

Community Police Commission (CPC)

October 5th, 2022, 9:00am

Via Zoom Conference Call

I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

II. Attendance

CPC Attendees: Rev. Patricia Hunter, Rev. Harriet Walden, Joel Merkel, Tascha Johnson, Alina Santillan, Prachi Dave, Le'Jayah Washington, Jeremy Wood, Erica Newman, Mark Mullens, Douglas Wagoner

CPC Absences: Asha Mohamed, Scott Bachler (On Leave), Joseph Seia, Suzette Dickerson

CPC Staff: Brandy Grant, Felicia Cross, Megan Clark, Logan Rysemus

III. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the 10/5/22 meeting agenda

Moved: Rev. Patricia Hunter

Seconded: Rev. Harriet Walden

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from 9/21/22

Moved: Rev. Patricia Hunter

Seconded: Rev. Harriet Walden

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

➤ **Action items Review-** N/A

IV. 2023 Proposed Budget Analysis – Mayor Harrell’s Budget & Solidarity Budget

- Logan Rysemus, Data and Policy Strategic Advisor – provided a budget analysis presentation to commission.
- Reviewed City of Seattle’s budget from 2022 and SPD’s 2022 Budget
- SPD receiving a \$20 Million increase for 2023 due to the transfer of Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO) back to the department.
- Mayor’s budget for 2023 proposed \$2 Million for development of police alternatives.

- The Solidarity Budget demands a 50% reduction of budget funds allocated to SPD. They also request no expansions of “soft cops” meaning the proposal to increase Park Ranger FTEs from 2 to roughly 25.
- Discussion around how the Solidarity Budget wants SPD to be defunded by 50%. Largest portion is surrounding the elimination of unfilled sworn officer positions, elimination of Police/Community relations, etc.
- Visual breakdown of the proposed General Fund Budget for 2023.
- Question from Rev. Hunter regarding police alternatives and what they are. Brian Maxey from SPD said it would be best to consult Mayor and City Council staff who are engaging in a workgroup on alternatives development.
- Discussion surrounding the proposed pilot program of a gunshot detection system (GDS) in Rainier Beach. Shot Spotter was primarily named as the GDS company, but the Executive office has not indicated what GDS company would be contracted for the pilot.
- Question from Commissioner Wood regarding Mayor’s decision process to move PEO back to SPD. What efforts Mayor’s office explored to make other cost reduction efforts before moving PEO back to SPD?
- Further questions and discussion around why Shot Spotter pilot is targeted only in Rainier Beach.
- Andrew Myerberg, Director of Public Safety, joined and answered initial questions from Commissioners regarding budget items and Mayor’s intentions.

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

- Dr. Howard Gale

VI. Community Police Commission Updates

- **Co-Chair Updates**
- Chair Merkel discussed letter that was sent to Commissioners regarding upcoming appointment period and the request to signify if Commissioners would like to continue serving on the Commission.
- Co-Chairs thanked ED Grant for her work, transition support, and restructuring.
- **Executive Director Updates**
- Introduced the new Communication Advisor, Megan Clark.
- Gave updates on the office move and staffing updates. Also, the eventual support for upcoming work groups.
- ED provided staffing updates.
- **New Business-** no new business
- **Workgroup Updates:** No updates.
- **Community Engagement:** No updates.

Meeting Adjourned