

Community Police Commission (CPC)

August 17th, 2022, 9:00am

Via Zoom Conference Call

I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

II. Attendance

CPC Attendees: Austin Field, Jeremy Wood, Rev. Patricia Hunter, Rev. Harriett Walden, Joel Merkel, Prachi Dave, Erica Newman, Suzette Dickerson, Mark Mullens, Tascha Johnson

CPC Absences: Asha Mohamed, Le'Jayah Washington, Alina Santillan (On Leave), Douglas Wagoner (On Leave), Scott Bachler (On Leave), Joseph Sia

CPC Staff: Brandy Grant, Felicia Cross

III. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the agenda for 8/17/22

Moved: Suzette Dickerson

Seconded: Unclear due to sound, but motion was seconded.

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the 8/03/22 meeting minutes

Moved: Rev. Patricia Hunter

Seconded: Rev. Harriett Walden

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

➤ Action items Review- N/A

IV. Conversation with Mayor Harrell

- Mayor Harrell, opened with his personal history with policing in Seattle, and history of reforms made as an elected official.
- Discussed his plans for SPD hiring and retention, along with his support for the CPC and overall police reforms to better community safety.
- Restated his commitment to keeping every Seattle community safe.
- Joel Merkel asks two questions: (1) what is your vision for policing and accountability in Seattle? (2) How do you see your administration collaborating with the CPC to improve community-based accountability and oversight.

- Mayor’s response (1): 1,450 officers who are culturally competent, officers are masters of de-escalation, trauma and crisis treatment trained, holistic approach to policing, invested in community safety, and overall review of training procedures (especially surrounding de-escalation). For accountability, increasing transparency and understanding of SPD policies and procedures.
- Mayor’s response (2): Mayor Harrell said he is highly collaborative and asks the CPC to inform him, and his administration, what is needed from him.
- Rev. Harriet Walden asks question about out-of-policy taken down. *Audio was difficult to hear full question.*
 - Mayor’s response: non-lethal force should always be the focus.
- Jeremy Wood asks questions: (1) does the officer hiring plans focus on filling understaffed crisis response units, etc.? (2) regarding homelessness encampments and sweeps (*difficult to hear full question*).
 - Mayor’s response: (1) yes, there is also a focus on hiring more diverse officers to ensure all walks of life are represented in SPD. (2) Mayor said his administration does not move anyone unless shelter is offered. “By Name” policy will be implemented soon in accordance with the regional housing authority.
- Mark Mullens asks question: (1) during this time of “defunding” we have lost community policing (2) “defunding” has resulted in removal of school resources officers (RSO); what are your thoughts on these topics?
 - Mayor’s response: (1) wants CPC to help expand community policing and increase trust with SPD. (2) we must earn the trust and the right to put RSOs back into schools. Hopes CPC will help with this endeavor.

V. 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

- Valerie _____
- Dr. Howard Gale

VI. Community Police Commission Updates

- **Co-Chair Updates**
- Need greater participation from commissioners on workgroups.
- **Executive Director Updates**
- Asks for continued communication from commissioners regarding scheduling and impediments to workgroup participation. Current focus is on recruitment and office relocation. Thanked the co-chairs and for Mayor Harrell joining the meeting.

- **New Business-** no new business
- **Workgroup Updates:** no updates
- **Community Engagement:** Invited to talk about CPC at the African American Advisory Council meeting on 8/18/22. Reiterated upcoming conference dates and requests for commissioners to join.

Meeting Adjourned