

Meeting Agenda

Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Allison Conference Room (#225), Showers Building, 401 N. Morton Street

The public may also access the meeting at the following link:

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/82433252101?pwd=B3a4BFrfgNYUmQ8DC0CpJSbkh6EtmC.1>

- I. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDA/MINUTES
- III. REPORTS (if any) (*expected motion to limit total time for reports*)
 - A. Co-Chairs
 - B. Individual Members
 - C. Committees
 - D. Staff
 - E. Public / Public Comment
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion of Draft Bylaws
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Re-Reading and Discussion of CAPS Mission Statement
 - i. Discussion of [Ordinance 20-20](#) Section 3, establishing Bloomington Municipal Code Section 2.12.120
Section 2.12.120 of the Bloomington Municipal Code "Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission"(a) Establishment and Purpose. There shall be established a Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission ("Commission"), which shall:
 - (1) perform research and gather data on the perceptions and preferences about public safety from community members, with specific focus on perceptions and preference data gathered from minority community members, individuals who are disabled, and other often marginalized community members; and
 - (2) research evidence-based alternatives to traditional policing; and
 - (3) identify best practices in public safety globally and evaluate the efficacy of such practices for implementation in Bloomington.
 - (4) make recommendations to the Common Council, the Board of Public Safety, and/or the Mayor or the Mayor's designee on policies and programs that enhance public safety for all community members.
 - ii. Discussion of [Memorandum](#) of first CAPS meeting, May 14, 2021
"Part of the hard work of this group will be to closely examine various ways to approach public safety and figure out what approaches might work best for our community. Starting out, there are no foregone conclusions about what is best. The goal of the group is to "increase the safety of all Bloomington community members, especially those often marginalized due to race, disability, gender, sexual identity, or sexual orientation" through data-driven research about improving public safety by means other than traditional policing."

"According to Ordinance 20-20, the CAPS Commission serves as an advisory body to the Bloomington Common Council and shall:

- Gather data about perceptions and preferences regarding public safety, specifically from groups of individuals that do not fall into the majority racial and economically advantaged demographics, as well as marginalized populations, of Bloomington.
- Research evidence-based approaches to public safety other than traditional policing, including but not limited to the establishment of an alternate crisis response phone number, investments in mental health care, addiction treatment, community centers, or job training (among other areas) to mitigate the causes of crime, and other innovative approaches.
- Explore best practices in socially and racially just public safety measures in cities across the US and worldwide, and to examine which ideas may best be implemented in Bloomington.
- Make recommendations to the Bloomington Common Council and the Mayor's administration on policies and programs that enhance public safety for all community members.
- Promote a broader view of public safety through education and outreach programs.
- To provide an annual report of its activities to the Common Council, Mayor and the public.

B. Propose a Pause in Sub-Committees

- i. Propose a working meeting to return to mission and move forward in line with it.
- ii. Schedule work session of "on-boarding" with Deputy Clerk of Communications & Outreach Crossley

VI. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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