

Community Police Commission – Bi-monthly Meeting
January 3, 2024, 9:00am In-Person & Via WebEx Conference Call

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

Present Commissioners: Lars Erickson, Phillip Sanchez, Adrien Leavitt, Lynne Wilson, Raven Tyler, Joel Merkel, Mark Mullens, Anthony Gaedcke, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman, Rev. Patricia Hunter, Rev. Harriett Walden,

Present Staff: Dani Sullivan, Kiesha Cannon, Cali Ellis, Jessica Phares, Cameron Runyan

IV. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve Draft agenda for 1/3/2024

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from 12/20/23.

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

V. Community Police Commission Updates

• **Cochair Updates:**

- Monitoring Team filed their assessment on 12/29 with little to no changes requested by CPC.
- A reminder that commissioners can attend the Governance meetings on Fridays.
- Invite to commissioners to engage in discussion about the SPOG contract.
- Looking forward to filling staff positions in 2024.
- Next month there will be an update on the work of the Executive Director in executive session.

• **Executive Director Updates**

- Introduction of new temporary staff, Cameron Runyan who will be helping the backlog of public disclosure requests.
- Communications position closed and resumes are being looked at.
- Policy Director position will be posted soon.
- Chair of the Public Safety Committee will be Robert Kettle.
- Cali met new council members.

• **Community Engagement Updates**

- Representatives from the Indian American Community Services will be attending the January 17 meeting to give direct input about the emergency vehicle operations policy.

- **Commissioner Workgroup Updates**
 - **Complainant Appeals**
 - No updates.
 - **Police Practices**
 - No updates.
 - **Behavioral Health**
 - No updates.
- **Staff Department Updates**
 - **Policy Staff Updates**
 - No updates.
 - **Legislative Updates**
 - Have been having introductory meetings with different state legislators.
 - They have shown interest in the Manuel Ellis case and how that impacts policy accountability moving forward. Some suggested reaching out to other cities for a more unified effort at the state level to push accountability bills.
 - Discussion about the policy pursuit initiative which has been fully signed and pushed forward.
 - ACLU sponsoring a lobby day on January 24, 2024
 - Cohosted by WCPA
 - All commissioners are encouraged to attend virtual or in person.
 - CPC has an opportunity to be a cohost.

Action: Motion for CPC to be a cohost for ACLU’s lobby day on January 24, 2024.

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Abstentions: 3

Approved by voice vote.

- Invitation extended for commissioners to join State Legislative Affairs Workgroup on Mondays at 10AM.

- **New Business**
 - No new business

VI. Discussion: CPC Planning and Goals for 2024

- Commissioner Sanchez asked in relation to policy if CPC knows what officers may think about their own gaps and where work may be needed. Commissioner Officer Mullens indicated commissioners could give him a call if they ever have questions about how SPD and officers feel about various things and he would provide insight.
- Key theme from last meeting was community engagement. Reminder for commissioners to volunteer to be on the community engagement workgroup.

- Thinking through how the CPC can take strong positions on cases such as Manuel Ellis trial and what that means for police accountability and how it intersects with criminal legal system.
- How to work with queer and trans communities to understand what they think about interactions with police and safety. Possibly have a community engagement meeting with this community. If this happens be mindful about how the meeting is structured so it's not exploitative toward that community.
- With city facing budget cuts, being a part of the City's budget process for how it impacts policing including SPD hiring.

Action: Motion to extend meeting to 10:15AM.

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

- Have a gathering for commissioners before the end of the year for a chance to get to know each other.
- Quarterly community meetings held during various parts of the city where an issue people are concerned about is taken on.
- Policies for CPC to consider working on in 2024: SPOG contract, SPD culture, emergency vehicle response, professionalism at SPD, what can be displaced in a SPD facility, dispatch, CARE team and behavioral health, officer wellness, officer hiring, new ideas to address bias, OPA complaints, shot spotter.

Action: A motion to identify 2024 goals for CPC as outreach, focus more on specific policy issues for policy development, improve internal communication and internal engagement

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Approved by voice vote.

VII. Adjourn