19th that was mostly relationship building, and a brief discussion about the Order to jointly come up with a methodology occurred within the last five minutes of that meeting. Also at that meeting, the Mayor was invited to an upcoming CPC meeting. The CPC has a willingness to build a relationship with the Mayor to build trust and partnership. Ron Davis was invited to give an update on the topics by Interim Director Scott and took questions from the Commissioners.

Litigation Review (Executive Session)

Moved, seconded, and passed (12/0/2): "To approve the sending of a cover letter attaching a written analysis providing feedback to the methodology—reflecting in substance the information set forth in the draft letter shared during executive session. The materials will be amended to remove personal references and to clearly express a desire for partnership and to have Seattle community participate during crafting of methodology and any future work."

Motion: Isaac Ruiz

Second: Erin Goodman

Absent for vote: Claudia D'Allegri, Melinda Giovengo Esther Lucero

Abstentions: Helen Gebreamlak, Officer Mark Mullens

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SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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