

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

**Monday, August 22, 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:**

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- X. ADJOURNMENT

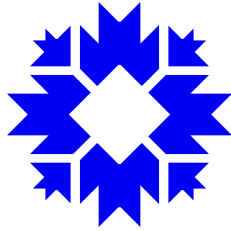
CAPS Commission Goals and Purpose:

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.



City of Bloomington

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As a quorum of this Commission or its committees may be present, this gathering constitutes a meeting under the Indiana Open Door Law (I.C. § 5-14-1.5). For that reason, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission**  
**Tuesday, July 5th, 2022**

The Regular Session meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

**Commissioner members present in person:** Renee Miller, Nejla Routsong, Eliza Carey, Jason Michálek, Shelby Ford

**Commission members present via Zoom:** Kamala Brown-Sparks

**Commission members absent:** Alex Mann

**City staff present:** Stephen Lucas

5:07pm - INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

5:07pm - APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No changes were made to the agenda.

5:07pm - Staff member Stephen Lucas selected to keep a meeting memo.

5:12pm – It was moved and seconded to elect Cms. Eliza Carey and Jason Michálek to serve as co-chairs for three months. The motion was adopted by roll call vote (6-0).

5:13pm - REPORTS

5:13pm – Cm. Brown-Sparks reported on the CHIPS Kick-Off event.

5:16pm – Cm. Michálek presented a report on the activity of the Research Committee and committee members answered questions about its work and its planned contributions to the Commission’s upcoming annual report to the Bloomington Common Council..

5:54pm – Cm. Routsong reported on the activity and future plans of the Alternatives to Policing Committee.

5:57pm – Cm. Carey stepped off of the Housing Committee.

6:01pm – Lucas reported on the resignation of Cm. Satish Vuuyuri. Lucas stated he would pass along recommendations to reach out to Asian American and Pacific Islander, Indigenous, Muslim communities in an effort to solicit applicants to the Commission.

6:13pm – REPORTS FROM PUBLIC: Jim Shelton spoke and suggested that the commission reach out to and coordinate with relevant county agencies and officials on the ongoing criminal justice studies and resulting recommendations related to public safety issues.

6:25pm – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6:29pm – Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to approve the following bylaws included in the meeting packet. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

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.

6:30pm – The Committee discussed the upcoming annual report to the Common Council. Cms. Routsong and Michálek would jointly present the report. Cm. Routsong would finalize the language of the written report.

6:44pm - TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Overturn of Roe v. Wade – Calling on Prosecutor’s Office to not prosecute
- Review of Commission committees

6:47pm - Meeting is adjourned.

Memorandum prepared by:  
Stephen Lucas, Staff

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission**  
**Tuesday, July 26th, 2022**

The Regular Session meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

**Commissioner members present in person:** Renée Miller, Nejla Routsong, Eliza Carey, Jason Michálek, Shelby Ford

**Commission members present via Zoom:** Kamala Brown-Sparks

**Commission members absent:** None

**City staff present:** Stephen Lucas

**Public present:** Terry Amsler, Sam Dove, Jim Shelton

5:06pm - INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

5:08pm - APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A review of the Commission's regular meeting time was added to the agenda. The revised agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

5:09pm – APPROVAL OF MEMORANDA/MINUTES – Cm. Brown-Sparks moved to approve the minutes from May 24, 2022 and to table the minutes from July 5, 2022. Cm. Ford seconded. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

5:11pm – REPORTS

Co-chairs – Cm. Michálek said the annual report given to the Bloomington Common Council on July 20 went well. Cm. Carey reported on changes to her availability.

Committees –

Conflict Resolution Committee –

- Cm. Routsong said it would be good to get new members for the committee.
- Cm. Miller said she would be stepping down from the Conflict Resolution Committee.

Reparations and Atonement Committee –

- Cm. Brown-Sparks had attended a kick-off event for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) program and had signed up for a team; she said a lot of goals of the CHIP program align with commission goals; she said it was still possible for others to get involved with the CHIP program.
- Cm. Ford said she had been doing more research on Mayor's Organized for Reparations and Equity (MORE) that the committee had suggested to the Mayor; she thought it might be a topic for a commission resolution; Cm. Ford mentioned possible additional public outreach efforts, maybe by the full commission; she mentioned possible voter registration efforts to help get more people involved.
- Cm. Routsong suggested two goals for fall and two goals for spring.

Research –

- Cm. Miller said this committee would not meet in August but would pick back up in September.

