Community Police Commission (CPC)
April 13, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Room 370

CPC Absent: Taylor Hoang, Kevin Stuckey
CPC Staff: Fé Lopez, Anne Bettesworth, Minty LongEarth, Betsy Graef

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (9-0-0): “To approve the 3/23/16 CPC Meeting minutes and the 3/23/16 agenda.”

TRAINING WORKGROUP

SPD invited the CPC to review their Crowd Management Training in order to provide input and observations. The SPD would not allow the materials to leave SPD so on March 30, 2016, a CPC ad-hoc workgroup reviewed the training materials at SPD headquarters. A subset of the ad-hoc workgroup met with SPD representatives to provide feedback on training materials and identify areas of interest in preparation for SPD’s training on April 3, 2016.

SPD held their final walk-through of the Bias-Free Policing training on March 28th, 2016. Staff attended and was able to provide feedback on training materials and noted that SPD’s training integrated CPC comments. It was observed that the training manual still needs to be updated to reflect the changes to the training, but the actual training is reflective of CPC comments.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS INQUEST PROCESS PRESENTATION AND DEBRIEF

At 9:25 am, the CPC adjourned the meeting to attend a presentation by the King County Prosecutor’s Office on the Inquest Process at Council Chambers, 2nd floor of City Hall.

The presentation informed the public that an inquest occurs to look into the causes and circumstances of any death caused by a member of any law enforcement agency within King County while in the performance of his/her duties. The process and procedures that lead to an inquest being held were also discussed. This process is unique in Washington State and King County is the only county in Washington State to hold inquests.

During the presentation, Councilmember Lorena González pointed out that the Inquest Procedure Policy is not clear on what steps to take if a family does not have access to legal representation. The policy does not mention anything in regards to lack of legal representation and assumes families will have representation.
The CPC resumed the meeting at 10:35 am and de-briefed on the presentation. The CPC flagged Councilmember González’s comments for further review as issues with accountability.

**SPD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT WORKGROUP UPDATE**

The first Demographic Advisory Council (DAC) meeting was held on April 7, 2016 and more DAC meetings will be held in the coming weeks. CPC will also be participating in Department of Neighborhood’s Quarterly Meetings and hosting SPD roundtables.

These meetings will be held in order to gather suggestions and recommendations that CPC will use for Part II of the SPD Community Engagement Assessment which will be out later this year.

**DISTRICT LIAISON EXPECTATIONS**

CPC Staff went over with Commissioners the status of the CPC District Liaison Assignments. District 1-3 and 7 were covered, however District 4-6 were missing volunteers. The Commission will confirm the final district selections at the next full CPC meeting.

**SPD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT WORKGROUP**

The Commission also decided to reconfigure the workgroups. The SPD Community Engagement Assessment Workgroup was split into two separate groups – Recruitment/Hiring/Training Assessment Workgroup and Community Engagement.

The Recruitment/Hiring/Training Assessment Workgroup will be led by Commissioners Enrique Gonzalez and Kay Godefroy with assistance of CPC staff member Anne Bettesworth.

The Community Engagement Workgroup Group will be led by Commissioner Claudia D’Allegri with assistance of CPC staff member Minty LongEarth.

**TRAINING WORKGROUP**

As part of the reconfiguration of workgroups, the Training Workgroup will be led by Commissioners David Keenan and Jay Hollingsworth with assistance of CPC staff member Minty LongEarth.

**ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP**

As part of the reconfiguration of workgroups, the Accountability Workgroup will be led by Co-chairs Rev. Harriet Walden and Lisa Daugaard with assistance of CPC Consultant Betsy Graef.

**Accountability Legislation Recommendations Process Update** – CPC representatives attended five recent meetings on the accountability system that Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes convened that included representatives from DOJ, the Monitoring Team, the Mayor’s office, CAO, SPD, OPARB, CPC and SPD. These meetings were held to respond to questions raised the federal court about proposed legislation. While there was considerable discussion in the meetings of possible specific revisions to the legislative package, no consensus on doing so was reached. Instead, the group agreed that the City's upcoming filing with the court regarding the outcome of
these meetings would be limited to noting areas of possible legislative action that implicate the Settlement, asking the court to allow the City to move forward with consideration of the current package and possible improvements to it, providing a 60-day window after the legislation is finalized to allow the court's review and judgment on those legislated areas that require amendments to the Settlement. Pete Holmes has filed a two week extension request, to April 26th for his filing. The CPC is expected to file its response to Party filings within two weeks later (by May 10th).


**Protest Policing** – The CPC held an Accountability Workgroup meeting on April 7, 2016 to discuss the 2015 May Day Blast Ball OPA Investigation. The focus of the meetings was to discuss and look for systemic and procedural issues, not to make a determination on the results of the investigation. The CPC plans to continue the discussion.

**Feedback on Reappointment of the OPA Director and Auditor** – On July 1st, the OPA Director and Auditor will be up for reappointment. CPC will work on providing critical information on its perspective of their performance in the coming weeks.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Updated Logo Discussion** – Staff shared updated potential logos with the Commission. Commissioners discussed the choices and asked for additional time to decide how to proceed with selection.

**Che Taylor Community Meetings** – Staff and Commissioners have been attending the weekly Che Taylor Community Meetings. The CPC will have representatives attending the meetings and more information about them will be sent out.

**SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

- Staff will follow-up with SPD regarding the upcoming Crowd Management Training.
- Staff will prepare a checklist for accountability legislation.
- Staff will review OPA Auditor report issued February 2016.
- Staff will develop next steps on OPA Director/OPA Auditor performance reviews to present on the next Accountability Work Group Meeting on April 21, 2016.
- Staff will determine next steps to take on external investigations, public disclosure recommendations, and protest policing.
- Staff will add Independent Investigation of police use of deadly force to May 5, 2016 Accountability Workgroup Agenda.
- Staff will work on releasing a legislation process info sheet on the CPC website. The CPC will also start to use social media more frequently.
- Staff will work on issuing a Feedback Performance Review by the next CPC meeting.
- Staff will work on developing a CPC Work Plan for the year.
- Staff will follow-up with Commissioners concerning the CPC Logo.