

## **Community Police Commission (CPC)**

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

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

**CPC Attendees:** Rev. Patricia Hunter, Adrien Leavitt, Suzette Dickerson, Lynne Wilson, Raven Nicole Tyler, Rev. Harriett Walden, Joel Merkel, Mark Mullens, Anthony Gaedcke, Lars W. Erickson, Dani Sullivan, Le'Jayah Washington, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman

**CPC Absences:** Philip J. Sanchez

**CPC Staff:** Cali Ellis, Jessica Phares, Dani Sullivan

### **III. Review Agenda & Minutes**

**Action:** Motion to approve the 2/21/24 meeting agenda

**Moved:** Yes

**Seconded:** Yes

**Approved by voice vote.**

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from 2/7/24

**Moved:** Yes

**Seconded:** Yes

**Approved by voice vote.**

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

### **IV. Community Police Commission Updates**

#### **➤ Co-Chair Updates**

- Commissioners are encouraged to regularly check city emails and change passwords.
- Discussed the creation of meeting agendas for CPC and the role of the Governance committee in it. Highlighted the importance of responding quickly

to important issues and ensuring commissioners have ample time to review material before meetings.

➤ **Executive Director Updates**

- Introducing Chloe Tang as the new temporary community engagement staff member.

➤ **Community Engagement Updates**

- *No additional updates.*

➤ **Commissioner's Workgroup Updates**

○ **Behavioral Health**

- Another meeting will be scheduled as not everyone had been able to attend the previous one.
- Regarding the surveillance technology ordinance, the process will not be finalized until it goes through the impact statements. The committee is expected to acknowledge an opinion from CPC at some point.

○ **Police Practices**

- Had discussions about surveillance technologies with Officer Mullens. Mentioned the importance of distinguishing between different technologies.
- Planning to present questions and concerns regarding surveillance technologies to the full commission. If letters are to be written to the Mayor, they should ideally be written within the public comment period.
- Chandler Gayton from the Mayor's office confirms that the public hearing on the 27th of March will be at the Bitter Lake Community Center from 6 to 7 pm.
- CPC held a meeting devoted to the topic of Shotspotter in 2022 and potentially can have a similar discussion on March 6th.

➤ **Staff Department Updates**

○ **Policy Staff Updates**

- Working on a project that allows complainants to produce a victim impact statement or something similar, involving partnering with the OPA.

○ **Legislative Update**

- HB 1445 and HB 1513, civil rights and traffic safety bills, respectively, didn't pass the house by the deadline and are considered dead for the biennium.
- HB 1930, the OII bill, didn't get a hearing and won't pass this session.
- HB 1579, the independent prosecutor bill, passed the house and Senate and is in the Ways and Means committee.
- SB 6009, prohibiting hog tying, passed the house committee and is moving forward.

- The vehicular pursuit initiative (2113) is still being discussed, but it's assumed it will go to a ballot.

➤ **New Business**

- *No new businesses were discussed.*

**V. Presentation: Complaint Appeals Report**

➤ **Richard Rosenthal**

- Dr. Rosenthal presented the white paper on the complainant appeals process in Seattle. [Presentation: Dr. Richard Rosenthal on Potential Complainant Appeals Process](#)
- Based on the findings, the monitoring team recommends against implementing the appellate model in Seattle and instead suggests providing opportunities for complainants to be heard through victim impact statements and enhancing ombuds-type support to navigate the complaint process.

➤ **Follow-up Discussion: Complainant Appeals Workgroup**

- Commissioner Merkel asked about the impact of burdens of proof on complainants' perceptions. Dr. Rosenthal suggested a lower burden could affect complaint outcomes.
- Commissioner Merkel asked about victim impact statements in Seattle PD. Dr. Rosenthal noted their potential influence and suggests pre-decision input could be more impactful.
- Commissioner Wilson asked how CBAs affect disciplinary timelines in police departments and Dr. Rosenthal explained challenges faced in Albuquerque due to CBA restrictions.

**Action:** Motion to extend the meeting in 15 minutes up to 10 45

**Moved:** Yes

**Seconded:** Yes

**Approved by voice vote.**

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

- Commissioner Wilson requested updates on police oversight in Portland. Dr. Rosenthal expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of recent initiatives in Portland and Cleveland.
- Commissioner Merkel inquired if requiring victim impact statements would conflict with CBAs, of which Dr. Rosenthal isn't certain but supports the initiative.
- Commissioner Leavitt, Commissioner Walden, and Dani Sullivan highlighted structural barriers and advocate for procedural justice improvements.

- Commissioner Merkel suggested drafting a letter to the city council outlining their findings and proposals.

**VI. Adjourn**