

**MEMORANDUM**

**Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission  
Thursday, August 3, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – Hooker Conference Room (#245),  
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana**

The Regular Session meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Commission members present in person:** Matthew Needler, Nejla Routsong, Jason Michalek, Patty Moon

**Commission members present over Zoom:** Kamala Brown-Sparks, Sophia Amos

**Commission members absent:** Carolyn Leinenbach, Tyler Shaffer

**Public present:** one member joined via Zoom

**City staff present:** Ash Kulak

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL (3:03 p.m.)

ELECTION OF NEW CO-CHAIRS

- Cm. Michalek and Cm. Moon volunteered to be co-chairs for the next rotation of three months.
- Cm. Needler moved and it was seconded for Cms. Michalek and Moon to be co-chairs. Motion passed 6-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (3:08 p.m.)

- Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to remove agenda item 7c, entitled “Anti-Trans State Legislation Response: Proposed CAPS Resolution 23-01,” because that commissioner was not present. Motion passed 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (3:13 p.m.)

- Cm. Brown-Sparks moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes from July 6, 2023 CAPS meeting. Minutes approved 6-0.

REPORTS (3:14 p.m.)

Co-chairs: None.

Individuals:

- Cm. Routsong reported on the annual report delivered to the Common Council on the August 2, 2023 Regular Session. Cm. Moon inquired about next steps. Cm. Routsong suggested addressing them in next Outreach Committee meeting on August 21, 2023.

- Cm. Michalek reported on how to initiate a follow up with Councilmembers, to collectively compile an FAQ list, and to give more comprehensive answers to questions from the previous evening.
- Cm. Michalek inquired about the review of the CAPS Commission by the Council. Staff liaison answered that Council wanted to hear the annual report first, and that details on this review are still forthcoming.
- Cm. Amos reported on reactions to the CAPS annual report from August 2, 2023, and stated that a member of the public, Tonda Radewan, wants to be connected to the CAPS Commission due to ties with issues of housing and eviction in the community.

Committees:

- Reparations Committee – Cm. Brown-Sparks moved and it was seconded to put the full amount of reversion funds, \$1000, toward the fall Black Genealogy Event. Discussion held. Motion passed 6-0.
- CAPS Public Outreach Committee – None.
- Research Committee – None.

Staff:

- Council staff thanked members who presented the annual report, reported on a recent resignation from the Commission and confirmed quorum and 50% in-person numbers for a commission of eight members, and asked for details for forthcoming committee meetings in order to draft and post the required notices.

Public: None

Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to skip the brief recess. Motion passed 5-1-0 (Brown-Sparks).

NEW BUSINESS (3:39 p.m.)

2024 Budget Proposal (Outreach Committee)

- Cm. Routsong explained the 2024 budget proposal (shared via Zoom screen) passed by the Outreach Committee and seeking full Commission approval.
- Cm. Routsong asked to amend the proposal to replace the words “Outreach Committee” with “CAPS Commission” in the last paragraph entitled “Outreach Budget.”
- Discussion held. Cm. Amos asked for further detail about the IU cinema screen share aspect of the proposal and had concerns about transportation costs and target audience for the event. Cm. Routsong explained event and suggested further discussions in Outreach Committee.
- Cm. Moon moved and it was seconded to approve the budget request. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Amos).

#### Approval of Revisions to 2023 Alternative Public Safety (APS) Report (Routsong)

- Cm. Routsong explained the proposed amendments to the final report of the Alternative Public Safety Outreach Special Committee.
- Discussion held on proposed amendments, including:
  - o removal of bold text
  - o addition of paragraph to Reports section: about the 2019 Working Hard, Falling Behind Report of the Bloomington Affordable Living Committee
  - o an amendment to Key Recommendation 1: new proposed department would only report to the Mayor, to be overseen by the CAPS Commission just as the City police with the Public Safety Board
  - o addition of stakeholder D quotes to the appendix
- Cm. Moon moved and it was seconded to approve the changes to the APS report. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Anti-Trans State Legislation Response: Proposed CAPS Resolution 23-01 (Leinenbach)

- This item was tabled to the next meeting due to Cm. Leinenbach's absence.

#### Fall Event Planning: Black Genealogy Event (Brown-Sparks)

- Cm. Brown-Sparks had no additional information to report due to need to reschedule meeting with Monroe County History Center staff.

#### OTHER BUSINESS (4:16 p.m.)

Cm. Moon stated that the CAPS Flyer item in "Tabled Items" can be discussed at a later date in an Outreach Committee meeting. Item removed from agenda.

#### Remove Recess from Regular Meetings (Routsong)

- Cm. Routsong wished to strike this from the agenda. Stricken without objection.

#### Tabled Items:

- Safety in Public Housing (Brown-Sparks) – Cm. Brown-Sparks had no additional report.
- CAPS Commission Flyer for Specific Initiatives (Moon) – Item removed from agenda.
- Deaf Club (Brown-Sparks) – Cm. Brown-Sparks no longer wished to pursue this item on behalf of the Commission. Item struck indefinitely from agenda.
- Implicit Bias Training (Brown-Sparks) – Cm. Brown-Sparks explained that these trainings were to be done by the BTCC this fall and brought it to the attention of the Commission for any member who wished to attend. Cm. Routsong agreed to send registration links to commissioners. Cm. Brown-Sparks agreed to strike this item indefinitely from the next meeting agendas.

### Removal of Regular Work Sessions (Routsong)

- Cm. Routsong explained the need to remove regular work sessions from the calendar due to the creation of new committees.
- Cm. Moon moved and it was seconded to remove regular work sessions. Motion passed 6-0.

### TOPIC SESSIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Cm. Amos suggested talking about initiatives for affordable housing in Bloomington, active shooter training, and reproductive rights. Cm. Routsong asked whether the CAPS resolution on reproductive rights was taken up by the Council. Staff liaison pointed commissioners to Resolution 22-15 passed by the Common Council expressing support for the protection of reproductive rights and the Council's subsequent approval of reproductive health care grants.

Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Memorandum prepared by:  
Ash Kulak, Staff