



**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION (CIC)**

June 26, 2023

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Webex Meeting & Seattle City Hall L2-80

**Commissioners present:** Saba Rahman (she/her), Martha Lucas (she/her), Bill Southern (he/him), Michael Seo, Fiona Murray (she/her)

**Commissioners not in attendance:** Julia Jannon-Shields (she/her), Ahoua Koné (she/her),

**City of Seattle Staff present:** Alvin Edwards (Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, he/him), Laura Jenkins (Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, she/her), Detective Denise “Cookie” Bouldin (Seattle Police Department)

***(Transcriber’s Note: The notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised. Full comments are retained in the files in video recording and available upon request.)***

**Commissioner Roll-call**

**Community Comments and vote on 5/15/23 Meeting Minutes**

There were no community comments.

The commission voted to approve the May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 Community Involvement Commission minutes.

**Subcommittee Updates**

Subcommittee Chairs updated the group on subcommittee meetings since the last Community Involvement Commission meeting:

1. Subcommittee on Strengthening CIC relationships & visibility with City of Seattle stakeholders, which include City Council, Mayor & City departments.
  - a. Subcommittee Chair: Commissioner Marcus White
  - b. Subcommittee members: Commissioner Fiona Murray, Commissioner Ahoua Koné
  - c. Update from last meeting:
2. Subcommittee on Strengthening CIC’s relationships with the city of Seattle communities by building trust, being seen as a committed advocate acting in the community’s best interest.
  - a. Subcommittee Chair: Commissioner Martha Lucas
  - b. Subcommittee members: Commissioner Saba Rahman, Commissioner Julia Jannon-Shields
  - c. Update from last meeting:
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3. Subcommittee on Retaining Commissioners and recruitment.
  - a. Chair: Commissioner Bill Southern



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- b. Subcommittee members: Mike Seo
- c. Will work with Laura and Alvin
- d. Update from last meeting:

**Conversation with Detective Denise “Cookie” Bouldin**

- Detective Bouldin shared her life journey that has impacted her career and involvement in community
- Chess was a community youth recommendation proposed to SPD, started from a small room at the Seattle library with 3 kids present and grew to 30+ kids within 6 months
- Detective Cookie chess club has impacted all regions of Seattle, community and city funding to support Detective Cookie chess park implementation in many city-owned parks
  - To expand DCCC, community members have to come together to raise funds and advocacy to build a DCCC park
- How has she helped community/youth achieve success? Advocating to youth to believe in their excellence and providing food, safe place and positive life mentorship

Community Police Commission successes

- Providing a space for an outside source to grow the relationship between community and police Outreach efforts to transit safety for community riders (Sound Transit, King County and SPD)
- Community meeting with safety trainings is actively ongoing

[Before The Badge \(BTB\)](#)

Before the Badge (BTB) is an SPD-led paid five week pre-academy course that builds a solid foundation of community understanding and wellness for officers. Including lessons upon BIPOC communities’ impact and neighborhood historical events.

**Staff Liaison Updates**

- Attendance
  - Bylaws review
    - Reviewed attendance section
    - Mention importance of attendance and being on time
      - Leave community members waiting if we are late
- July meeting details
  - Director Chao at July or August meeting?
  - Saba & Martha will be out. Anyone else planning to be out?
- Retreat
  - Last retreat was in July 2022
  - Bring it up so people are thinking about it
  - We’ll work to get a possible date scheduled by email, it will need to be after the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting so it can be announced to the public
- Recruitment



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- Recruitment push update
  - Reminder to push out to networks
  - Number of applications that have come through so far is 3
- Commissioner White's paperwork submitted we're waiting for scheduling for a vote by Council
- Commissioner Murray is interested in continuing as a commissioner after her Get Engaged term is up. She is interested in commission-selected appointment.
- Get Engaged
  - Recruitment & Retention subcommittee members invited to interviews
  - One remaining interview this week
  - New possible commissioner should be selected by early July and appointed by the Mayor and Council by early September.
- List of Director Chao's meetings
  - Staff Liaison Jenkins will send in the next couple of weeks

#### Follow-up from May meeting with Community Police Commission staff

Follow-up postponed to a future meeting.

#### Possible Plan for Accountability

Conversation postponed to a future meeting.

#### Community Comments & Closing

The meeting was adjourned.