Alternatives to Policing -

- Cm. Routsong said the committee hadn't been able to meet; she mentioned information shared by Councilmember Piedmont-Smith on a CAHOOTS program; Cm. Brown-Sparks spoke on efforts to change attendance requirements under the state electronic meeting rules.

Housing –

- Cm. Michálek reported on the response to the Housing Committee's contribution in the Commission's annual report.

Staff – Lucas commented on the Commission's annual report, availability of information on the CAHOOTS program, and an update on Commission membership.

5:29pm - REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Terry Amsler spoke on the topic of public engagement and promoting a broader view of public safety. He mentioned a Steering Committee for Community Voices for Public Health for Monroe County and suggested the work of that group might overlap or be of interest to the Commission. He noted that the Commission might want to look at the Novak Report, an organizational study recently completed by the City, to think through how boards/commissions can be effective.

Jim Shelton encouraged commissioners to interface with the County, read relevant reports, and attend commissioner meetings on the topic of a new jail and other public safety issues that fall under County's purview.

Cm. Miller added that the County's Critical Justice Response Team would be meeting on August 3. Cm. Brown-Sparks said she was looking to get involved with county processes.

5:46 pm – Break

5:52 pm – Called back to order

5:53 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Commission discussed ideas for a signature program:
  - o Stipend/additional support for Commission
  - o Develop program to bring in additional voices/open dialogue
  - o Town Hall event (part of research?); located at a park?
  - o Voter registration efforts
  - o More access to civic participation – might be more likely to get city support
  - o Event at Bannaker Center – for Juneteenth – getting minority communities to celebrate – show them programming Bannaker Center has to offer
    - Maybe connect with BLM on an existing similar program
  - o History Center – how to do a family tree
  - o Staff to follow up with examples from other commissions; CMs to brainstorm

- The Commission also discussed IU's SMART Program; members of the Research Committee said they could look into the program and report back to see if it was a good fit.

6:11pm – NEW BUSINESS

- Overturn of Roe v. Wade
  - o Cm. Ford – many communities are passing resolutions affirming reproductive rights and doing what they can to support such rights; should the Commission take some action? How best to do so? Cm. Ford to reach out to others involved and to report back.
- Review of Commission's committee structure
  - o Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to dissolve the Conflict Resolution Committee, Reparations and Atonement Committee, Alternatives to Policing Committee, and Housing Committee. Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to amend the motion, such that the Conflict Resolution Committee, Alternatives to Policing Committee, and Housing Committee would be dissolved. The amended motion was adopted 6-0.
- New meeting time – Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to change the Commission's regular meeting time to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at 5:00pm. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.
  - o Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to cancel the Commission's September meeting. The motion was adopted by roll call vote 5-1 (Routsong).

7:00pm - Meeting is adjourned.

Memorandum prepared by:  
Stephen Lucas, Staff



## **RESOLUTION 22-2: Protection of Reproductive Rights & Freedom**

CAPS Resolution 22-2 expresses the concern of the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission over the recent Dobbs decision and Indiana's Senate Bill 1, which will be referred to as SB1 hereafter.

**WHEREAS**, the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission recommends the City of Bloomington honor the rights of pregnant peoples to bodily autonomy and control over their private medical decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, access to safe and legal abortion is a deciding factor in long-term health, safety, and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States has overturned the 1973 landmark ruling, *Roe v. Wade*, which previously prevented individual states from directly banning such care; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 5th, 2022, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb signed into law SB 1, which criminalizes abortion up to a Level 3 Felony with a small exception for rape and incest up to 10 weeks post fertilization, effective September 15th, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, anti-choice legislators have weaponized the language of criminal law to stigmatize reproductive choice, and the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission considers the phrase “abortion, miscarriage, or other reproductive healthcare act” to accurately encompass all criminalized acts under Indiana laws which seek to criminalize pregnancy outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, people have a basic human right to medical treatment, up to and including abortion; and

**WHEREAS**, the failure in the United States health system has led to disproportionate health outcomes most notably affecting Black and Brown people; and

**WHEREAS**, eliminating legal access to abortion has been empirically proven to dramatically increase the risk of death, bodily injury, and infertility, especially within low-income communities, the LGBTQIA+ community, undocumented people, and/or communities of color such as African, African American, Asian, Black, Latino/a, Middle Eastern and North African, Native American, Pacific Islander, and Slavic; and

**WHEREAS**, the resources of the City must always be dedicated to the health and wellbeing of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the City of Bloomington have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment to abortion access in the release of the letter ‘*Local Public Officials*’

