Community Police Commission (CPC)

January 13, 2016, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Room 370

CPC Attendees: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair, Rev. Harriett Walden, co-chair
Enrique Gonzalez, Jay Hollingsworth, David Keenan, Marcel Purnell,
Ofc. Kevin Stuckey, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Claudia D’Allegri, Melinda Giovengo, Kay Godefroy

CPC Staff: Fé Lopez, Anne Bettesworth, Minty LongEarth, Betsy Graef, Tracy Whitlatch

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): "To approve the 12/9/15 CPC Meeting minutes with amendment and the 1/13/15 agenda."

CO-CHAIR ELECTION

The CPC decided in 2015 that co-chair candidates would run as a slate rather than individually. Later in the year, the CPC will discuss whether to make the co-chair positions 2 year terms.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): "To approve Rev. Harriett Walden and Lisa Daugaard as the 2016 CPC Co-chairs."

TRAINING WORKGROUP

The CPC has been working with the SPD Training Section, OCR and Benita Horn to develop the upcoming Bias-Free Policing training for supervisors. SPD command staff will be attending the first of approximately ten training sessions beginning tentatively on February 8th.

SPD Community Engagement Assessment Workgroup

The CPC issued its Assessment of the Seattle Police Department’s Community Engagement through Recruitment, Hiring and Training. This assessment was also filed with the court and a press release was sent to the local media. Advanced copies were sent to SPD, DOJ, Mayor’s Office, City Council and the City Attorney’s Office.

The CPC felt that the findings on recruitment, hiring, and training could help inform SPD’s policies and practices in the midst of hiring 100 new officers. Additionally, the CPC did not want the data to go stale.

This assessment is the first of two assessments that will be issues by the CPC this year. The second assessment will be focused on SPD’s communications and the formal channels available to racial, ethnic, immigrant, and refugee communities to provide input to SPD, and the
communication structures employed by SPD to provide output to those communities. The second assessment will be released on the second quarter of 2016.

**BODY CAMERA UPDATE**

The CPC Executive Director will represent the CPC at the House Judiciary Committee meeting regarding body camera legislation in Olympia, WA on January 14th. She will address the following approved issues.

- Request that a representative from the immigrant and refugee community be added to the taskforce. - **Moved, seconded, and passed (8-0-0)**
- National Security Agencies: Legislation should direct local jurisdictions to state what their policy is for releasing videos to national security agencies. - **Moved, seconded, and passed (8-0-0)**
- Privacy/Public Disclosure: The first prong of the privacy act, RCW 42.56.050, is addressed in the draft legislation in section 14 (a); however, the second prong of the RCW (not of legitimate concern to the public) of the act is not addressed in the draft legislation. Legislation attempting to prevent disclosure must also address the second prong, because courts have interpreted this prong narrowly so that most information is released in light of this interest. - **Moved, seconded, and passed (8-0-0)**
- The community is wary of leaving the discretion to individual officers to determine when a body camera is turned on or off. This issue must be determined by the legislature. - **Moved, seconded, and passed (7-1-0)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

10:32 AM – 10:50 AM – PRA - The CPC went into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

**DOJ UPDATE**

The Monitor continues to work on the drafts of the OPA and Public Confidence assessments due January 15th and the CPC comments have been taken into consideration.

**ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP**

**Monitor’s Draft OPA Assessment** - The CPC met twice in early January to discuss the Monitor’s Draft OPA. The OPA Auditor provided her comments directly to the CPC regarding the Monitor’s Draft OPA Assessment at the first meeting. She also provided annotated versions with her comments of both assessments to the CPC. The OPA Director briefly commented from his perspective on the Monitor’s Draft OPA Assessment at the second meeting.

**Monitor’s Draft Public Confidence Assessment** - CPC staff met with Brian Center who was contracted by the Monitor to conduct the Public Confidence Assessment. to discuss the concerns of the CPC regarding the Monitor’s Draft Public Confidence Assessment. Of the many concerns the CPC has regarding this assessment, a major concern is the lack of focus on the isolated communities that brought the DOJ and the Consent Decree upon the SPD.

The CPC met with representatives from the DOJ, the City and Matthew from the Monitoring team to informally discuss the CPC’s and the City’s potential responses to both the OPA and
Public Confidence assessments on Thursday, January 7. All official comments from the CPC had to be approved by the CPC at its next meeting.

At the CPC meeting, a workgroup of commissioners was created to develop the CPC’s post-filing comments that fall within the scope of the CPC’s approved scope of comments.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-1-0) “To approve CPC’s pre-filing comments to submit to the Monitor and approve the ad hoc workgroup to submit post-filing comments to the Monitor’s assessments based on the approved scope of comments developed and agreed upon by the CPC.”

Community Signatory Meeting – Per the request of the community stakeholders that signed the November 30th, 2015 letter to the Monitor, the CPC coordinated a meeting to update them on the Monitor’s process regarding the accountability legislation. That meeting is scheduled on January 19th and the 47 signatories of the community letter, the CPC, staff from the Mayor’s Office, a member of the Monitor team and the City Attorney have been invited.

Action Item

COUNCILMEMBER MEETINGS

Councilmember Meetings - CPC staff and some commissioners met with councilmembers to discuss the CPC’s concerns with the mayoral appointee process/selection and the needs that commissioners must fill in order to do the work and maintain credibility in the community. The CPC representatives also discussed the Monitor’s upcoming proposed process regarding the accountability legislation recommendations.

Commissioner Appointments – The City Council Public Safety Committee Chair postponed the CPC confirmation process scheduled for December 11, 2015 in light of the concerns expressed by the CPC related to the need to appoint commissioners with the expertise and constituency representation needed to maintain the credibility of the Commission.

OPA Reform Process – The Mayor’s Office will include the CPC in the process and timing and hopes to have consensus once the process is finished.

OTHER BUSINESS

Law Extern, Stephanie Roman – The CPC has a new law extern to assist with policy and reform issues. She is a 3L at Seattle University School of Law and is also working on her Masters in Criminal Justice.

CPC Retreat Date – The CPC will hold its annual retreat in March.

NACOLE presentation update – Staff decided to not submit a presentation for the 2016 NACOLE Conference due to other staff resources needed in other priority areas of work.

SPD Commendation Letter – The CPC sent a letter to Chief O’Toole on January 12 acknowledging SPD’s collaborative efforts with the CPC.
SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- Schedule meeting to discuss talking points for community signatory meeting.