

Community Police Commission – Bimonthly Meeting
February 7, 2024 | 9AM | In-Person & Via Webex

- I. Welcome**
- II. Land Acknowledgement**
- III. Take Attendance**

Present Commissioners: Rev. Patricia Hunter, Joel Merkel, Adrien Leavitt, Mark Mullens, Anthony Gaedcke, Raven Tyler, Lars Erickson, Lynne Wilson, Raven Tyler, Rev. Harriett Walden, LeJayah Washington, Suzette Dickerson, Tascha Johnson

Present Staff: Dani Sullivan, Jessica Phares, Kiesha Cannon, Cali Ellis

IV. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve Draft agenda for 2/7/2024

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from 1/17/2024.

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

V. Community Police Commission Updates

Co-chair Updates

- Cochairs issued a [statement](#) on their displeasure with the recent sweep of gay bars.
- CPC sent a letter requesting changes to the monitor's draft assessment on the accountability system. No requested changes were made. The same letter with a few edits was sent to Judge Robart as an amicus filing.
- Cochairs have been working with ED on engaging a professional facilitator for community engagement.
- Reminder for commissioners to attend the governance meeting which takes place on Fridays before the CPC bimonthly meeting.

Executive Director Updates

- Emma Sheppard has been hired as Communications Advisor.
- Applications are being reviewed for the Policy Director.
- ED Ellis attended ACLU's Lobby Day in Olympia week before last on Wednesday. People were there advocating for prison reform, sentencing reform and talking about policing.

Community Engagement Updates

- Community Engagement staff is on leave. A part-time staff has been hired to attend community meetings. Let Cali know if there are community meetings of relevance for this person to attend while the Community Engagement team is on leave.

- A regular facilitator will be hired for community engagement meetings during bimonthly meetings and meetings in community.
- Cali followed up with community members that attended the last meeting and will continue to work with them providing staff support as requested to develop community input on the emergency vehicle policy.

Commissioner Workgroup Updates

Complainant Appeals

- Dr. Rosenthal will present his white paper and analysis on complainant appeals practices at an upcoming meeting and materials will be distributed beforehand.

Police Practices

- Group discussed the last community meeting which helped shape their next steps as a work group. Things discussed were:
 - Weren't happy with the outcome of the meeting especially ending on the note that folks were not confident in the ability of CPC to do their jobs.
 - Ways to mitigate and appropriate next steps.
 - Recommended hiring a facilitator.
 - CPC should take a moment before entering additional community engagement spaces until a facilitator is present or training is received so no harm is caused and do our best to not break trust.
 - Make sure we aren't putting the burden on community to do the work when we're seeking input.
 - Setting expectations going into those types of meetings so that CPC is on the same page and knows what to expect.
 - How we operate within the CPC and the community in a way that's what we're supposed to do as commissioners with the help of staff.
 - Ensuring that commissioners know how we're showing up in spaces and making sure that we're doing so in an appropriate way that isn't harmful to communities that have already been harmed.
 - Working towards a space where we have a policy idea, staff runs down the details and then commissioners/workgroup go into community to get more information in with the community engagement team to ensure all on the same page and then provide updates to the larger group to make policy decisions.
 - Community engagement and their function within the CPC and their noticed absence from the last meeting. Commissioners Leavitt and Tyler had a separate meeting with the cochairs about this.

Behavioral Health

- Met on 1/24. Amy Smith and Shawn Blackwell from the CARE Department were present. Sergeant Sully from SPD's Crisis Intervention Team. Discussion about who is responsible for what when it comes to the departments involved with behavioral health Fire, Police and CARE department.

Legislative Update

- Bills moving forward are:

- HB 1445: Concerning law enforcement and local corrections agency misconduct through investigations and legal actions.
- HB 1579: Establishing a mechanism for independent prosecutions within the office of the attorney general of criminal conduct arising from police use of force.
- SB 6009: Prohibiting the use of hog-tying.
- HB 1062: Concerning deception by law enforcement officers during custodial interrogations
- Bills not moving forward:
 - HB 1930: Obtaining and sharing investigative information and aligning provisions with current operations and practices of the office of independent investigations.
- Jessica, Wyatt and ED Ellis have talked about finding ways to revise the ordinance or bylaws so commissioners can speak on behalf of the CPC allowing the CPC to have more of a significant impact in Olympia while testifying on bills.

New Business

- No new business.

VI. Department Updates

City Council

- Public Safety Committee meetings will start next week on Tuesday at 9:30a. Chief Diaz, Chief Scoggins, and Chief Smith will speak.
- Invites sent to OPA, CPC, OIG to present at the second committee meeting.

Mayor's Office

- Public comment for crime prevention technology will be open 2/5 through 2/29. Public hearings on 2/12 at City Hall and 2/27 at Bitter Lake Community Center.

Monitoring Team

No update.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

No update.

Office of Police Accountability (OPA)

No Update.

Office of Inspector General (OIG)

- Standards and compliance working on finalizing use of force assessment due to court at the end of February.
- Beginning to work on 2024 work plan items.

Seattle Police Department (SPD)

- SPD has prohibited hogtying of any kind/connection between wrist and ankle restraints since 2014.

- Brian Maxey, COO spoke about what happens after the OPA Director recommends a sustained finding for one or more allegations. Information about this can be found on page 37 of OPA's [Internal Operations Training Manual](#)

VII. Presentation: Washington Office of Independent Investigation (OII)

- Director, Roger Rogoff presented and answered questions about the [Washington Office of Independent Investigations](#)
- [Link to Presentation](#)

VIII. Presentation: Public Safety Civil Service Commission (PSCSC)

- Executive Director, Andrea Scheele and other members of her team presented and answered questions about the [Public Safety Civil Service Commission](#).
- [Link to Presentation](#)

IX. Executive Session

- CPC went into executive session to review the performance of a public employee.

X. Adjourn