

Community Police Commission (CPC)

October 1, 9:00 AM- In-Person & Via Webex Conference Call

- **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
- **Take Attendance**

CPC Attendees: Tascha Johnson, Joel Merkel, Arlecier West, Raven Tyler, Le’Jayah Washington, Anthony Gaedcke, Mark Mullens, Erika Newman, Joseph Seia, Ken Nsimbi, Jen Carl, Rick Williams

CPC Absences: N/A

CPC Staff: Eci Ameh, Taryn Darling, Devina Wijaya Moser, Mario Teulilo, Kiern High, Masooma Ibrahim, Mergitu Argo

- **Review of Agenda & Minutes**

Action: Motion to approve the draft agenda for 11/5/2025 and minutes from 10/1/2025

Moved: Commissioner Tyler

Seconded: Commissioner Nsimbi

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Approved by voice vote.

Community Police Commission Updates

- **Co-Chair Update-**
 - **New Commission Appointments**
 - Three new commissioner candidates were introduced, pending official confirmation from the city council that was supposed to take place yesterday, however, the City Council cancelled their meeting due to budget season and meetings related to the budget. The commissioners are Jen Carl, Jeremy Holmes, Rick Williams.
 - **Attendance Report**
 - The attendance report showed excellent participation in last month's meetings and workgroups.

Department Updates

- **City Council**- No update
 - **Mayor's Office** – No update
 - **Monitoring Team & DOJ**- Given the termination of the consent decree, CPC will no longer receive updates from the Monitoring Team or DOJ
 - **OPA Update**-
 - OPA shared updates on recent activities and upcoming initiatives related to community safety.
 - No new Management Action Recommendations have been issued in the past two weeks; however, one focused on firearm safety is currently being finalized and should be released soon.
 - Several team members attended the City of Seattle Tribal Nations Summit, where discussions centered on community safety, the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people, fisheries and treaty rights, natural resources, and the importance of providing culturally competent services.
 - OPA staff also attended the Chinatown-International District Night Market on the 27th, which had an excellent turnout. They reported making several meaningful community connections during the event.
 - **OIG update**-
 - OIG released the final 2024 surveillance audit reports.
 - They are currently finalizing the scheduling for events planned in May and meeting with partners including the CPC later this afternoon to discuss their upcoming 2026 work plan.
 - **SPD**- No update
- **Community Police Commission Updates**
 - **Executive Director Updates**
 - Executive Director Ameh shared key highlights from CPC's accomplishments over the past year and provided a brief staffing update.
 - **Staffing:** Recruitment is currently underway for the Deputy Director position.
 - **Major Accomplishments:**
 - CPC achieved significant progress in 2025, building momentum through the addition of new staff, new commissioners, and strengthened community partnerships.

- CPC’s recommendations were incorporated into the Crowd Management Ordinance, which was subsequently passed by City Council and recognized in the *New York Times*.
 - The Commission engaged the community in discussions on school resource officers at Garfield High School and reviewed proposed changes to the Chief of Police Ordinance.
 - Internal systems were streamlined to improve efficiency, accountability, and workload balance across staff and subcommittees.
 - Through Rainier Avenue Radio, CPC hosted three public safety broadcasts on the consent decree, chronic public nuisance, and surveillance — leading up to the upcoming October 21 Town Hall.
 - CPC provided feedback on the expansion of the Surveillance Technology Pilot, addressed concerns raised by the Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ communities about SPD, and supported community engagement for the upcoming Sentinel Event Review at Cal Anderson Park.
 - The CPC newsletter was relaunched, enhancing outreach and transparency, and CPC expanded language access services, including real-time translation for meetings and the development of a comprehensive Language Access Plan.
 - CPC was recognized 33 times by City Council during deliberations on the Crowd Management Ordinance, underscoring the Commission’s growing influence and community impact.
 - Executive Director Ameh emphasized the collective effort behind these achievements and the continued importance of community power in shaping equitable and accountable policing practices.
- **Commissioner’s Committee and Workgroup Updates**
 - Policy team shared a presentation on CPC workgroups and committees.
 - Commissioner is asked to join at least one of the work committees. participation in multiple groups is welcome. Most meet biweekly.
 - **Governance Committee:** A standing committee composed of the Co-Chairs, Executive Director, and workgroup/committee leads. It oversees internal operations and may form legislative subcommittees to address emerging or time-sensitive topics, especially legislative sessions.

- **Community Engagement Committee:** Meets biweekly on Thursdays from 12:00–12:45 PM (virtual). Focuses on ensuring CPC’s work is accessible, inclusive, and reflective of community values.
- **Police Practices Workgroup:** The Police Practices Workgroup has been actively reviewing local legislation presented to the City Council for approval. The workgroup also discusses emerging issues related to policing practices and policy implementation.
- **Legislative Workgroup:** Organized to address emergent or relevant topics and issues. Currently focusing on State Legislative Issues.
- New Commissioners are encouraged to join a committee or workgroup to deepen engagement and contribute to CPC’s ongoing efforts.

- **Communication Updates**

- CPC Communications Director reviewed the goals established at the start of the year, noting that this is an ideal time to reflect on as new commissioners join and measurable progress has been made.
- A key goal is to clearly articulate CPC’s mission and distinguish its role from other accountability partners, highlighting the Commission’s impact and the importance of its work.
- Another focus is showcasing the expertise and contributions of CPC staff and commissioners, whose collective talent drives the organization’s success. Additional goals include raising awareness of partnership opportunities and strengthening external relationships through initiatives such as the Rainier Avenue Radio broadcasts and other collaborations.
- Recent achievements, including the relaunch of the CPC newsletter — now the Commission’s most effective outreach channel — demonstrate clear progress toward these objectives.
- The CPC newsletter continues to outperform all other communication channels, receiving more engagement than the website. It serves as an effective monthly summary highlighting key areas such as community engagement, policy updates, and major initiatives, with a featured article tying the Commission’s work together.
- Social media engagement also continues to grow steadily, reinforcing the Commission’s outreach and visibility within the community.

- **Adjourn**