**Community Police Commission (CPC)**

**June 21st, 2023, 9:00am In-Person & Via WebEx Conference Call**

1. **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
2. **Attendance**

**CPC Attendees**: Rev. Patricia Hunter, Lynne Wilson, Raven Nicole Tyler, Rev. Harriett Walden, Joel Merkel, Tony Gaedcke, Jeremy Wood, Lars Erickson, Joseph Seia, Mark Mullens, Le’Jayah Washington (late), Tascha Johnson, Mary Ruffin (late), Adrien Leavitt (late), Suzette Dickerson (late)

**CPC Absences:** Erica Newman

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

1. **Review Agenda & Minutes**

**Action**: Motion to approve the 6/21/23 meeting agenda

**Moved:** Commissioner Gaedcke

**Seconded:** Commissioner Walden

**Approved by voice vote.**

**Opposed**: 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from 6/07/23

**Moved:** Commissioner Gaedcke

**Seconded:** Commissioner Walden

**Approved by voice vote.**

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstentions**: 0

1. **Community Police Commission Updates**
   * Co-Chair Updates
   * Position filled by Commissioner Joseph Seia has expired; interviewing someone else now to fill that position.
2. **Executive Director Search**
   * Executive session until 10:30 am to evaluate qualifications of ED applicants.

Discussion after executive session

* + - Commissioner Merkel made a motion to amend process to include other stakeholders in the ED hiring process, which would include CPC staff, a representative from the Mayor’s office, a representative from Councilmember Herbold’s Office, and representatives from OPA and OIG.

**Moved Motion –** Rev. Walden

**Seconded** – Rev. Hunter

**All agree to motion**

* + Rev. Hunter presented slate:
    - Cali Ellis
    - Ashley Gordon Hanks
    - Desley Brooks
    - Ginale Harris
    - Dana Nami Wax
    - Aeiramique Glass

**Seconded** – Rev. Walden

* + No amendments were added to motion or add a name to the list.
  + **Roll Call Vote:** 
    - Walden – Yes
    - Hunter – Yes
    - Commissioner Merkel – Yes
    - Wilson – Yes
    - Leavitt – Yes
    - Gaedcke – Yes
    - Erickson – Yes
    - Tyler – Yes
    - Wood – Yes
    - Seia – Yes
    - Mullins – No
    - Ruffin – Yes
    - Dickerson – Yes
    - Johnson – Yes
    - Washington – Not available
  + Yes – 13, No – 1, Abstain – 0. Moving forward with this slate of candidates. Opportunity on 7/5/23 meeting to reduce list; public interview with three finalists on 7/19/23. Would like to have a name to present to Council by early August.

1. **Ordinance Changes Discussion**
   * At 5/3/23 meeting, Commissioners discussed proposed ordinance changes. Commissioners voted on changes to send to City Council, but they didn’t have the specific language at the time. The rest of time in this meeting was discussion of the proposed language for these changes. There is interest in City Council to keep talking about the changes and moving the recommended changes forward next month.
   * Rev. Walden stated that this ordinance doesn’t consider the opinion of CPC employees and that most staff are not unionized. This is important in case they want to bring forward issues about the ED but do not know how to craft this language for that concern.
     + Commissioner Merkel discussed this with Central Staff. The CPC is a permanent and independent office, and other authorities do not have the ability to tell CPC how to do their work. To the extent that staff have HR concerns, they can go to City Ombudsman, and don’t have the ability to go to HR. The co-chairs have made themselves available to current staff. CPC could pause this process for the time being.
     + Commissioner Merkel said his recollection from the 5/3/23 meeting on the discussion of the ordinance was wanting to see the specific language for ED qualifications from Council. The Ordinance does not have much in terms of minimum qualifications for the ED, and this is why it’s being included now.
     + No feedback was given on these concerns.
     + CPC has already had a hearing, and at the next hearing on July 25th will have the opportunity for amendments and votes. It will have to be introduced by next week, and don’t have much time to give Council feedback. It is possible that CPC could delay the timeline a little bit before moving forward. Most likely need to have it by July 25th because after that the Council schedule is already filling up.
   * No comments on the language that was proposed, and CPC plans to move forward. Language proposed by Council was consistent with what the commission asked, and if there are any questions or concerns, please reach out to the co-chairs.

**Meeting Adjourned**