

MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

June 10, 2015, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
City Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 370

CPC Attendees: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair, Rev. Harriett Walden, co-chair, Kay Godefroy, Jay Hollingsworth, David Keenan, Marcel Purnell, Jennifer Shaw, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Claudia D'Allegri, Melinda Giovengo, Enrique Gonzalez, Lt. Ron Rasmussen, Ofc. Kevin Stuckey

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA AND MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-1): "To approve the 6/10/15 agenda and the 5/27/15 CPC meeting minutes with no changes."

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST – MINTY LONGEARTH

The CPC's new Community Engagement & Communications Specialist Minty LongEarth was introduced to the Commission. She described her personal and professional background and discussed why she wanted to work for the CPC.

SPD RESPONSE TO DEMONSTRATIONS

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 with SPD and the community.

Brian Maxey, SPD Senior Police Council, said SPD has reached out to nationally recognized civil rights advocates and policing/demonstrations experts to lead discussions regarding the demonstrations with the community and work with the CPC on how to improve policy and training. SPD will share the list of experts with the CPC to get feedback on SPD's choices prior to formalizing the experts' participation. Lessons learned from this project will be incorporated in training and policy development. The CPC requested that it participate with this group to bring local expertise into the conversation.

The DOJ said they remain committed to continuing with training and policy development. Both the DOJ and the Monitor team said they will stand by to see what develops from this group.

STOPS AND DETENTIONS POLICY REVIEW

Commissioners shared a few concerns related to the policy. Brian Maxey offered to write the suggestions into the policy and then forward for the CPC's review rather than the CPC filing an amicus brief with the court. This would allow for the changes to be made quickly.

Moved, seconded, and passed (8-0-0): "To collaborate with SPD to incorporate edits suggested by the CPC to the Stops and Detentions Policy."

ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP UPDATE

The CPC and the Mayor's Office have been meeting for months to try to find alignment on the accountability legislation. Alignment has been made in several areas, but there are some key substantive and conceptual areas of disagreement. The City Council will be moving into budget in September and if the accountability legislation isn't submitted before then, it will likely not be passed until sometime in 2016. Some points of disagreement between the Mayor's Office and the CPC are: the importance of codifying the recommendations into legislation; the CPC accountability recommendations need to be moved as a package, including guarantees of independence for the OPA Director, Auditor and CPC; and broadening the scope of authority for civilian oversight, defining accountability as being more than the proper administration of the OPA complaint handling system and oversight of that system by a civilian Auditor and a civilian board.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): "To submit the CPC police accountability legislation to City Council."

The CPC legislation workgroup will also have initial meetings with Councilmember Harrell and other councilmembers as soon as possible.

Staff suggested SPD policy priorities that the CPC should consider providing feedback. The CPC continued to discuss the need for SPD to have protocols for policy review in place.

Action Items

USE OF FORCE POLICY UPDATE

The CPC discussed whether to submit a response to the DOJ's response brief to the CPC's Amicus letter. The CPC decided that it did not need to submit a response at this time.

TRAINING WORKGROUP UPDATE

The workgroup with the help of the Office for Civil Rights is involved in on-going discussion with the SPD Training Unit regarding the objectives and curriculum of the upcoming Bias-Free Policing training for command staff. In accordance with CPC and SPD agreed objectives, the Office of Civil Rights is working with SPD in developing a draft curriculum using the Race and Social Justice Initiative Tool Kit. Chief O'Toole has asked that OCR give this training to her staff and CPC and OCR requested that Sgt. Brooks and Ofc. Welte attend that training to have a better understanding of the training that could be offered to all of the command staff.

SPD PILOT BODY CAMERA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

The pilot body camera project will wrap up at the end of June. The CPC and SPD will jointly be contracting for the development and analysis of a community engagement survey related to the pilot body camera project.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- Staff will set appointments with councilmembers to discuss the accountability legislation package.
- Staff will forward the accountability legislation to SPD, Mayor's Office, OPA and the DOJ for feedback.
- Staff will send notice to SPD regarding policy review protocol.