

Memorandum City of Bloomington, Indiana Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission - Draft for Approval

Thursday, January 22nd

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission members present in person: Robert Freeman-Day, Karshin Nair, Cale Ulery, Sharon Wainshilbaum, Jason Michálek

Commission members present over Zoom: Kamala Brown-Sparks

Commission members absent: Erin McNeil, Birgit Newman

City staff and elected officials present: Kari Bennett, Aarya Dev, City Councilmember Isabel Piedmont-Smith.

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Memoranda/Minutes

Cm. Freeman-Day moved to approve the agenda and memoranda. Cm. Brown-Sparks seconded. Passed 6-0.

Reports

Co-chairs Cm. Freeman-Day and Cm. Michálek acknowledged the end of their term and thanked the committee for their support and hard work.

Co-chair Cm. Michálek reported attendance at City Councilmember Piedmont-Smith's constituent meeting and the benefit of community engagement.

Co-chair Cm. Freeman-Day encouraged all members to operate under a presumption of attendance.

Cm. Ulery urged members to keep up the momentum.

Cm. Brown-Sparks and Wainshilbaum thank the co-chairs for their service.

Old Business

Councilmember Piedmont-Smith shared an update on the 2025 budgeted line item for a 911 call study. The city has entered into a contract with Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) to conduct the study starting in April for 7 months.

New Business

Election of Officers

Cm. Brown-Sparks and Cm. Ulery were appointed as the new Co-Chairs by a vote of 6-0.

Commission Appointments and 2026 Business

The commission discussed increasing community outreach to draw in greater diversity into the commission, and fill current and future vacancies.

The commission discussed being proactive for when the 911 call study is released, having alternatives for 911 dispatchers, such as involving social workers.

Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

Cm. Ulery brought up the city contract (renewed 2024) with Flock surveillance. The committee proposed to consider AI involvement and potentially start conversation to address surveillance impact.

The committee considered looking into learning more about the surveillance methods being used, and hold a learn in.

The committee also proposed discussing opening a website or public forum to connect with the community.

Cm. Wainshilbaum provided an update on the Shalom Center, and suggested inviting a speaker for the next session.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.