

DRAFT MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

July 8, 2020, 9:00am – 10:30am
Via Zoom 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, Asha Mohamed, Alina Santillan, Douglas Wagoner, Esther Lucero

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

Review Agenda / Announcements

The CPC voted to approve the 7/8/2020 CPC meeting agenda.

“Approve the 7/8/2020 CPC meeting agenda.”

Moved: Douglas Wagoner

Seconded: Alina Santillan

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Not present, did not vote: 6

The CPC voted to approve the 7/1/2020 CPC Minutes.

“Approve the CPC meeting minutes from 7/1/2020.”

Moved: Erin Goodman

Seconded: Brandy Grant

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Not present, did not vote: 6

Action Item: Approve the CPC 7/13/2020 Draft Agenda.

Action Item: Approve the 7/8/2020 Meeting Minutes.

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Action Item: CPC staff asked to indicate when the Strategic Plan RFP should be advertised. A Commissioner reported the RFP is complete and ready for advertisement once the new Interim Executive Director is in place to advertise, review responses and coordinate the selection of the candidate followed by execution of the contract. The solicitation and selection process can take from one month up to six weeks.

Action Item: CPC staff coordinate with CPC Commission to begin work on assigned sub-committees. CPC staff reported emails to Commissioners assigned to sub-committees have been sent with staff facilitating initial meetings to plan steps. It was mentioned that each sub-committee has an assigned Commissioner.

DOJ/Monitor Update

Monitor Update – The Monitor had no updates.

DOJ Update – The DOJ has no updates.

Other Business

Public Comments

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

Co-Chair Updates (Standing Agenda Item)

CPC Updates on current work – The CPC Co-Chair reported on the recent work of the CPC.

- **Consultant to Prepare the Annual Report** - Bessie Scott is preparing a contract to engage Karen Chung to prepare CPC's annual report.

CPC Meetings –

- **Strategic Plan Meetings:** These meetings are now held two hours to maintain once a week for two hours to cover events of the week.
- **Meetings with OPA and OIG:** These are weekly meetings held for two hours to be informed of mutual issues and actions being taken by respective organizations.

Emerging Issues

CPC Staff reported on emerging issues and asked Commission members for questions and comments:

- 24-year-old protester Summer Taylor died and another protester another remains in critical condition an after being hit by speeding car when a man drove into a "Black Femme March" on Interstate 5 on Friday night.

CPC Co-Chair offered her condolences to the family and recognized everyone in trauma because for this horrendous action. CPC Staff reported the Washington State Patrol has issued an announcement that protestors on I-5 in the future will be arrested.

- The SPD is demanding the production of unedited photos and video taken over a 90-minute afternoon period by The Seattle Times, KIRO 7, KING 5, KOMO 4 and KCPQ, according to an affidavit for a search warrant and a subpoena document submitted to King County Superior Court.

A Commissioner asked whether the news agencies had recourse. One Commissioner noted that although not in Seattle, other journalist has been cited as being in contempt of court. CPC staff ask what actions could we take such as supporting the amicus brief or issuing or own? A Co-Chair member said options could be laid out with ramifications and presented to the Commission for discussion and decision. However, the due date for action is July 16th a day after the CPC Commission meeting on July 15th.

- Court order, City Council law didn't stop Seattle police from using pepper spray, projectiles at a recent protest. Officers used the weapons while clearing out the CHOP last week, then again during protests overnight in the area. On June 12, a federal judge ordered Seattle police to stop using crowd control weapons against peaceful protesters. On June 15, the Seattle City Council passed legislation banning crowd control weapons altogether. Nonetheless, SPD did not stop using them in a recent action. But, the City Council legislation was not yet enforced when it occurred.
- Councilperson Andrew Lewis is submitting legislation proposing diverting police funding and providing an alternative to 1st Responders answering calls for mental and substance abuse citizens modeled after a Crisis Assistance Helping Out on The Streets, or CAHOOTS, program in Eugene, Oregon. A Commissioner noted she is having conversations with the Councilperson and other organizations on this legislation would report back as questions being raised in the community on how this program would work.

Action Item: A Commissioner asked staff to invite Councilperson Lewis to a Commission meeting to review his proposal.

- More allegations of police misconduct: 1) An off-duty Seattle Police officer in their personal vehicle hit protesters on July 3rd at midnight. There were not injuries and the incident has been referred to the OPA. 2) A King County detective who was on Executive Dow Constantine's protection detail is on leave pending the outcome of an internal investigation into a social media post that said "all lives splatter" and telling protesters to get out of the road. Other Sheriff department employees who may have liked or commented on the post are also being investigated.

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| Sub-Committee Updates |
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CPC Staff have sent out emails to the Commissioners of various sub-committees. Staff asked the Commissioners to complete the surveys sent to plan identify where there are partner and to begin scheduling. Staff also reported having received responses and waiting on a few more responses. Commissioners are encouraged to respond as soon as possible.

CPC Response to Mayor's Letter for Recommendations

CPC Co-Chairs reported the Mayor's response did not address CPC's recommendations, but a cordial acknowledgement of receiving the letter. As CPC works towards a relationship with the Mayor on behalf of the community on police reform, CPC it needs her to engage and to be mutually responsive. This lacking underlies the current environment of the tension between CPC and the Mayor's Office.

A Commissioner raised whether it is possible to have the Mayor meet with Commission once a month, not only to address the recommendation letter sent but for future concerns.

It was noted that CPC had more positive relationships with the Mayor's Office prior to the current administration. Several Commissioners raised concerns there are also tensions within the Commission itself such as the lack of transparency on communications or meetings with the Mayor and the media. The Co-Chairs addressed their concerns explaining: 1) with exception of one instance, which was corrected, the Co-Chairs have not excluded communications or made decisions on actions that the Commission was not aware; 2) recently the Mayor called the meeting with the Co-Chairs, OPA, and OIG on specific work she is assigning; 3) meetings with the Mayor is contentious to the extent that Commission, legal council is present to protect the Commission. Several Commissioners stated the body still needed to address internal mistrust.

To remedy greater transparency, a Commissioner proposed use of a dashboard that would provide updates to emerging and ongoing meetings. CPC staff noted such a dashboard would require use of City permission and Microsoft products. Discussion of a current project management tool is being developed which may be used for this purpose.

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