



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION (CIC)

May 15, 2023

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Webex Meeting & Seattle City Hall L2-80

Commissioners present: Ahoua Koné (she/her), Martha Lucas (she/her), Marcus White, Bill Southern (he/him), Michael Seo, Fiona Murray (she/her)

Commissioners not in attendance: Julia Jannon-Shields (she/her), Saba Rahman (she/her)

City of Seattle Staff present: Alvin Edwards (Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, he/him), Laura Jenkins (Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, she/her), Jo-Nathan Thomas (Community Police Commission staff), Mergitu Argo (Community Police Commission staff)

(Transcriber's Note: The notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised. Full comments are retained in the files in video recording and available upon request.)

Commissioner Roll-call and New Commissioner Introduction

Welcome Mike Seo!

CIC members provided quick introductions to welcome Mike to the commission.

Community Comments and vote on 4/17/23 Meeting Minutes

There were no community comments.

The commission voted to approve the April 17th 2023 Community Involvement Commission minutes.

Subcommittee Updates

Subcommittee Chairs updated the group on subcommittee meetings since the last Community Involvement Commission meeting:

1. Subcommittee on Strengthening CIC relationships & visibility with City of Seattle stakeholders, which include City Council, Mayor & City departments.
 - a. Subcommittee Chair: Commissioner Marcus White
 - b. Subcommittee members: Commissioner Fiona Murray, Commissioner Ahoua Koné
 - c. Update from last meeting:
 - i. Building on government relationships and developing a framework.
 - ii. Director chat – Laura & Alvin will bring CIC feedback to DON director for advocacy and partnership.
2. Subcommittee on Strengthening CIC's relationships with the city of Seattle communities by building trust, being seen as a committed advocate acting in the community's best interest.
 - a. Subcommittee Chair: Commissioner Martha Lucas



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- b. Subcommittee members: Commissioner Saba Rahman, Commissioner Julia Jannon-Shields
 - c. Update from last meeting:
 - i. Alvin, DON Staff Liaison, will prompt the CIC members on upcoming events that City of Seattle, DON attends each week.
3. Subcommittee on Retaining Commissioners and recruitment.
- a. Chair: Commissioner Bill Southern
 - b. Subcommittee members: Mike Seo
 - c. Will work with Laura and Alvin

Staff Liaison Updates

Staff Liaison Jenkins reminded the commissioners that according to the commission bylaws, subcommittee meetings need to be included with regular meeting minutes on the website. She asked that commissioners send staff liaisons their subcommittee meeting minutes 10 days before each Community Involvement Commission meeting.

Guest Speakers with the Seattle Community Police Commission

Jo-Nathan Thomas – Started in the commission in March 2023, leading the role to rebuild relationships with Seattle communities. Trust has been very limited between community and police enforcement since the 2012 SPD killing of John T. Williams, no reestablishment of trust building from SPD has been given.

Mergitu Argo – Community Engagement Rep helping to bridge community with SPD commissions to share real life experiences with BIPOC families and African communities.

- No new data was shared with CIC from SCPC. Community Police crime dashboard was very limited on data updates. CIC advocates for the data to be publicly shared.
- Backgrounds of the SCPC: 21 commissioners, 7 elected by council member, 7 elected by mayor, 7 elected by Police Department.
 - CPC: Community Police Commission, establishing relationships with community.
 - CIO: Office & Police Accountability
 - Seattle Office of Inspector General: Policy development, community engagement and investigation

Community Comments & Closing

Identify three smart goals for the commission to address by end of 2023.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Community Involvement Commission Subcommittee- Community

Monday, May 8th 4:50-6 PM

Attendees: Saba, Julia, and Martha

We looked for the Priority Area in our CIC Minutes to ensure we were following the original language of the priority area.

The subcommittee agreed to two strategic goals under the Community Priority Area:

- 1) We would like the City Staff that have already presented about their initiatives and projects like the Comp Plan, return to present about what type of community feedback they have received and give us an update.
- 2) We would like to see an update to the City of Seattle community engagement guide that we can be involved with, but not write it. This would serve as an external resource for community members to know how they can you get involved.