

# DRAFT MINUTES

## Community Police Commission (CPC)

July 22, 2020, 9:00am – 10:30am

Via You Tube Conference Call

**CPC Attendees:** Prachi Dave (Co-chair), Rev. Harriett Walden (Co-chair), Rev. Aaron Williams (Co-chair), Suzette Dickerson, Colleen Echohawk, Erin Goodman, Brandy Grant, Ester Lucero, Alina Santillan, Mark Mullens, Joseph Seia, Asha Mohamed, Mark Mullins, Scott Bachler

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

### Review Agenda / Announcements

The CPC voted to approve the 7/22/2020 CPC meeting agenda.

“Approve the 7/22/2020 CPC meeting agenda.”

**Moved:** Colleen Echohawk

**Seconded:** Alina Santillan

**Yes:** 14

**No:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Not present, did not vote:** 3

The CPC voted to approve the 7/15/2020 CPC Minutes.

“Approve the CPC meeting minutes from 7/15/2020.”

**Moved:** Erin Goodman

**Seconded:** Suzette Dickerson

**Yes:** 14

**No:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Not present, did not vote:** 3

### DOJ/Monitor Update

**Monitor Update** – The Monitor had no updates.

**DOJ Update** – Report not available.

### Other Business

### **CPC Commissioner Seats (Standing Agenda Item)**

The CPC reviewed the status of commission seats.

### **Co-Chair Updates (Standing Agenda Item)**

#### **CPC Updates on current work –**

- **Interim Executive Director Status** – Co-Chair Dave reported the status of the hiring on the replacement for Bessie Scott is in process with City of Seattle Human Resources. There were some delays due to uncompleted paperwork but the process is now on track.
- Co-Chair Williams noted the importance of Commissioners checking their Seattle.gov emails regularly to respond to CPC Staff requests regarding sub-committees and to check on issues needing their comments and response especially when CPC needs to take action.

### **Committee and Sub-Committee Updates**

- **Governance Committee Report** – Commissioner Goodman reported steps are being taken to launch the national search for the Executive Director noting the budget for this search and the Governance Committee intends to release the Strategic Plan RFP after the Executive Director selection to allow the candidate to participate in the selection of the consultant for the Strategic Plan. Commissioner Goodman also reported that last updates to the by-laws have been received by and will be finalized and brought back to the Commission for review.
- **Demonstration Management Sub-Committee:** The next meeting is Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and to accommodate overlap with the Defund Sub-Committee, the meeting will start a half hour later than planned. Also, CPC Staff Nick Christian suggests sending a letter of support from either the Commission or the Demonstration Management sub-committee to Community Partners on diversion work involving youth.
- **Police Accountability Sub-Committee** – CPC Staff Jesse Franz reported the meeting went well and he is sending out action items and minutes of the meeting.
- **Defund and State Legislative Sub-Committees** - CPC Staff Shayleen Morris reported the Defund meeting is weekly is held weekly to meet the August 15<sup>th</sup> recommendations deadline.

### **Discussion with Mayor Durken**

Co-Chair Williams welcomed Mayor Durken to the first monthly meeting with CPC . Mayor Durken extended an apology from Chief Best for not being able to attend.

- **Questions from the Commissioners:**
  - Mayor's Responses

- **Co-Chair Dave asked how does CPC establish a relationship with the Mayor's Office where CPC is first consulted on positions the Mayor's Office takes on related policy issues before the position is taken? And secondly, where are we on the issue of accountability on the consent decree?**
  - The Mayor responded that the letter was dense and raised various issues that she would rather respond to personally in a meeting instead of in writing as the latter misses the personal connection.
  - In reference to the consent decree, on the issue of crowd control ordinance that the City Council filed, it directly conflicts with that approved by the federal courts. We are looking for direction whether we are to follow the approved policies or those set in the City Council's ordinance. No policies have been created as of yet. She said she was hoping to get the recommendations from CPC, OIG and OPA in place first. She went on to say there is set of rules, officers are trained on them and then held accountable. Now we will have conflicting rules between what the ordinance says and what the federal court has asked. This is one part of the consent decree that is pending.
  - We have a range of accountability there is a range of things we need to do. Some of the measures CPC and others wanted incorporated are controlled by State law and unless the Police Unions they can't be implemented unilaterally.
  - There are changes that need to be done at the State level. That is where common ground between CPC and the Mayor's Office on accountability can be found.
- **Commissioner Seia stated noted that CPC Commissioners and staff put great effort in the letter and would like the Mayor's response and acknowledgment.**
  - The Mayor stated her Office has responded to some of the issues and would like to have discussions around others. Noting letters don't always lend to the quality of the dialogue. She would prefer to meet.
- **Co-Chair Dave reiterated the importance of a response and the importance of being consulted on positions being taken on issues instead of finding about them after the fact. Co-Chair Dave proceeded by going through the recommendations made in the letter.**
  - **Immediately holding positions until CPC has been consulted;**
  - **Begin working on and committing to holding one another accountable.**
  - The Mayor responded regarding the recent notification, that she felt CPC along with OIG and OPA were aware, however, as she stated as it came from the City Attorney's Office, she wanted to loop back with Pete Holmes to ensure this didn't happen again. She further stated she was open to a work group to move towards an accountability.
  - Mayor Durken also spoke on the power of subpoenas which needed to be thought out more thoroughly.
- **Reverend Walden whether the Mayor thought the recommendations made in 2015/2016 on crowd control where Officers were never trained on are still valid. Asking whether the Mayor's staff has had an opportunity to look at them.**

- The Mayor responded that it is difficult to see how these recommendations would play out until the most recent experience we have had with the protests.
- She believes we will not start over but look at the nature of the current protests from which other recommendations may evolve. Crowd management policy will have to be it has to be a combination of the old recommendations and those that look at what is happening now with input from CCP, OIG and OPA.
- **Co-Chair Williams noted federal intervention such as what is happening in Portland, how is the City responding to federal intervention.**
  - We objected to federal intervention, and have said we would sue if the White House took such actions. We see in Portland what it means with unmarked federal agents being sent in. We have made it clear that intervention is not what we want.
- **Commissioner Mohamed asked how do we know that federal agents are not already in the community?**
  - They have not been shy about sending them into a city as the Mayor noted their presence in Chicago. We are trying to make our position.

Reverend Walden thanked the Mayor for coming to the Commission. The Mayor ended the session with the Commission thanking the Commission for its work and committing to better communication and collaboration.

<b>STRATEGY STANDING COMMITTEE</b>
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**Litigation Review (Executive Session)**

Commissioners went into Executive Session.

<b>SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS</b>
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None