Community Police Commission (CPC)

May 27, 2015, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
City Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 370

CPC Attendees: Rev. Harriett Walden, co-chair, Claudia D’Allegri, Melinda Giovengo, Kay Godefroy, Enrique Gonzalez, Jay Hollingsworth, David Keenan

CPC Absent: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair, Marcel Purnell, Lt. Ron Rasmussen, Jennifer Shaw, Ofc. Kevin Stuckey, Rev. Aaron Williams, Tracy Whitlatch (Staff)

CPC Staff: Fé Lopez, Anne Bettesworth, Betsy Graef

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA AND MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): "To approve the 5/27/15 agenda and the 5/13/15 CPC meeting minutes with no changes."

ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP UPDATE

OPA Director Pierce Murphy gave a presentation on his 2014 Annual Report. He shared a willingness to work with the CPC regarding the content and structure of future reports. The OPA also handed out a new information and fact sheet to commissioners that will be distributed to the public.

CPC staff detailed upcoming work for the Accountability Workgroup. The workgroup will be focusing on recommendations involving the OPA Annual Report, the OPA website and analytics, policy review, and legislation.

Action Item

TRAINING WORKGROUP UPDATE

The Training Workgroup co-chair gave an overview of the upcoming SPD Supervisor Training on Institutional Bias that will begin in late August. SPD will share with the CPC its draft curriculum at the end of June and the CPC will provide feedback by the end of July. The training will consist of two, two hour training blocks. Technical advisors from the Seattle Office of Civil Rights are working with SPD and the CPC.

CPC DEMONSTRATIONS LETTER UPDATE

The CPC sent a letter to Chief O'Toole regarding SPD response to post-Ferguson and Black Lives Matter demonstrations on May 19th. The letter proposed a structured dialogue SPD and the community. Chief O'Toole responded by stating that SPD is committed to reform and is
working with the DOJ and the Monitor. The CPC will request to meet with representatives of SPD, DOJ, and the Monitoring team to discuss next steps.

Action Item

USE OF FORCE UPDATE

The CPC filed in Amicus Brief to the Court discussing three key recommendations that were not included in the latest draft from the Monitor regarding the SPD’s Use of Force policy.

The DOJ filed a supporting memo in favor of the Monitor’s policy.

WORKGROUP UPDATES

Disparate Impact Analysis Workgroup: Katherine Beckett continues to interview people in the community including service care providers and representatives in various community based organizations in West, East and Southwest precincts regarding public consumption of alcohol. Katherine has also finalized a memo regarding obstruction cases and further follow up is needed.

SPD Community Engagement Assessment Workgroup: The listening sessions have ended. The CPC conducted fourteen listening sessions in thirteen different languages. The next phase is analysis and writing.

OTHER BUSINESS

The CPC has hired Minty LongEarth to be the new Community Engagement and Communications Specialist. Staff shared her resume with commissioners. She will begin June 4th.

The CPC has accepted the invitation to participate in the Juneteenth Celebration at Therapeutic Health Services on June 18th.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- Staff will follow-up on front-line supervisor investigations of minor misconduct procedure.
- Staff will invite representatives from SPD, DOJ and the Monitoring team to its next CPC meeting.