

DRAFT MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

August 12, 2020, 9:00am – 11:00am
Via You Tube Conference Call

CPC Attendees: Prachi Dave (Co-chair), Rev. Harriett Walden (Co-chair), Rev. Aaron Williams (Co-chair), Erin Goodman, Alina Santillan, Mark Mullens, Scott Bachler, Douglas Wagoner, Suzette Dickerson, Colleen Echohawk

CPC Staff: Nick Christian, Jesse Franz, Shayleen Morris, Jeanette Martin

Review Agenda / Announcements

The CPC voted to approve the 8/12/2020 CPC meeting agenda.

“Approve the 8/12/2020 CPC meeting agenda.”

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Not present, did not vote: 6

The CPC voted to approve the 8/05/2020 CPC Minutes.

“Approve the CPC meeting minutes from 8/05/2020.”

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Not present, did not vote: 6

DOJ/Monitor/City Council and Mayor’s Office Updates

- **DOJ** – DOJ is looking forward to receiving the report from the accountability partners at the end of this week. It welcomes any discussion about the reports before sends the DOJ’s report.
- **Monitor** - Ron Ward reported no updates
- **City Council** – Coty Rieter is available to discuss budget items offline.
- **Mayor Office** – Austin Miller reported the Mayor’s Office is reaching out to the community and holding discussions on how to reimagine SPD’s budget and is working with the Council and other departments such as DON and OCR and various community partners.

Other Business

CPC Commissioner Seats (Standing Agenda Item)

Co-Chair Updates (Standing Agenda Item)

Co-Chair Dave reported that CPC is drafting the letter to the Pete Holmes at the City Attorney's Office to withdraw the subpoena to access unpublished information is being drafted and is expected to be sent this week. Co-Chair thanked the CPC Staff for their work.

CPC Updates

Seattle Police Chief Resignation – Co-Chair Williams opened the floor for discussion and comments regarding the retirement/resignation of Chief Carmen Best and the implications it will have on CPC moving forward.

Reverend Walden stepping away from her role as Co-Chair noted the commitment Chief Best in working with community. She went on to say that during all the years in the City, she never experienced the disrespect shown to Chief Best by the City Council. She attributed such treatment to Chief Best being a Black woman. Stating the City has often treated Black women in leadership roles with such disrespect.

Commissioner Blacher – Commissioner Blacher commented he did not understand CPC's silence about Chief Best's exclusion from City Council discussions and why it did not intercede on her behalf. He noted that of the ten Chiefs he has served under, he had never seen such exclusion by the City Council and yet the CPC did nothing to support Chief Best. Co-Chair Walden agreed with his comment.

Commissioner Suzette Dickerson echoed Co-Chair Walden's and Commissioner Blacher's comments saying it was disheartening to watch someone who did her best while showing grace as she was being disrespected. She said the Commission needs to look at this as a learning lesson. "We all need to do better."

CPC Staff Christian stated respectfully she understands with the commissioner point of views. But continued to say it is not CPC's to job defend what happens at SPD, although we collaborate with them. "It is our job to lift up community who doesn't have a voice." No disrespect to Chief Best but there are many more victims that need our voice as they do not have one.

Co-Chair Walden said "they fought" to get SPD to be a part of the Commission as it was intended for them to be part "Community". The Community Police Commission has always been to find a merge of the two community and Police as one in the Commission. She stated". The Police has been here at the beginning and our (CPC) role is bridge the gap between and recognize them as a full community."

Co-Chair Dave agrees with CPC Staff Christian. "We have made attempts to invite the Chief to meetings after the first protest. Sometimes our reaching out has gone unheeded. With all due respect we have intended to act in a way to be inclusive." Stating further that we as a Commission have been respectful to our partners."

Co-Chair Williams thanked everyone for their comments as we recognize Chief Best's decision to retire and the implications for CPC going forward.

Committee and Sub-Committee Updates

- **Governance Committee Report** - Technical difficulties prevented the report from being given by Commissioner Goodwin.
- **Demonstration Management/Defund Sub-Committee** - CPC Staff Morris reported on the completion of the report on crowd control weapons ban and recommendations. Stating with the Demonstration Management report completed, the two subcommittees are being combined. Defund now having an active role in the review of the 202 budget and combining Demonstration Management and Defund sub-committees since Defund has an active role in reviewing the 2021 budget. The work groups are reaching out to partners and service providers to look at rebalancing the budget and reimagining the Police Department. This will be going on in the coming weeks.
- **Legislative Agenda/Police Accountability** – CPC Staff Franz noted these two workgroups are being combined and meeting next week looking at contract SPOG negotiations.

CPC Discussion on Crowd Control Weapon Band Ordinance

Co-Chair Dave reported that the report in response to the Ordinance due August 15th is almost completed. The goal today is to get any final comments for its completion and submittal by the end of the week to Council. She also extended a massive thanks to CPC Staff and Commissioners for their incredible work on the report.

The CPC voted on the recommendations on Ordinance 126102 -- the Crowd Control Weapons Ban to City Council and to move them forward.

“Approve the recommendations on Ordinance 126102 -- the Crowd Control Weapons Ban to City Council and to move them forward to be submitted to the City in Federal Court.”

Motion: Douglas Wagoner
Second: Alina Santillan

Yes: 9

No: 3

Abstentions: 0

Not present, did not vote: 6

Executive Session – Scheduled Executive Session for 19 minutes.

Conversation about a complaint against a former employee.

Meeting Adjourned

