

## **Community Police Commission – Bi-monthly Meeting**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9:00am In-Person & Via WebEx Conference Call**

- I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
- II. Take Attendance**

**CPC Attendees:** Rev. Patricia Hunter, Rev. Harriet G Walden, Anthony Gaedcke, Joel Merkel, Raven Tyler, Lynne Wilson, Suzette Dickerson, Jeremy Wood, Lars Erickson, Tascha Johnson

**CPC Absences:** Adrien Levitt (excused), Mary Ruffin, Le’Jayah Washington (excused), Mark Mullens (excused), Erica Newman.

**CPC Staff:** Cali Ellis, Kiesha Cannon, Jo-Nathan Thomas, Jessica Phares.

- III. Review Agenda & Minutes**

**Action:** Motion to approve Draft agenda for 9/6/23

**Moved:** Yes

**Seconded:** Yes

**Approved by voice vote.**

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from 8/16/23.

**Moved:** Yes

**Seconded:** Yes

**Approved by voice vote.**

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

- IV. Community Police Commission Updates**

➤ **Co-Chair Updates**

- Rev. Hunter commended the successful community meeting thanked the staff and community engagement team highlighting multiple community members present in the meeting. The low commissioner attendance was noticed and urged better participation.

- One of the co-chairs mentioned that there is a hearing scheduled for 11:00 AM this morning in Judge Robart's courtroom at the federal courthouse. This hearing was announced last week, and a docket entry indicated that the Judge will make a statement from the bench regarding his ruling on the city and DOJ's joint motion related to the consent decree. The co-chairs and staff will be in attendance at the hearing and participants are encouraged to go to the courthouse at the Federal Courthouse for the hearing if they are downtown.
- The co-chairs were informed about an article on MyNorthwest.com concerning a Seattle Police Officer and body cam footage related to a pedestrian fatality involving a police vehicle in January. They are still reviewing the article and encourage commissioners to read it. Discussion on this matter is expected in future meetings.
- **Executive Director Updates**
  - The Executive Director emphasized the goal of making the CPC functional and resilient, focusing on full staffing and effective engagement with diverse communities to be reliable policy advocates at various levels.
  - The Executive Director provided an update on the hiring process for the Senior Policy Advisor position, mentioning that they received 43 applicants. They shared that the review of resumes would begin soon, with further interview stages to follow, aiming to fill the position promptly.
- **Staff Department Updates**
  - Legislative Update: Jessica, the Data and Policy Analyst for the Community Police Commission, presented legislative priorities for 2024.
    - The CPC focuses on accountability legislation, including reducing bias in traffic stops, prosecution with the Attorney General's office, and eliminating qualified immunity for police officers.
    - The Washington Coalition for Police Accountability also has legislative priorities, and some bills are aligned with the CPC's agenda.
    - The legislative work group meets regularly to discuss and advocate for these priorities, and commissioners interested in participating are encouraged to join.
    - Appreciation was expressed for Jessica's diligent work in advancing the legislative agenda despite limited staffing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- No new business.

**V. Executive Session**

- *During the executive session, the commission will evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment and/or review the performance of a public employee, as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1G. The executive session is expected to conclude at 10:00 AM, and the commission will not return to an open session but will adjourn directly from the executive session.*

**VI. Adjourn**