*Statement on the Reversal of Roe v. Wade* (dated July 1, 2022) and Resolution 22-15 – *Expressing Support for the Protection of Reproductive Rights* (dated August 17, 2022); and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* majority opinion, Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun stated, “[The] right of privacy, whether it be founded in the Fourteenth Amendment’s concept of personal liberty and restrictions upon state action, as we feel it is, or, as the District Court determined, in the Ninth Amendment’s reservation of rights to the people, is broad enough to encompass a [person’s] decision whether or not to terminate [their] pregnancy”; and

**WHEREAS**, the right to privacy should protect doctors, patients, and all others providing abortion-related medical care from any criminal investigation related to decisions made within the healthcare provider-patient relationship so long as those decisions occur without coercion, force, or negligence; and

**WHEREAS**, equitable access to abortion care requires financial and logistical support, most often provided by abortion funds, practical support organizations, and volunteers who the State has targeted for providing these services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a responsibility to protect its residents from any violation of their human rights and any criminalization of the free exercise thereof;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY ON PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND ACTIONS BE RECOMMENDED TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION BY THE CITY:**

The City of Bloomington formally condemns any action intended to abrogate the fundamental liberties of its people and affirms its commitment to protecting the right of its residents to make reproductive health decisions, including abortion care, for themselves.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

It is the policy of the City that, except to the extent otherwise required by state or federal law, City funds will not be used to:

- Store or catalog any report of an abortion, miscarriage, or other reproductive healthcare act; or
- Provide information to any other governmental body or agency about any abortion, miscarriage, or other reproductive healthcare act, unless such information is provided to defend the patient’s right to abortion care or the healthcare provider’s right to provide that care; or
- Conduct surveillance or collect information related to an individual or organization for the purpose of determining whether an abortion has occurred, except for aggregated data without personally identifying information or personal health information which is

collected for purposes unrelated to a criminal investigation, enforcement, or prosecution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

- The City of Bloomington will work towards funding and supporting a recurring annual donation of \$75,000 to be split equally between Planned Parenthood and All-Options to help people with reproductive healthcare, gynecological healthcare, and/or parent-related expenses.
- As SB1 will increase the need for additional resources, we ask that ongoing funds be considered for yearly distribution during the annual budget cycle.
- The City of Bloomington should support channels that offer free legal aid for healthcare providers and others to ask questions in confidence about how best to protect themselves from legal retaliation while still providing or receiving healthcare needs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The policy stated above does not apply in cases where coercion or force is used against the pregnant person, or in cases involving conduct criminally negligent to the health of the pregnant person seeking care.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

It is the policy of the City that the investigation or support for the prosecution of any allegation, charge, or information relating to the outcome of a given pregnancy, including abortion and abortion-related care, or any party thereto, will be the lowest priority for enforcement and the use of City resources and personnel, except in cases (a) where coercion or force is used against the pregnant person, (b) of criminally negligent conduct involving the health of the pregnant person seeking care, or (c) where the abortion, miscarriage, or reproductive healthcare is not the crime being investigated but evidence of another crime.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Commission recommends that the Bloomington Common Council and Mayor John Hamilton take appropriate steps to adopt a similar resolution as presented here by the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission. May they also provide an oral presentation and written report on the implementation of the Resolution, including changes to policies and procedures, at the City Council's next regular session; and the Mayor should return to the Council for authorization of any needed policy clarifications in the event of future changes to federal law, state law, or technology that affects this Resolution.

PASSED by the Community Advisory on Public Safety of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this day\_\_\_of August 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Co-chairs, Community Advisory on  
Public Safety Commission

Citation:

1. Blackmun, Harry A, and Supreme Court Of The United States. U.S. Reports: Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113. 1972. Periodical. <https://www.loc.gov/item/usrep410113/>
2. City of Austin, Texas. Grace Act Policy Draft. June 2022. <http://assets.austintexas.gov/austincouncilforum/E0-20220624105310.pdf>
3. City of Bloomington, Indiana. Res 22.15 [Expressing Support for the Protection of Reproductive Rights](#), August 17, 2022; signed version forthcoming – link to be added here:
4. National Institute for Reproductive Health, State and Local Leaders Must Act Now for Abortion Justice State and Municipal Funding for Abortion, April 2022. <https://www.nirhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/State-and-Local-Funding-for-Abortion-Access.pdf>

Additional commentary

A similar resolution was originally presented and passed in the City of Austin, Texas on July 21st, and has since been edited to reflect Bloomington, Indiana.

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