

Community Police Commission (CPC)

March 6, 2024, 9:00 am In-Person & Via WebEx Conference Call

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

CPC Attendees: Rev. Patricia Hunter, Suzette Dickerson, Lynne Wilson, Raven Nicole Tyler, Rev. Harriett Walden, Joel Merkel, Mark Mullens, Anthony Gaedcke, Lars W. Erickson, Tascha Johnson, Wyatt Arledge, Erica Newman, Chandler Gayton, Le'Jayah Washington

CPC Absences: Philip J. Sanchez, Adrien Leavitt

CPC Staff: Cali Ellis, Emma Shepard, Dani Sullivan, Chloe Tang

III. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the 3/6/24 meeting agenda

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from 2/21/24

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

IV. Community Police Commission Updates

➤ Co-Chair Updates

- Update on the Public Safety Committee hearing in the City Council on February 27th.
- Reminder to check the city council's and mayor's calendars for upcoming community meetings relevant to CPC work.

- Highlights the importance of checking city emails regularly and keeping passwords up to date.
- **Executive Director Updates**
 - Keisha has moved to the Office of Civil Rights and her contributions to the CPC were appreciated.
 - Emma Shepard, the new communications advisor welcomed to the CPC.
 - Meetings are being held with the new city council members, including Councilmember Kettle, to educate them on the CPC's role in the accountability system.
- **Community Engagement Updates**
 - Chloe Tang introduced herself to the meeting and describes the different meetings she's attended.
 - The SPD is working on recruiting and outreach efforts in the community.
- **Commissioner's Workgroup Updates**
 - **Complaint Appeals**
 - Joel Merkel provided a brief update, indicating that the work group may soon cease to exist as they're nearing the end of their work.
 - The next recommended step is to draft a letter summarizing the work and potential recommendations for the city council.
 - Recommendations would include involving complainants more in the disciplinary process before decisions are made.
 - Further discussions in future public meetings.
 - **Behavioral Health**
 - *No updates were available.*
- **Staff Department Updates**
 - **Policy Staff Updates**
 - Comments are being drafted on proposed surveillance technologies with the police practices work group.
 - CPC is working with OPA in setting up their victim impact statement process.
 - The release of the SPOG contract is being prepared.
 - **Communications Update**
 - Emma Shepard introduced herself and outlined the strategic plan vision for 2024.
 - Commissioners are encouraged to participate in the staff hiring process.
- **New Business**
 - *No new businesses were available for discussion.*

V. Department Updates

- City Council
 - The upcoming [public safety committee meeting](#) will focus on the SPD recruitment and retention plan, involving various stakeholders.
- Mayor's Office
 - The public comment period for crime prevention technology has been extended until March 22nd.
 - A [public safety forum](#) is scheduled for March 14th at the Seattle Public Library from 6 to 7:30 PM.
- Monitoring Team
 - *No update was available.*
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - *No update was available.*
- Office of Police Accountability (OPA)
 - *No update was available.*
- Office of Inspector General (OIG)
 - A 'use of force' assessment has been filed with the court; the [link is on the CPC website](#).
 - An audit report on SPD administration of paid leave for COVID-19 is expected in the following weeks.
 - Commissioners are encouraged to review the OIG's court filing for awareness and understanding.
- Seattle Police Department (SPD)
 - An outcome measures update along with the OIG report has been filed.
 - Updates on stops and detentions and data analytics work are to be discussed at a future date.

VI. 2024 Legislative Session Update

- [HB 1445](#) aimed to create a state-level consent decree process overseen by the AG, but faced opposition from law enforcement, cities, and counties, and did not progress.
- [HB 1579](#) proposed establishing the Office of Independent Prosecutions, but faced opposition from law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys and did not progress.
- [HB 1513](#), the pretext stop bill, aimed to limit minor traffic stops but faced opposition from law enforcement and did not progress.
- [HB 2086](#), allowing information sharing for the OII, was passed with support from law enforcement.
- [HB 2384](#), an automated traffic safety camera bill, faced opposition but was supported by certain cities.
- [SB 5424](#), a flexible work policy bill, aimed at addressing recruitment and retention issues in law enforcement, passed unanimously.
- [SB 6009](#), a prohibition on hog-tying bill, was supported by the city of Tacoma and others but faced concerns from law enforcement regarding language oversight.

- [I-2113](#), an initiative that modifies vehicular pursuit policy, had the public hearing and has passed.
- Bills that didn't pass are anticipated to return next year, possibly with tweaks.
- The Parents Bill of Rights that was recently passed is in alignment with the existing state law.
- The Police Pursuit Bill is effective from June onward of the current year and it doesn't prevent departments from having robust pursuit policies.
- Regarding the SPD's pursuit policy history, revisions have been made in compliance with legislation but the policy's restrictiveness predates the statute.
- Commissioners are encouraged to join the legislative work group in preparation for the next session.

VII. Police Practices Discussion on SPD Technology Comments

- [Presentation](#) to provide an overview comments drafted by the CPC Police Practices workgroup on the Technology Assisted Crime Prevention Pilot Technologies.
- The public comment period has been extended to March 22nd.
- CCTV surveillance, AGLS, and RTCC face similar community feedback and recommendations regarding data collection and community concerns. Proponents see potential benefits while opponents express privacy and social disparity concerns.
- Recommendations include considering historical impacts, consulting experts, and developing detailed evaluation plans and safeguards with robust community engagement.
- A comprehensive evaluation plan/criteria for technologies is necessary, with metrics and ongoing refinement. Defining evaluation criteria from the sections in the SIR is a challenge.
- There has been a proposal from the mayor's office in the previous year on the SPD creating a real-time crime dashboard. The CCTV footage access would involve warrants or consent from camera owners, depending on the circumstances.
- It was noted that CCTV is required in areas of high-profile concern to address gun violence and also to make major arrests to deter violence. A sunset clause was suggested to emphasize the temporary nature of the proposed cameras.
- A sunset date is absent in the SIR and if a vote is required on this matter, it should be done with ample notice to allow commissioners to prepare and engage with their communities.
- In conclusion, clear evaluation metrics, success rates, and a sunset date for the surveillance technology are required. The success measures and safeguards should be defined to address community concerns regarding privacy and data usage. The discussion is to be continued at future meetings.

VIII. Adjourn