Community Police Commission (CPC)

November 12, 2014, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
SMT, 16th Floor, Room 1610


CPC Absent: Claudia D’Allegri, Melinda Giovengo, Capt. Joe Kessler, Marcel Purnell, A/Capt. Ron Rasmussen, Rev. Aaron Williams

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

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (8-0-0): “To approve with no changes both 10/08/14 and 10/22/47 CPC meeting minutes.”

ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP

The CPC reviewed Mayor Murray’s Plan for Seattle Police Accountability and Civilian Oversight proposal. Five key items were:

1. Make the CPC the permanent civilian oversight body of the police accountability system.
2. Consolidate review of individual OPA cases under the OPA Auditor and incorporate other functions of the OPA Review Board into the CPC.
3. Strengthen the role and independence of the OPA.
4. Implement key policy and process reforms to the accountability and discipline processes in order to maximize professionalism, transparency and public trust.
5. Study whether to establish an independent Office of Inspector General for the Seattle Police Department to help identify structural and programmatic weaknesses within the Department and institute national best practices.

Mayor Murray will be presenting the proposal at a press conference at 3:30pm today. The CPC agreed to participate in the press conference. The co-chairs and staff will attend and Diane will make a statement regarding the proposal on behalf of the CPC.

The CPC’s press release can be found here. The Mayor’s full proposal can be found here.

CPC Staff and some commissioners will be meeting with LRPC councilmembers within the next two weeks to discuss key issues and answer any questions councilmembers may have about the CPC’s recommendations.
CPC voted 8-0-0 to waive its attorney-client privilege to the document “The Effect of the Public Records Act on Videos Generated by Body Worn Cameras” dated November 4th, 2014. The Body Worn Camera policy will be discussed at next week’s full CPC Meeting.

Action Items

WORKGROUP UPDATES

SPD Community Engagement Assessment Workgroup – Staff is continuing to meet with PRR to complete the workplan for the assessment and will present a proposal at the next full CPC meeting.

Training Workgroup – SPD Bias-Free Policing Training started on November 3rd and will run through the end of December. Commissioners believe that it has been a positive experience to participate in the trainings.

Last week, the Training Workgroup met with Sgt. Brooks and Officer Welte from the SPD Training Unit as well as Diana Falchuk and Darlene Flynn from the Office of Civil Rights to debrief the training. Mike Diaz, Matthew Barge and others attended as well. A second debrief may be planned in the next few weeks to track the progress of the trainings.

Action Item

NEWSLETTER

The CPC’s second newsletter is scheduled to go out on December 9th. Planned articles will focus on police accountability, bias-free policing training, community engagement assessment and an introduction and implications of the body camera policy. The “spotlight” article will be on Commissioner Jennifer Shaw of the ACLU.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- Staff will coordinate meetings with the LRPC Councilmembers and Commissioners.
- Staff will add the Body Worn Camera policy to next week’s full CPC meeting agenda.
- Staff will develop and present an SPD Community Engagement Assessment Proposal at the next full CPC meeting.