**Community Police Commission (CPC)**

**June 21st, 2023, 9:00am In-Person & Via Zoom Conference Call**

1. **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
2. **Take Attendance**

**CPC Attendees**: Rev. Patricia Hunter, Lynne Wilson, Raven Nicole Tyler Rev. Harriett Walden, Joel Merkel, Tony Gaedcke, Jeremy Wood, Lars Erickson, Tascha Johnson, Joseph Saia, Mark Mullins, Tascha Johnson, Joseph Seia, Le’Jayah Washington (late), Mary Ruffin (late), Adrien Levitt (late), Suzette Dickerson (late)

**CPC Absences:** Erica Newman

**CPC Staff**: Cali Ellis, Felicia Cross, Megan Clark, Kiesha Cannon, Mina Barahimi Martin, Mergitu Argo, Jo-Nathan Thomas, Jessica Phares

1. **Review Agenda & Minutes**

**Action**: Motion to approve the 6/21/23 meeting agenda

**Moved:** Commissioner Gaedcke

**Seconded:** Commissioner Walden

**Approved by voice vote.**

**Opposed**: 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from 6/07/23

**Moved:** Commissioner Gaedcke

**Seconded:** Commissioner Walden

**Approved by voice vote.**

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstentions**: 0

1. **Community Police Commission Updates**
   * **Co-Chair Updates**
     1. Position filled by Joseph Saia has expired, and so interviewing someone else now to fill that position currently.
2. **Executive Director Search**
   * Commission went into executive session until 10:30 am to evaluate qualifications of ED applicants.
   * Discussion after executive session.
     1. Joel made a motion to amend process to include other stakeholders in the ED hiring process, which would include CPC staff, a representative from the Mayor’s office, a representative from Council Member Herbold’s Office, and representatives from OPA and OIG.
        1. Moved Motion **–** Rev. Walden
        2. Seconded – Rev. Hunter
        3. All agree to motion
   * Rev. Hunter Presented Slate
     1. Cali Ellis
     2. Ashley Gorden Hanks
     3. Desley Brook
     4. Janelle Harris
     5. Dina Wacks
     6. Jeremy Glass

Seconded – Rev. Walden

* + No amendments were added to motion or add a name to the list.
  + Concerns were brought up about someone who worked for DOJ and whether that would be a “good look” for the CPC.
  + Roll Call Vote:
    1. Walden – Yes
    2. Hunter – Yes
    3. Joel – Yes
    4. Wilson – Yes
    5. Levitt – Yes
    6. Gaedcke – Yes
    7. Erickson – Yes
    8. Tyler – Yes
    9. Wood – Yes
    10. Seia – Yes
    11. Mullins – No
    12. Ruffin – Yes
    13. Dickerson – Yes
    14. Johnson – Yes
    15. Washington – Not available
  + Yes – 13, No – 1, Abstain – 0. Moving forward with this slate of candidates right now. Opportunity on 7/5 meeting to reduce list and have a public interview with three finalists on 7/19 meeting. Would like to have a name to present to Council by early August.

1. **Ordinance Changes Discussion**
   * At May 3rd meeting, the commission had a good discussion about the ordinance changes. They voted on the changes to send to City Council, but they didn’t have the specific language at the time. The rest of time for this meeting today was spent to talk about the proposed language for these changes. There is interest in City Council to keep talking about the changes and moving the recommended changes forward next month.
   * Rev. Walden said that this ordinance doesn’t consider the opinion of employees and that most staff are not union. This is important in case they want to bring forward issues about the ED but doesn’t know how to craft this language for that concern.
     1. Joel talked about this with Central Staff. The CPC is a permanent and independent office, and other authorities do not have the ability to tell CPC how to do their job. To the extent that staff have HR concerns, they go to City Ombudsman, and don’t have the ability to go to HR. The co-chairs have made themselves available to current staff, but something that considers additional thought. Maybe CPC can pause this process until the commission figures out this piece.
     2. Joel said his recollection from the May 3rd meeting on the discussion of the ordinance was wanting to see the specific language for ED qualifications that Council came up with. The Ordinance does not have much in terms of minimum qualifications for the ED, and this is why it’s being included now.
     3. No feedback was given on these concerns
   * Is there going to be a hearing by City Council? What is the timeline for these changes?
     1. CPC has already had a hearing, and at the next hearing on July 25th will have the opportunity for amendments and votes. It will have to be introduced by next week, and don’t have much time to give Council feedback. It is possible that CPC could delay the timeline a little bit before moving forward. Most likely need to have it by July 25th because after that the Council schedule is already filling up before the election.
   * No comments on the language that was proposed, and plan to move forward. Language proposed by Council was consistent with what the commission asked, and if there are any questions or concerns, please reach out to the co-chairs.
2. **Adjourn**