

DRAFT MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

June 17, 2020, 9:00am – 12:00pm
Via Zoom Conference Call

CPC Attendees: Prachi Dave (Co-chair), Rev. Harriett Walden (Co-chair), Rev. Aaron Williams (Co-chair), Emma Catague Scott Bachler, Suzette Dickerson, Colleen Echohawk, Erin Goodman, Brandy Grant, Monisha Harrell, Esther Lucero, Asha Mohamed, Natasha Moore, Ofc. Mark Mullens, Alina Santillan, Joseph Seia, Douglas Wagoner

CPC Staff: Nick Christian, Jesse Franz, Roxana Garcia, Jeanette Martin, Bessie Scott,

Review Agenda / Announcements

The CPC voted to approve the 6/17/2020 CPC meeting agenda.

“Approve the 6/17/2020 CPC meeting agenda.”

Moved: Douglas Wagoner

Seconded: Erin Goodman

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Not present, did not vote: 0

The CPC voted to approve the 4/1/2020 CPC Minutes.

“Approve the CPC meeting minutes from 4/1/2020.”

Moved: Suzette Dickerson

Seconded: Brandy Grant

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Not present, did not vote: N/A

The CPC voted to approve the 4/15/2020 CPC Minutes.

“Approve the CPC meeting minutes from 4/15/2020.”

Moved: Erin Goodman

Seconded: Emma Catague

Yes: 16

No: 0
Abstentions: 0
Not present, did not vote: N/A

The CPC voted to approve the 5/6/2020 CPC Minutes.

“Approve the CPC meeting minutes from 5/6/2020.”

Moved: Erin Goodman
Seconded: Brandy Grant

Yes: 16
No: 0
Abstentions: 0
Not present, did not vote: N/A

DOJ/Monitor Update

Monitor Update – The Monitor had no updates. The Accountability Entities, the DOJ, the Mayor’s office and the Monitor have a check- in call scheduled for June 18, 2020.

DOJ Update – The DOJ has no updates.

Other Business

Public Comments

Public comments received for this meeting were read by the CPC Co-Chairs.

CPC Commissioner Seats (Standing Agenda Item)

The CPC reviewed the status of commissioner seats.

Co-Chair Updates (Standing Agenda Item)

- **CPC Updates on current work** – The CPC Co-Chair reported on the recent work of the CPC. These include the joint recommendation with the Accountability Entities to address the use of tear gas against protestors which includes blast balls. However, the later were used in recent protests. CPC issued its own recommendation to the Mayor and City Council to strengthen Police accountability in being responsive to community demands; The CPC filed a Response Brief to the Court responding to the City’s motion which withdrew portions of its sustainment plan that was previously filed. The CPC is waiting to hear on the outcome of the brief; The CPC has historically supported the Inquest process. The City has recently filed a writ to dismantle the process. CPC has requested the City withdraw its writ, which it did so; ACLU and Perkins Coie filed a restraining order with respect to crowd control weapons which was granted by the federal court for 14 days. City Council has passed two ordinances with respect to choke holds and the use of crowd controls weapons used by SPD against demonstrators in recent protests.
- **CPC Workflow Log** – The Co-Chairs discussed the current CPC Work Items and went over a workflow log with the Commissioners. The four main areas in which the CPC will devote time and create sub-committees for are: 1. Strengthening police accountability; 2.

Reviewing the police response to community demonstrations; 3. Defunding the police department; and a 4. State legislative agenda.

- **Welcome New Staff - The** CPC said goodbye to our last temporary administrative specialist whose temporary assignment has ended. We have a new Temporary Administrative Specialist – Jeannette Martin. We also have a new Policy Director-Shayleen Morris who is joining us on June 24, 2020.

Action Item: CPC Staff will update the CPC Workflow Log and send it the Co-Chairs and the Commission for discussion on subcommittee assignments and formation, as well as the next steps.

CPC Commissioner Appointment – Position 3 Public Defense - The CPC discussed filling its Public Defense seat on the Commission.

“Approve the appointment of La Rond Baker as a Commissioner into CPC Position 3, Public Defense.”

Moved: Erin Goodman

Seconded: Colleen Echohawk

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Not present, did not vote: 0

Conversation regarding Police Divestment, Investment in Community Resources and Decline to Prosecute Protesters
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The Commissioners began a dialogue at the meeting regarding Police Divestment, Investment in Community Resources and Decline to Prosecute Protesters. Angelica Chazaro, Law Professor at the University of Washington and member of Decriminalize Seattle and presented an overview of a conversation on defunding the Police Department and reinvesting resources in the community and declining to prosecute projectors. The Commission had a conversation regarding how this could look and offered various perspectives on the subject, including what can be done to hold agencies accountable.

“Approve that the Commission has a value statement which states that “The CPC supports Police Divestment, Investment in Community Resources and that prosecutors should Decline to Prosecute Protesters.”

Moved:

Seconded:

Yes: 12

No: 3

Abstentions: 1

Not present, did not vote: Asha Mohamed

Discussion regarding proposed Legislation regarding a Chokehold Prohibition and Crowd Control Weapons

The Commissioners began a dialogue regarding the Council Legislation regarding a Chokehold Prohibition and Crowd Control Weapons which was approved during the meeting. The CPC notes that this commission did not have a chance to weigh in on the legislation as the Commission could not meet in the short time frame necessary for the turnaround requested. In the future, the CPC would like City leaders to consider our timelines and respect our processes so that we have a voice to weigh in as requested. The CPC always appreciates the opportunity to bring community voices to the table for consideration of these issues. This conversation will be continued at the next CPC Meeting.

Strategy Standing Committee

Executive Session (Performance of an Employee)

The CPC went into executive session for discussion.

Action Item: CPC Staff will coordinate the scheduling of a Special Meeting to occur next week.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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