

Memorandum City of Bloomington, Indiana Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission

Thursday, April 16, 2026

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: Cale Ulery, Kamala Brown- Sparks, Karhsin Nair, Michael Burton, Birgit Newman, Sharon Wainshilbaum (arrived at 4:07)

Commission members present over Zoom: None

Commission members absent: None

City staff and elected officials present: Aarya Dev, Evan Link

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Memoranda/Minutes

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

Reports

None

Old Business

Cm. Ulery provided an update on the LEAP study, 9-1-1 call research, and alternatives to police response for some of those calls. Cm. Ulery also noted that there are Deliberation Sessions planned for Sept 9 and Oct 21 to engage the community on public safety topics. CAPS plans to help CM Piedmont-Smith facilitate those discussions.

Cm. Brown-Sparks suggested that the Commission look into the police response to situations like a woman who recently barricaded herself in her home.

Cm. Wainshilbaum requested to bring Stride into this conversation and Cm. Ulery noted that Stride will likely be incorporated into 9-1-1 in the future.

Commission members emailed CM Piedmont-Smith to request to be considered stakeholders in this process, contribute to the Deliberation Sessions, and gain additional information throughout the research process.

New Business

Cm. Brown-Sparks summarized the mayor's announcement that the city will not be buying new Flock cameras or using the camera data for immigration and reproductive investigations.

Cm. Burton questioned why the City of Bloomington pursued a Flock contract in the first place, and wants to request the initial Flock procurement documents. Cm. Nair noted that the Commission on Sustainability document provides some additional relevant information.

Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas

Cm. Burton suggested that the commission return to the police response to the barricading incident, and inquired if there is a response/analysis of whether force is used correctly in those circumstances.

Cm. Wainshilbaum noted that the police are still responding to domestic violence situations and was curious if they will be moving to alternatives.

Cms Newman and Burton discussed the use of drones by the police in this case.

Cm. Ulery stated that the commission is hoping to fill its vacancies, and that the next meeting will be on May 21st.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately **5:04** p.m.