

Community Police Commission (CPC)

March 17th, 2021, 9:00am
Via Zoom Conference Call

I. Land Acknowledgement

II. Attendance

CPC Attendees: La Rond Baker (Co-Chair), Erin Goodman (Co-chair), Suzette Dickerson, Alina Santillan, Joseph Seia, Esther Lucero, Prachi Dave, Rev. Harriett Walden, Rev. Aaron Williams, Asha Mohammed, Patricia Hunter, Navin Pinto, Austin Field, Mark Mullens, Tashca Johnson, Erica Newman, Douglas Wagner (late: excused)

CPC Staff: Nia Franco, Brandy Grant, Shayleen Morris, Luiza Montesanti, Emily Trbovich, Jesse Franz

III. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the 3/17/21 meeting agenda.

Moved: Prachi Davi

Seconded: Alina Santillan

Approved: by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the CPC meeting minutes from 3/3/21

Moved: Alina Santillan (Approved With Edits)

Seconded: Prachi Davi

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

IV. Monitor Team Presentation: Methodology to Fix Accountability

- 2021 monitoring plan to create a comprehensive review of Seattle Police Department under current Consent Decree
- Methodology explores four key areas: Use of Force, Crisis Intervention, Stops and Detentions, and Supervision
- Asking CPC to review draft and give feedback.
- All recommendations must be brought before the commission for a full vote
- Will discuss Feedback and Recommendations at 4/7/21 CPC Meeting

V. City Attorney Pete Holmes: Consent Decree Update

1. Why are we under the consent decree?

- DOJ found a pattern of unconstitutional policing in which SPD officers were using excessive force
- DOJ and City agreed to enter into Consent Decree: Also led directly to creation of the CPC

2. Where do things stand now under the Consent Decree?

- After the events of last summer, the two biggest pieces for the Consent decree is in Accountability and Crowd Management
- Court ruled the City had fallen out of compliance in regard to the accountability and discipline

3. Update on Pending Appeals

- In all of the pending appeals: If there is a termination for excessive use of force, throughout the appeal the office is no longer carrying a weapon or being paid
- 70 pending appeals
- June 4th, 2020. During summer protests in response to George Floyd's murder, Mr. Holmes withdrew the pending motion to terminate the sustainment plan

VI. Public Comment

Public Comment is welcomed by the CPC. Individual speakers will be provided up to two minutes to comment on items on the meeting agenda.

1. Dr. Howard Gale provided public comment

VII. Accountability Partners Updates

- **Department of Justice (DOJ):** Working with monitoring team to provide input on the methodologies as well.
- **Council (Newell Aldrich):** CM Herbold is reviewing SPD Budget Legislation and is considering SPD's proposal for spending.
- **Mayor (Austin Miller):** Tomorrow, 3/18, The House Public Safety Committee will be considering SB 5051 and certain amendments to the bill.
- **Office of Police Accountability (OPA):** No Update.
- **Office of Inspector General (OIG):** We have started a couple of projects with SPD in regards to Responding to persons in mental health crisis, people with edged weapons, and their pursuit policy and training. Will give more information at the next CPC meeting.

VIII. Co-Chair and Executive Director Updates

1. Co-Chair Update

- Welcoming our new commissioners: Austin Field, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman, Dr. Navin Pinto, Patricia Hunter, and Asha Mohammed

2. Executive Director Update:

- Jesse Franz sent Bio Commissioner and headshots to get the website updated: Please work on turning in the forms
- SharePoint page for onboarding is open for both new and current commissioners
- 100 Day Work Plan: We are sending a Community Engagement Survey for commissioners to fill out.
- CPC will be putting a process in place to review work plans and decide whether or not the commission has the capacity to be involved

IX. Discussion: Community Impact of Recent Deadly Uses of Force

- How are the communities you are connected with feeling about SPD's current use of force?
- People in community have experienced constant traumatization. There is a need to understand the historical context of how police view blackness as a crime.
- Young black and brown organizers are committing to a movement of racial justice. How do we support our youth that are trying to transform policing and the realities we live in?
- Real anxiety about what is going to happen during the spring and summer with the upcoming George Floyd trial. How will the excessive force be different? There is a deep issue of trust.
- How can we as commissioners build collective power with organizations that are trying to address the needs of people who are negatively impacted by policing.
- Frustration with inaction and a lack of clear strategy.
- Lack of officers in the special units is negatively affecting our communities. Public Safety through out the city is suffering.
- In downtown Seattle there has been assaults with no officers around to support them. The fear from crime has risen. There is a fear about defunding and crime going up.

X. Meeting Adjourned