MEMORANDUM
Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
Thursday, Sep 9th, 2021

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

This work session called to order: 12:01 p.m.

Commission members present via Zoom: Kamala Brown-Sparks, Alex Mann, Renee Miller, Nicole Johnson, Arvind Jagdish, Jon Wunrow

Commission members absent: Nejla Routsong, Matthew Diaz

City staff and officials present: Rebekka Boustani

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

12:03 CHAIR proposed combining minutes from Aug 26 mtg with today's for future approval, proposal accepted by commission.

12:05 COMM Johnson began Alternative Tools presentation focusing on anti-oppressive structure for CAPS positions of facilitation (officers).

12:37 COMM Johnson finished presentation, COMM Miller continued discussion, focusing on unseen systemic oppression and the definition of consensus.

12:40 Q&A / Discussion: clarification of consensus vs. compromise, moral/ethical assumptions in Aorta, clarification on timeline following an official block to consensus, clarification on discussion process for whole commission when working groups bring forth proposals, clarification from city staff that CAPS can use a non-oppressive system, clarification that process of working groups can remain transparent to the public, discussion of public-facing working group processes and public participation in commission meetings or even in consensus building, discussion of how agendas will be determined in a non-oppressive system, discussion of structures like time limits for individual speaking turns during discussion or Q&A, discussion of possibility of social media presence for CAPS.

1:28 Discussion of parameters around guest speakers, possible establishment of working group for guest speakers, discussion of instituting speaker parameters starting with October speaker, discussion of how best to involve Micol Seigel in a long-term way, proposal to consult BLM Bloomington's Bylaws when crafting CAPS Bylaws.

1:39 Motion to ADJOURN early made, 2nded, and unanimously approved.

Memorandum prepared by:
Alex Mann, Commission member