

**Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm  
Hooker Conference Room (#245), Showers Building, 401 N. Morton Street**

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

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/84866900742?pwd=UkxYQURKUUFzL1dKQ3NZRnNWR3p4Zz09>

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. SELECT A MEMBER TO KEEP MINUTES
- IV. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDA/MINUTES – April 26, 2022
- V. REPORTS
  - a. Co-Chairs
  - b. Committees
    - i. Conflict Resolution
    - ii. Reparations & Atonement
    - iii. Research
    - iv. Alternatives to Policing
    - v. Housing
  - c. Staff
- VI. REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC / PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. Guest Speaker – Nick Voyles – Indiana Recovery Alliance
  - b. Updating bylaws re: co-chair rotation and Commissioner attendance
  - c. Annual Report to Council
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Letter re: Farmer’s Market issues
  - b. Ideas for signature Commission program
- IX. OTHER BUSINESS
- X. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

### CAPS Commission Goals and Purpose:

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

Research evidence-based alternatives to traditional policing

Identify best practices in public safety globally and evaluate the efficacy of such practices for implementation in Bloomington.

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.

## MEMORANDUM

Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission

Tuesday, April 26th, 2022

Called to order 5:05

Commissioner members present in person: Miller, Routsong, Carey, Michálek, Ford, Carey  
Commission members present via Zoom: Brown-Sparks (arrived 6:10pm)  
Absent: Mann, Vuyyuri

5:06 Agenda approved

5:07 Ford selected for minutes

5:08 Minutes approved with no objections.

5:10 REPORT

510: cochair. Routsong reviews Robert's Rules of Order expectations,  
-recommend note-taking during sessions, and organizing thoughts before sharing.  
-review the agenda, and organize comments or questions into appropriate agenda items.  
-assess your time and abilities before jumping into a new project. Discuss and agree on where the direction should be

1. Conflict resolution - working on summarizing plans in the annual report
2. Reparation and Atonement - finalized message to Mayor Hamilton to join MOORE movement. He reported that he would check out the information. Rafting new resolutions in response to religious violence.
3. Research - allocated tasks for annual report, and research information in May. Reports that Centerstone is creating a mobile response unit.
4. Alternatives to policing - meeting canceled, will be planning future meeting.
5. Housing - discussion of affordable housing, drafting portion of the annual report.
6. Staff - annual reports update to be held until agenda item. The council office has a new member that will be able to support commissions in a few weeks.

Unfinished business

5:27 Annual report to counsel: Staff reports date change to July or August due to scheduling.

5:29 Routsong questions who we would send. Considering we would have new cochairs she discusses that she would be willing to present or send over things to new co-chairs.

5:32 Commission agrees formally to July 20th at 6:30 Pm to get on the city council calendar. Stephan will follow up to ensure that time works.

5:32 Commissioners agree that we should table discussion on who will present at the meeting until June. The staff agrees that tabling would work.

--- break 5:37-5:43

5:43 Unfinished business annual report - content discussion  
Routsong - explains that we have 1 additional meeting if we have the July report date  
Miller suggests we review in sections

5:45 Routsong - briefs members about the report layout

5:47 Who are we section:

Carey recommends adding in Commission (Name) in

Miller suggests removing first names.

Routsong explains names are presented how they are on the website

Michálek recommends keeping the first name as they are identifying, and also mentions adding diacritical marks onto his own and Miller's name.

Miller - suggests adding Abbi Knipstine to the staff's name after she takes over.

Routsong explains this was gotten from the website

Carey mentions summarizing

5:53 summary Review

Miller suggests including "listening to those voices"

Routsong suggests changing point 2 from "by focusing on the interest" to "listening to the voices of..."

5:58 Background Review

Members discuss changing the name and language to imply how the commission has progressed throughout the year.

Table decision on "background" change

6:07 - Routsong discusses that she wrote up the committee reports except for research.  
Request to send what information Research Committee has.

## NEW BUSINESS

Co-chair rotation and commission attendance

6:09 Staff reports current bylaws - In March Routsong and Brown-Sparks took part as co-chairs for the next three months. Option to formalize that into a bylaw. Law requires the "president" to chair the meeting

Attendance - each appointee can remove members for cause, which includes failure to attend three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, without appropriate reason.

6:13 Routsong suggests that we take cochairing on an as-needed basis.

6:14 Miller puts forward the idea to change bylaws requiring cochair positions to change every three months. Rotate to all have the opportunity rather than have members serve multiply times in a row

Routsong mentions that we do not need to change bylaws as of now, can discuss in meetings.

Miller believes it should be in bylaws to look back to it and make precedent.

Routsong suggested that we discuss and vote next meeting.

Staff offered assistance to Miller to write out a possible bylaw.

6:20 School safety concerns, Carey explains that she cannot speak on the issue, and would like to revoke it.

Miller - independently look into the issue.

6:22 Funding request - staff reports director of community and family resources, budget for programs but not specific commissions. Such as annual luncheons, and public events. Many have a signature program and they provide sponsorship. 500-1000 depending on programs. Can make requests or recommendations for annual reports to look into the feasibility of funding.

6:25 Miller states the possibility of sending a letter to that Mayor. Proposed community forum with guest speakers

Routsong asks if members want to put requests into the annual report or a general suggestion, wait on asking on funds for signature events or programs until we have specifics figured out.

Staff reports that specific requests will likely be more successful.

6:29 Routsong and other members agree to further discuss this in the following meeting.

6:30 Miller motions to extend the meeting for 15 minutes, Carey seconds. Motions carry.

6:31 Farmers marker - Miller suggests sending a message to the mayor's office on a collective stance on white supremacy and Neo Nazi at the farmers' market.

6:33 Carey suggests writing a letter and inquiring about what the city will do to address this issue. Provide a clear understanding of commission sits.

Michálek - agrees that the commission should stand in on this issue.

Brown sparks - speaks about how she feels as a black woman is not being supported by the community in ways that other marginalized communities are being addressed.

6:38 Carey volunteers to take charge of drafting the initial letter. Request to add this to the agenda in unfinished business.

6:40 Other options Routsong suggests Start program adding to new business next month

6:40 Topic suggestions for future agenda. Commission agrees to have Nick Voyvles speak in next month's meeting.

Miller proposes 20 minutes for speaking, and 10 minutes for questions. Group agrees.

6:45 Meeting is ended.

## Proposed Bylaws

Attendance. BMC Section 2.08.020 (4) or its successors specify attendance requirements. Members shall give prior notice to the Chairperson(s) or the Council Office liaison if they are unable to attend a regular or special meeting.

Removal of Members – Under BMC Section 2.08.020 (4), a member may be removed for cause. Cause shall include, but not be limited to, failure to attend three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission or four regularly scheduled meetings in any twelve-month period. If a member meets these criteria, the Commission may add to the agenda of the next regular meeting a recommendation for removal. Acceptance of extenuating factors puts the member on notice that further excessive absenteeism shall result in removal.

Selection of Chairperson – The Commission shall select a member to serve as Chairperson or may select two members to serve as co-chairs. Members selected to serve as chairperson will serve for three months. At the last regular meeting before the term of the current chairperson(s) has ended, the Commission shall select a new chairperson or new co-chairs. Members selected to serve as chairperson may not serve two consecutive terms in a row.