

Community Police Commission (CPC)

June 16th, 2021, 9:00am Via
Zoom Conference Call

- I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
- II. Attendance

CPC Attendees: La Rond Baker (Co-Chair), Erin Goodman (Co-Chair), Rev. Patricia Hunter, Dr. Navin Pinto, Austin Field, Rev. Harriet Walden, Katherine Seibel, Joseph Seia, Colleen Echohawk, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman, Suzette Dickerson, Alina Santillan, Douglas Wagoner

CPC Staff: Felicia Cross, Nia Franco, Jesse Franz, Luiza Montesanti, Shayleen Morris, Emily Trbovich

III. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the 6/16/21 meeting agenda

Moved: Suzette Dickerson
Seconded: Alina Santillan

Approved by voice vote
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the CPC meeting minutes from 6/02/21 with amended language for spelling errors

Moved: Reverend Patricia Hunter
Seconded: Dr. Navin Pinto

Approved by voice vote
Opposed: 0
Abstentions:

IV. Public Comment

Public Comment is welcomed by the CPC. Individual speakers will be provided up to two minutes to comment on items on the meeting agenda.

- *Dr. Howard Gale*

V. Department Updates

- **City Council:** Public Safety and Human Services Committee is on June 22nd

- **Mayor's Office:** No Update
- **Monitoring Team:** On June 10th the Monitor Team attended a regularly scheduled meeting with, DOJ, CPC Co-Chairs, and Director Grant. We discussed past VMAP meeting and the implications of these meetings. We also discussed finding a designated communications liaison between SPD and CPC. Lastly, we discussed the revitalization of the CPC Police Practices Workgroup. We also attended a meeting with SPD yesterday to discuss officer wellness. We also discussed the DOJ's approach to the Monitor's report and methodology and crowd management control. I am very please Juneteenth is now a Federal Holiday.
- **Office of Inspector General (OIG):** We are hoping to get our draft for our Annual Report to CPC by this week before we publish.
- **Department of Justice (DOJ):** One of the DOJ's elements of our assessment of SPD's compliance is the use of force by SPD that occurred last summer. We are working on a selection of a re-itemized sample of those events for our review.
- **Office of Police Accountability (OPA):** No update.

VI. Community Police Commission Updates

1. Co-Chair Update

- Strategic Plan Update: Connected Realities have put together a list of people who will receive invitations for surveys, interviews, and focus groups. Those invitations will go out this week and Connected Realities will reach out in the next few weeks to conduct these. After this the Strategic Planning Committee will meet and then in August we will be reaching out with dates for our broader workshop in August for our four hour meetings.
- Workgroups Update: The workgroups are having their initial meetings. I am happy to introduce the workgroup Co-Leads
- Police Practices: Austin Field and Patricia Hunter
- Complainant Appeals: Prachi Dave and Erica Newman
- Behavioral Health: Dr. Navin Pinto and Katherine Seibel

2. New CPC business

- None

VII. Office of Inspector General: Sentinel Event Review Update

- OIG is largely charged with systemic oversight of SPD and OPA
- OIG is very new. We were created in 2018 and got our first full body of work put out in 2019
- OIG is broken down into different teams: Auditing and Investigations Team and Policy and Research
- It is important to note that OIG has full and unfettered access to SPD investigations and operations. This is very important for oversight

- Sentinel Event Review (SER) Process: This is used when a very negative significant outcome happens. The outcome is reviewed and examined for systemic root causes.
- The goal is to prevent future occurrences from taking place
- OIG is using SER to review SPD's response to last year's protests in the summer
- We pulled all of the information we could and started to look into aggregating this data
- We did this by creating a workgroup with half Community and half SPD feedback
- We took data from numerous sources including complaints, claims, social media, public comment, and use of force reports
- From this, we found there are days that were much worse than others. These days were broken into five different waves.
- We were fortunate to have CPC commissioners also participating in this process
- How did we do outreach? We have been at community meetings and present at as many meetings as we can to inform our research. We also did outreach to bring voices to the table: we reached out to over 100 community organizations
- The planning group acted as a peacemaking circle that really sought to bring Community and SPD voices equally together
- We reached out to facilitators to ensure that communication between these two groups and establish a high level of respect so when things became very difficult that respect was still present
- The three things I hope to come out of this process are: We have broken down events in a way that will help change the way SPD handles protests, creating a model for conflict resolution and problem solving, and creating a process that helps SPD and government interact with community in a way that feels comfortable for them
- 5 waves of events: May 25th through Current
- Wave 1: Downtown Protests after George Floyd's Death (May 25th-June 4th)
- Wave 2: Seattle Protests East Precinct (June 5th-June 8th)
- Wave 3: CHOP/CHAZ Demonstrations: (June 9th-July 1st)
- Wave 4: Post CHOP/CHAZ Demonstrations (July 2nd-October 6th)
- Wave 5: Demonstration after creation of Community Response Group (October 7th to date)
- This is a document for community to have a full understanding of what happened and a roadmap for how to change SPD's response

VIII. Office of Inspector General: Sentinel Event Review Q&A

- **After this review, what are the requirements for SPD to accept and implement these recommendations?** SPD's involvement through out this process has shown buy-in from the department. This buy-in is the key for SPD to take these recommendations into consideration and implement all that they can.
- The monitor team has also been included in this process and I want to say that this process is highly appreciated.

IX. Communications Update

Action: Motion to add communications update to agenda

Moved: Reverend Harriet Walden

Seconded: Joseph Seia

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

- **Mayoral Candidate Forum:** CPC is considering potentially hosting a Mayoral Candidate Forum that specifically looks at Police Accountability Issues. CPC would partner with community groups who have a record of working in police accountability.
- Focus on the general election. What races does the CPC want to host these events for?
- **We would like to hear commissioners' feedback on this idea**
- I think it is a great idea and I would like to focus on Mayoral Race and City Council
- Is this the CPC's work? IS it within the mission of the CPC?
- We have a lot of work that we are tasked with under the consent decree. Should we add more work?
- I do not think this is the CPC's work. This is not part of our mission and we have enough work we can be doing elsewhere
- DOJ: For clarification, the consent decree created the CPC but it does not define the scope of the CPC's work
- When you get in the political arena it can become divisive. The CPC represents all of community, not just a portion of the community
- I think creating a space where community is informed and get to hear the candidates stances on police accountability is in our wheelhouse.
- I do not see any harm in doing this. Having a panel is not biased in itself.

X. Podcasting Plan

- We are creating a podcast that focuses on education surrounding Police Accountability
- We are thinking to start with 6 episodes that focus on different issues in Police Accountability
- Potential Names: Policing the Police, Police Accountability Podcast, and Sound Change
- Please send thoughts/idea to Jesse

XI. Meeting Adjourned

