

Community Police Commission (CPC)

October 6th, 2021, 9:00am Via
Zoom Conference Call

I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

II. Attendance

CPC Attendees: Rev. Patricia Hunter, Rev. Harriet Walden, Erica Newman, Douglas Wagoner, Officer Mark Mullens, Katherine Seibel, Alina Santillan, Joseph Seia, Austin Field, Suzette Dickerson, Le'Jayah Washington

CPC Absences : Asha Mohamed, Erin Goodman, Colleen Echohawk, Prachi Dave, Dr. Navin Pinto, Esther Lucero, Tascha Johnson, Scott Bachler, (On Leave)

CPC Staff: Brandy Grant, Felicia Cross, Nia Franco, Jesse Franz, Shayleen Morris, Emily Trbovich

III. Review Agenda & Minutes

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Action: Motion to approve the 10/06/21 meeting agenda

Moved: Joseph Seia

Seconded: Reverend Patricia Hunter

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the CPC meeting minutes from 9/15/21

Moved: Reverend Patricia Hunter

Seconded: Reverend Harriet Walden

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

V. Public Comment

Public Comment is welcomed by the CPC. Individual speakers will be provided up to two minutes to comment on items on the meeting agenda.

- *Dr. Howard Gale*
- *Valerie Schloredt*

- *Jennifer*
- *Jason*
- *Julie*

VI. Department Updates

- **City Council:** Last week there were presentations on a series of department budget and this will continue into next week.
- **Mayor's Office:** (Not Present)
- **Monitoring Team:** Attended SPD's African American Advisory Council Meeting. We also met with DOJ and OIG.
- **Department of Justice (DOJ):** No update but we are here if you have questions.
- **Office of Inspector General (OIG):** On the questions that have been raised so far, we would be happy to meet with CPC leadership to discuss them. IG Judge will hopefully be back by next meeting.

VII. Discussion about recent police shooting investigations, SPD policy updates, and crowd control weapons legislation

- **Question from CPC:** OPA recently released its investigation onto the deadly police shooting on February 9th. This shows the officer failed to bring any less lethal tools. The result was a written reprimand. Can you walk us through how you reached that conclusion?
- The chief would not see this case, the reprimand would be signed off on by assistant chief.
- The officer rushed out of the precinct and left his 40 millimeter weapon in his locker
- He did violate policy by not having the 40 millimeter weapon
- OPA looked at comparable cases for disciplinary range
- The officer was responding to shots fired and was trying to hurry due to the nature of the call
- **Question from CPC:** Is there a policy matrix that determines the initial decision when it comes to discipline for each case?
- Seattle does not have a policy matrix
- The city uses past comparable cases to determine discipline
- The 40 millimeter is not banned due to legislation in Seattle
- **Question from CPC:** What is SPD doing to strengthen de-escalation policies and practices?
- Our focus is Time, Distance, and Shielding. This allows us to have options and typically a safer outcome
- We are conducting a training that focuses specifically on dealing with people with knives

- We have multiple trainings to try and help move the department forward with a people centered approach
- Bolo wrap: We are looking to deploy 30 bolo wraps to our Crisis Team as a less lethal weapon option
- **CPC Question:** Are there new policies being created around these de-escalation tactics and how does that play into discipline for future cases of misconduct?
- Our policies are now in alignment with HB 1310
- OPA would use the same comparables for de-escalation and force as we would have used prior to the changes
- With regard to the failure to intervene, that is a new policy. We would not have comps for that, so we would have to create them as we go. The Chief would get to create and set those comps.
- It would be helpful for the CPC to be able to be involved in some of those trainings. It would give us an opportunity to be able to inform the public about these trainings
- **CPC Question** What is SPD's progress on the policy changes that came out of the Less Lethal Weapons legislation?
- SPD is currently working with our legal side to deconflict all of the different legislations

VIII. Community Police Commission Updates

- **Co-Chair Updates**
- Attended the quarterly accountability partners meeting with OPA, OIG, and SPD
- Susman & Godfrey will start giving regular updates in our CPC meetings
- Attendance: We are tracking attendance and will be checking in with commissioners to reengage
- Connected Realities Strategic Planning Workshops: What time of day works best for the CPC?
- 6 sessions of 3 hours over two weeks
- We will send out a Doodle Poll with times and dates
- **Executive Director Updates**
- CPC's New Office Space has been toured and should have a report out on cost increases incurred during the COVID shutdown
- Working on onboarding process for new co-chairs
- Community Engagement is hosting a community conversation with the original signatories and community members to check in with the Monitoring Team on October 12th, 2021
- Annual Report is being finalized
- CPC Co-Chairs and I met with the Seattle Human Rights Commission and hope to continue to build on that relationship
- **New CPC Business (None)**
- **Workgroup Updates**
- 1. **Behavioral Health Workplan:** We are working on the Terry Caver case and will be bringing this to the commission soon

2. **Police Practices:** Daniel Ketchum and Brynna will be presenting on their experiences during the 2020 summer demonstrations in Seattle
3. **Community Engagement:** Community Engagement Committee Meeting is Tuesday, October 12th
4. **State Legislative Agenda:** We have an SLA plan to move forward with our 2022 Legislative session which includes picking co-leads and legislative priorities on behalf of the CPC

IX. Mayor's Candidate Forum Update and Brainstorm

- We were unable to find a time that worked for both candidates
- Instead, we can move forward with sending a list of questions to both candidates and ask for their responses that we can share publicly

X. Executive Session: Discussion with legal counsel about current litigation

XI. Meeting Adjourned