



City of Tacoma

Citizen Police Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Zoom Login Details:

Meeting ID: 868 633 3017

Password: 56893209

5:00 p.m.

The CPAC is composed of Chair Alex Strautman, Vice Chair Stephen Hagberg, and Committee Members Louis Cooper, Kiara Daniels, Krystle Edwards, Dana Coggon, Jennifer Vasilez, Shayna Raphael, and Elizabeth Altamimy.

Present: Alex Strautman, Krystle Edwards, Louis Cooper, Kiara Daniels, Dana Coggon, Shayna Raphael, Jennifer Veliz

Absent: Elizabeth Altamimy and Stephen Hagberg

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Latasha Ware, City Manager's Office; Executive Liaison Tanisha Jumper, Director of Media and Communications; Lt. Christopher Karl, Tacoma Police Department (TPD); Assistant Chief Ake, TPD; Chief D. Ramsdell, TPD

Staff Absent: N/A

Welcome and Introductions

At approximately 5:05 p.m., the special meeting was called to order and everyone taking part in the call/video meeting introduced themselves.

Discussion Item

- a. **CPAC's Public Charge and City Resources currently being allocated to ensure CPAC can efficiently execute their assigned duties**

- i. CPAC and its role in reviewing police policy and if we have the proper support to ensure accountability and transparency in the way the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) operates as our mission states. More specifically, is the CPAC able to effectively do this in regard to officer-involved shootings involving marginalized communities of color with our current structure and support system from the City of Tacoma.

At approximately 5:09 p.m., committee members began a discussion of expanding CPAC duties as identified in the establishing City of Tacoma Ordinance (ORD) ORD and Municipal Code (TMC) to include more oversight over officer-involved shootings, death of a suspect in custody of TPD, and how information related to deaths of suspects is communicated to family members. The committee also expressed interest in revisiting the Community Trauma Response Team (CTRT) project and again attempting to implement a similar project within the City of Tacoma.

MOTION: At approximately 5:47 p.m., Committee Member (CM) Cooper moved to assign the policy related task to CPAC's Policy and Program Review sub-committee. Tasks include reviewing the committee's current powers as designated in the ORD and TMC, and making recommendations to the City Council to expand CPAC powers.

SECONDED BY: CM Edwards

Motion passed

Discussion Item (cont.)

The Committee agreed that the following members would make up the policy sub-committee: Committee Members Daniels, Veliz, Hagberg, Cooper, and Raphael, with Altamimy as an alternate.

The Committee asked that TPD staff refrain from attending these meetings until CPAC members have established their recommendations. The Committee advised it would reach out to City Manager Office Liaisons if a representative was needed at a sub-committee meeting to assist with policy support.

Approval of the Agenda

5:39 p.m.: Approval of the agenda for the CPAC meeting held on June 4, 2020.

MOTION: Committee Member (CM) Cooper moved to approve agenda for the June 4, 2020, CPAC Special Meeting.

SECONDED BY: CM Coggan

Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

At approximately 5:51 p.m., the group opened the floor to the public to receive comments. The committee received several public comments.

1st commenter: introduced self as a representative from the League of Women Voters and advised the committee that she is now assigned to attend meetings and take notes that will be distributed to the League of Women Voters contact list.

2nd commenter: Asked if it was common or conducive to have police at a committee that reviews police policies.

3rd commenter: Requested more information on how to locate information about CPAC's upcoming agendas and meeting times.

4th commenter: Thanked the committee members for their service – comments were cut short due to an audio glitch.

ADJOURNMENT

6:06 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Chair Hagberg

SECONDED: CM Veliz

Motion passed

Alexander Strautman

Alexander Strautman, CPAC Chair

Latasha Ware

Latasha Ware, Staff Liaison, City Manager's Office