

MEMORANDUM
Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
Monday, April 3, 2023, 12:30 p.m. – Hooker Conference Room (#245),
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana

The Regular Session meeting was called to order.

Commission members present in person: Matthew Needler, Shelby Ford, Nejla Routsong

Commission members absent: Jason Michálek, Kamala Brown-Sparks

City staff present: Stephen Lucas

Public present: Mary Morgan & Tatiana Wheeler (guest speakers), and two members of the public were present on Zoom

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

- Election of co-chairs: Cm. Ford volunteered to be co-chair along with Cm. Needler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to amend the agenda to remove an item from the agenda. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cm. Needler moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes from 6 March 2023. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

REPORTS

Co-chairs:

- Cm. Needler had no report
- Cm. Ford had no report

Committees:

- Cm. Routsong reported from the Alternative Public Safety Outreach Special Committee that it is conducting outreach and sent out invitations for the 11 April 2023 town hall event, and Cm. Routsong invited remaining CAPS members to attend and spread the word about the event.
- Cm. Ford reported from the Research Committee that it is wrapping up individual research projects in preparation for a full report.

Staff:

- Staff member Lucas notified the Commission that the Common Council interview committees are meeting to fill vacancies on boards and commissions, including the CAPS Commission.

Public: none.

NEW BUSINESS: guest speakers Mary Morgan & Tatiana Wheeler from Heading Home of South Central Indiana gave a presentation and answered questions.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Research Committee Membership: Cm. Needler expressed interest in joining this Committee, depending on scheduling.

Juneteenth Event:

- Cm. Routsong requested the Commission assist with planning and hosting a Juneteenth event partnering with the Monroe County Historical Society & Indianapolis Black Genealogy organization.
- Cms. Ford and Needler had questions about the connecting this event to the purpose of the CAPS Commission and coordinating with the City's Juneteenth events. Staff member Lucas suggested contacting the Community and Family Resources Department and Civil City Director who were involved in last year's Juneteenth celebrations through the City.

Tabled Items from 6 March 2023

- START Program: The discussion was tabled to May meeting due to Cm. Michalek's absence.
- BPD Questions: Cm. Routsong informed the Commission that the Alternatives to Public Safety Outreach Special Committee is conducting separate outreach to BPD for the 11 April 2023 town hall event. Cm. Routsong proposed to take this item off the agenda. Discussion was held. Members agreed to take the item off the agenda.
- Amending conflict resolution procedures, adopted 3/6/2023: This item was added to Topics for Future Agendas.

Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

- Scheduling: Cm. Needler proposed later meeting times due to work hours. Cm. Ford proposed filling out and updating the availability in the scheduling sheet on Google Drive. Staff agreed to assist with sending out the scheduling sheet to members.
- Additions or deletions to the list of topics for future agendas:
 - o Propose deleting items added by former Cms. who are no longer members, including "e," "g," and "h."
 - o Propose keeping yearly CAPS report and scheduling as agenda items in next month's meeting.
 - o Propose adding report from Alternative Public Safety Outreach Special Committee on how 11 April 2023 event went, including summary of feedback, and report from Research Committee on types of research done.

Meeting adjourned.

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