

MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

August 16, 2017, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 1610

CPC Attendees: Rev. Harriett Walden (co-chair) Emma Catague, Lisa Daugaard, Colleen Echohawk, Josias Flynn, Jay Hollingsworth, Cpt. Joe Kessler, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Claudia D'Allegri, Melinda Giovengo, Enrique Gonzalez (co-chair), Isaac Ruiz (co-chair)

CPC Staff: Fé Lopez, Minty LongEarth, Tracy Whitlatch, Betsy Graef, Karen Chung

CPC Staff Absent: Anne Bettsworth

Review Agenda and Approve Minutes / Announcements

Moved, seconded, and passed (5-0-2): “To approve the minutes from 08-02-2017.”

Moved, seconded, and passed (4-0-3): “To approve the minutes from 07-05-2017.”

Introduction of New Appointees

The commission introduced two new commissioners, who were confirmed on Monday, August 14, 2017.

Colleen Echohawk is an enrolled member of the Kithehaki Band of the Pawnee Nation and a member of the Upper Ahtna Athabascan people of Mentasta Lake. Ms. Echohawk is the executive director of the Chief Seattle Club, a non-profit dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless and low-income urban Native people in Seattle. She is the founder of the Coalition to End Urban Native Homelessness and serves on the boards of KUOW, the Metropolitan Improvement District, and is the board chair of the Red Eagle Soaring Native Youth Theatre.

Emma Montanez Catague is a long-time API community organizer and activist who is the current program coordinator for the Filipino Community Naturalization Program and has in the past served as the community organizing program manager at the API Women and Family Safety Center and the executive director of International District Housing and Social Services. Ms. Catague serves on the boards of the Women Empowerment Network, El Centro de la Raza, Statewide Coordinating Committee on Sex Trafficking, the Filipino Domestic Violence Education Committee, and the Seattle Police Department's (SPD) Filipino Advisory Council.

CPC Lottery

The recently enacted police accountability legislation provides that commissioners who have decided they want to continue as commissioners participate in a lottery process for positions on the commission. The purpose of the lottery is to stagger commissioners terms to prevent more than 7 commissioners ending their term at the same time. The position number drawn determines when the commissioner's term ends, as well as the commissioner's appointing authority.

A representative of the City Attorney's Office conducted the lottery for commissioners and drew the following positions. 2017 indicates that the commissioner's term ends on December 31, 2017 while 2018 indicates that the commissioner's term ends on December 31, 2018.

Claudia D'Allegri – Position 4 (Mayoral appointment, 2017)
Melinda Giovengo – Position 9 (CPC appointment, 2018)
Enrique Gonzalez – Position 7 (Mayoral appointment, 2018)
Jay Hollingsworth – Position 1 (Mayoral appointment, 2017)
Isaac Ruiz – Position 5 (Council appointment, 2017)
Harriett Walden – Position 10 (Mayoral appointment, 2018)
Aaron Williams – Position 2 (Council appointment, 2017)

City of Seattle Public Disclosure Policy and Fees

A public disclosure advisor with the Finance and Administrative Services Department (FAS) presented on two multi-departmental administrative rules on public disclosure for the CPC's consideration. Through a process involving several departments, FAS developed a public disclosure citywide policy and public disclosure fee schedule. People who make public disclosure requests routinely request records from multiple departments; therefore, having a citywide policy and standard fee schedule allows for consistency across the city's various departments.

The CPC voted and approved signing onto the citywide policy as well as the fee schedule.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): "To approving the CPC signing onto Multi-Departmental Administrative Rule 17-0001 regarding Public Disclosure Fees and Multi-Departmental Administrative Rule 17-0002 regarding Citywide Policy on Public Disclosure."

Discussion: "Seattle Stands with our Muslim Neighbors" Rally and March

The CPC held a moment of silence for Heather Heyer, a woman who was killed in Charlottesville protesting a white nationalist rally.

The CPC discussed the commission's draft response letter to a letter by the Seattle Stands with our Muslim Neighbors Coalition (Coalition) to the Mayor, Police Chief, and the OPA Director that describes a June rally, during which Coalition demonstrators were pepper-sprayed and arrested by SPD. The CPC discussed amendments to the response letter and voted to send the letter with amendments.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): "To approve a letter response, with amendments, to the Coalition's letter to City leaders."

Action Item – Finalize and send response letter to Seattle Stands with our Muslim Neighbors Coalition.

Policy Workgroup

Stakeholder Workgroup regarding External Investigations of Officer Use of Serious and Deadly Force

During the last CPC meeting, commissioners discussed ideas for how to proceed with convening a stakeholder workgroup to consider external investigations of officer use of serious and deadly force. Commissioners have reached out the Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez to receive her feedback and plan to meet with her after the Council's August break.

Terry Stops and Detentions/Use of Force Assessments Response

The CPC discussed the commission's draft response letter to SPD's annual report on stops and detentions as well as the Monitor's 9th and 10th systemic assessments, one on use of force and the other on stops, searches, and seizures. The commission decided to send an amended draft of the letter to key partners including the monitoring team, Department of Justice (DOJ), and SPD to receive their feedback before finalizing and sending the letter.

Action Item – Meet with Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez to discuss the stakeholder workgroup on external investigations of officer use of serious and deadly force.

Action Item - The Policy Workgroup and Commissioner Joe Kessler will work with staff on revising and finalizing the letter on stops and detentions and use of force.

OPA Director/Inspector General Search Updates

The following is a timeline for the search for an Office of Police Accountability Director as well as an Inspector General.

September 15 – Search subcommittees conduct first meetings.

September 22 – Applications for both positions are due.

Week of Oct 2 – Subcommittees conduct second meetings and select 6 candidates for interviews.

Week of Oct 15 – Subcommittees conduct third meetings and conduct interviews of candidates.

Week of Oct 22 – Subcommittees conduct background and reference checks.

Week of Oct 30 – Subcommittees recommend candidates.

There's a community engagement effort around search process. First, there was a survey created to solicit feedback from community members that would inform the search committee members of community expectations for people who will fill these leadership positions. Furthermore, Council and the Mayor's Office will send emails to community members and groups providing brief descriptions of each position and requesting comments and feedback. The CPC will also be reaching out to its stakeholders to receive input on the search and hiring process. The CPC suggested that the subcommittees report out to the community about the feedback that is received.

Action Item – Send email to CPC stakeholders to receive input on the search and hiring process for the Office of Police Accountability Director and the Inspector General.

DOJ/Monitor Update

DOJ – The DOJ’s representative had no update.

Monitor – The monitoring team met with Judge Robart on August 10. The team will be having a conference on August 17 on telephone with US Attorney’s office and DOJ. Materials will be forthcoming with regard to the judge’s considerations and next steps.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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