

# Community Police Commission (CPC)

January 4th, 2023, 9:00am  
Via Zoom Conference Call

## I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

## II. Attendance

**CPC Attendees:** Rev. Patricia Hunter, Rev. Harriett Walden, Joel Merkel, Alina Santillan, Mark Mullens, Suzette Dickerson, Jeremy Wood, Tascha Johnson, Mary Ruffin, Prachi Dave

**CPC Absences:** Asha Mohamed, Joseph Seia, Le'Jayah Washington, Erica Newman

**CPC Staff:** Brandy Grant, Felicia Cross, Cali Ellis, Mergitu Argo, Megan Clark, Logan Rysemus

## III. Review Agenda & Minutes

**Action:** Motion to approve the 01/04/23 meeting agenda

**Moved:** Joel Merkel

**Seconded:** Mary Ruffin & Tascha Johnson

**Approved by voice vote**

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from 12/21/22

**Moved:** Harriett Walden

**Seconded:** Suzette Dickerson

**Approved by voice vote**

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

### ➤ Action items Review

- CPC Policy Director provided information on a community question regarding an SPD officer involved shooting in January 2022.

## IV. Small Business Discussion

- CM Sara Nelson opened this discussion and expressed appreciation for organizing this meeting.
- Five small business representatives were in attendance:
  - Keenan C., UFCW 3000 and Lake City Fred Meyer
  - Oscar V., Dockside Cannabis

- Brody K., Jackson Food Stores
- Leeching T., Viet Wah
- Representatives described lived experiences surrounding public safety while at work, with large discussions on increases of violence, shoplifting, and security issues.
- Protections against firearms continue to be a prime focus for businesses, especially cannabis dispensaries that are “all cash” businesses.
- Discussion on typical police responses, and what representatives wish to see change, was also included.
- Distinctions between organized crimes and crimes of poverty were another aspect of the small business discussion.

#### **V. Department Updates**

- City Council: Interim Chief Diaz was officially sworn in as the permanent Chief of Police.
- Mayor's Office: Working on new slate of appointments for the commission.
- Monitoring Team: Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> the monitoring team assessment of accountability system will occur.
- Department of Justice (DOJ): No update from the DOJ.
- Office of Police Accountability (OPA): NA
- Office of Inspector General (OIG): NA
- Seattle Police Department (SPD): NA

#### **VI. Meeting Wrap-Up and Executive Session**

- Commissioners entered an executive session at the conclusion of the Bi-Monthly Meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned**