MEMORANDUM
Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
Thursday, Aug 26th, 2021

Per IC 5-14-1.5-3.7, this meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom.

This meeting called to order: 12:06 p.m.

Commission members present via Zoom: Kamala Brown-Sparks, Alex Mann, Renee Miller, Nicole Johnson. Nejla Routsong joined at 12:11, making a quorum.

Commission members absent: Arvind Jagdish, Jon Wunrow

City staff and officials present: Rebekka Boustani

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 7/29 MEETING: motion made, 2nded, and unanimously approved.

12:10 DISCUSSION: quorum redefined for CAPS commission as 5 members present due to current low number of total commissioners.

12:15 DISCUSSION: establishing regular meeting schedule.

12:20 Motion made to establish a schedule of regular meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month at noon, and work sessions on the 2nd Thursday of each month at noon. Motion 2nded and unanimously approved.

12:23 Commissioner Routsong elaborated on her discussion with Stephen Lucas of City Legal re: definition of a quorum as discussed earlier. Empty seats on the CAPS commission will no longer be counted towards the total to determine quorum.

12:26 DISCUSSION: information on bylaws and the process to adopt them given by Rebekka Boustani. The commission will be able to vote on parts of the bylaws one at a time if we choose to. The role of chair is already defined as more of a facilitator than leader.

12:31 Commissioner Routsong introduced guest speaker, Professor Alex Vitale, author of The End of Policing.

12:33 Professor Vitale delivered his presentation. Suggested that CAPS adopts procedure and approach of Ithaca Plan.

12:59 Q&A session with Professor Vitale.

1:38 Return to DISCUSSION: bylaws and officer roles.

2:00 Rebekka Boustani agreed to discuss specific bylaw proposals with Commissioners Johnson and Miller before preparing next meeting's agenda.

2:15 Motion to ADJOURN 2nded and unanimously approved.

Memorandum prepared by:
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