

MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

April 19, 2017, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Ave., Suite 4080

CPC Attendees: Enrique Gonzalez, co-chair, Rev. Harriett Walden, co-chair, Lisa Daugaard, Kay Godefroy, Jay Hollingsworth, Cpt. Joe Kessler Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Isaac Ruiz, co-chair, Claudia D'Allegrì, Josias Flynn, Melinda Giovengo, Ofc. Kevin Stuckey

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

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): “To approve the 04-19-17 agenda and the minutes from 04-05-17.”

KING COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT REQUEST UPDATE

The CPC Executive Director testified on Monday, April 8th, with talking points approved by the Commission, in support of King County Office of Law Enforcement Oversight proposed ordinance 2017-0139. The ordinance passed, but is subject to Union bargaining. A commissioner from Public Defenders Association also testified, but on the behalf of PDA.

SPD RECRUITMENT, HIRING, AND TRAINING ASSESSMENT UPDATE

CPC staff met with Seattle Department of Human Resources (SDHR) staff to get an update on the City's equity analysis of SPD's hiring processes. SDHR stated that its plan is to build on the work that the CPC has already completed. There will be another meeting next week and staff will ask when the City plans to release their findings and recommendations. This may inform when the CPC will release its recommendations.

CITIZEN OBSERVER BILL UPDATE

Councilmember Herbold drafted the Citizen Observer Bill and has requested that the CPC comment on it. A commissioner presented the recommendations that PDA will be submitting. The CPC approved using those recommendations as its own.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): “To approve the use of the recommendations put forth by Public Defenders Association regarding the Citizen Observer Bill.”

BODY WORN VIDEO POLICY UPDATE

The CPC Executive Director and a commissioner will be presenting the CPC's position on the body worn video (BWV) policy to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. An agenda for the

BWV stakeholders meeting that was to take place immediately after the CPC meeting was shared with the Commission.

USE OF FORCE ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

The CPC Executive Director highlighted some issues that the CPC might want to comment on regarding the use of force assessment. A discussion took place around apparent disparate impact and systemic issues, including the reduction in force with no increase in officers reporting injuries and no increase in crime; including the reduction of use of force without body worn video being in place.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): “To approve posting a public statement regarding the Use of Force Assessment that is to be issued late next week.”

ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP UPDATE

The GESCNA Committee has had a series of meetings with a CPC workgroup to discuss the police accountability legislation. The meetings focused on the CPC, OIG and OPA. The next meeting will take place on April 26th. The final public hearing is scheduled for May 16th with a presentation to be given by the CPC. A final City Council vote on the police accountability legislation will take place on May 22nd.

A separate small ad-hoc workgroup will meet Friday to discuss CPC specifics regarding budget, resources and staffing for the OIG and CPC.

The CPC will hold two meetings in the community (April 25th and May 2nd) to update stakeholders on the status of the legislation.

CPC staff presented information about revising the contract with Ret. Judge Levinson. The CPC believes she will be needed after the legislation is in place to further assist, particularly during bargaining between the City of Seattle and the police unions.

The CPC will be meeting with labor unions Friday to discuss the CPC’s position as it relates to bargaining.

Moved, seconded, and passed (6-1-0): “To approve the CPC to revise the contract with Ret. Judge Levinson.”

DOJ and MONITOR UPDATE

DOJ – The DOJ stated that the Use of Force assessment will be filed April 28th and the Terry Stops assessment will be filed in June. The DOJ also stated that SPD has proposed new language regarding rendering aid, as a result of the Che Taylor shooting investigation and subsequent discussions.

Monitor – The Monitor’s representative stated that they continue to be involved in the DOJ’s assessments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Staff will be attending the Othering and Belonging Conference in Oakland at the end of the month.

NACOLE – In September, NACOLE will hold its annual conference, this year in Spokane, Washington. The CPC submitted three proposals for presentations to NACOLE, but they were not accepted. One CPC staff member has been asked to sit on a community engagement panel at the conference. However, the CPC has decided it needs to reconsider its participation in the conference. Other options were proposed and will be discussed at a future CPC meeting.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- Staff will add review of the 2017 CPC budget to a future CPC meeting.
- Staff will contact the Human Rights Commission to inquire about their quarterly meetings.
- Staff will follow-up with the Monitor team regarding data on the racial makeup of detainees.
- Staff will draft a statement regarding the Use of Force assessment and will forward to commissioners for their review by Wednesday, April 26th. The statement will be finalized and posted by Thursday, April 27th.
- Staff will follow-up with SPD regarding rendering aid comments and a meeting with prosecutors.