

Community Police Commission (CPC)

July 19th, 2023, 9:00am In-Person & Via WebEx Conference Call

I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

II. Take Attendance

CPC Attendees: Rev. Patricia Hunter, Rev. Harriett Walden, Joel Merkel, Lynne Wilson, Raven Nicole Tyler, Tony Gaedcke, Lars Erickson, Adrien Levitt, Tascha Johnson, Mark Mullins, Le'Jayah Washington (late)

CPC Absences: Jeremy Wood, Joesph Seia, Mary Ruffin, Suzette Dickerson

CPC Staff: Cali Ellis, Felicia Cross, Megan Clark, Kiesha Cannon, Mina Barahimi Martin, Mergitu Argo, Jo-Nathan Thomas, Jessica Phares

III. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the 7/19/23 meeting agenda

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Commissioner Johnson

Approved by voice vote.

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from 7/05/23.

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

IV. Discussion with SPD Chief Adrian Diaz

- Chief Diaz was invited to the CPC bi-monthly meeting to have a conversation and answer questions and body cam footage of a break room showing a Trump 2020 flag, MAGA hat and a mock tombstone of Demarius Butts who was shot and killed by Seattle Police.
- Remarks from Co-Chair, Joel Merkel and introduction of Chief Diaz.
- Remarks from Chief Diaz.
- Remarks and questions from Commissioner Adrien Leavitt who represented the Butts family during the death of Demarius Butts.
- Response from Chief Diaz.
- Remarks and questions from Stephanie Butts, Mother of Demarius Butts
- Response from Chief Diaz.
- Remarks from Co-Chair, Joel Merkel
- Remarks and questions from Co-Chair Reverend, Patricia Hunter
- Response from Chief Diaz.
- Question from Co-Chair Reverend, Harriett Walden.
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- Response from Chief Diaz.
- Question from Commissioner Raven Tyler.
- Response from Chief Diaz.
- Additional response from Brian Maxey, SPD Chief Operating Officer
- Questions from Co-Chair, Joel Merkel.
- Response from Chief Diaz.
- Additional response from Brian Maxey, SPD Chief Operating Officer
- Closing remarks from Co-Chair, Joel Merkel

V. Executive Director Search

- Candidates will participate in 3 interviews for the day. First interview is with CPC Commissioners, second is with accountability partners Andrew Myerberg (Mayor's Office), Director Gino Betts (Office of Police Accountability, Geneva Taylor (Office of Police Accountability), Newell Aldrich (Council Member Herbold's Office), Lisa Judge (Inspector General), Alyssa Perez-Morrison (Office of Inspector General) and third is with CPC staff.
- Executive Recruiter will provide a written briefing to Commissioners after interviews and prior to a recommendation being made.
- Executive Recruiter has two asks of the commission to vote on.
 1. Written response be posted on CPC website so public has access.
 2. Engage public and stakeholders through survey posted through end of the month.

Action: Motion to post written responses on the website and direct Pam to engage community in a survey that will be open until the end of the month.

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

- *Commission went into executive session to interview candidates for CPC's Executive Director and the meeting concluded after.*

VI. Adjourn