

# Meeting Notice and Agenda Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission

Monday, November 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm  
Hooker Conference Room (#245), Showers Building, 401 N. Morton Street

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  - a. IU Student Agile Response Team (START) Program in IU Center for Rural Engagement – update from Research Committee as to its application
  - b. Approval of questions for Bloomington Police Department
  - c. Guest speakers: Rebekah Moore?
  - d. Response to Indiana HB 1041?
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Deaf club?
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### 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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## **Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission**

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**MEMORANDUM**  
**Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission**  
**Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Hooker Conference Room (#245),**  
**401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana**

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

**Commissioner members present in person:** Renée Miller, Eliza Carey, Shelby Ford, Jordyn Porter-Meche, Jason Michálek, Noelle Conyer

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

**Commission members absent:** Michael Ross, John Shearer, Nejla Routsong

**City staff present:** Stephen Lucas, Ash Kulak

**Public present:** two members of the public attended via Zoom

5:06pm - INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

5:09pm - APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cm. Ford suggested amending the agenda to discuss new co-chairs. Cm. Miller suggested moving on to approval of minutes before amending the agenda while Lucas looked into whether the current co-chairs had served for the past three months.

5:10pm – APPROVAL OF MEMORANDA/MINUTES – Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes from August 22, 2022. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

5:10pm – APPROVAL OF AGENDA, continued: Cm. Ford suggested amending the agenda to include individual reports from commission members rather than just co-chairs, as agreed to by the Commission in the past. Lucas stated that the agenda should have stated individual members rather than co-chairs.

5:11pm – REPORTS

Committees –

Reparations and Atonement Committee –

- Cm. Brown-Sparks has no official report from Reparations committee but stated she is networking with other commissions and groups.

Research Committee –

- Cm. Ford reports that Research committee had to cancel its last meeting due to attendance and that it was looking into IU's START program collaboration.

Committee Membership – Cm. Ford informed new members on how to join committees.

5:17pm – AGENA, continued: Lucas informed July 5, 2022 was when Cms. Carey & Michalek were elected co-chair. Cm. Ford stated that because last month’s meeting was cancelled, the co-chairs should switch next meeting. Cms. were in general agreement but no vote was taken. Cm. Michalek confirmed that next co-chairs will be Cms. Ford and Porter-Meche, starting at next month’s meeting.

5:18pm – REPORTS, continued.

Individual members –

- Cm. Ford reported that the Commission’s Resolution for reproductive rights was considered by the mayor and City Common Council, which passed a budget item for reproductive health care grants for this year and next year.
- Cm. Miller reported that New Leaf, New Life is doing a fundraiser for winter items.
- Cm. Porter-Meche: No report.
- Cm. Brown-Sparks reported involvement in CHIPS and Find Help, Get Help programs and will be meeting with someone in those programs to discuss how to better help clients.
- Cm. Conyer had no official report but stated she wanted to work with Cm. Brown-Sparks due to her past experience with the Find Help, Get Help model. Cm. also expressed interest in joining committees.

Staff –

- Lucas reports that Council office is now fully staffed and introduced new staff member to Commission.
- Kulak introduced self to Commission.

5:27pm – REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No reports.

5:28pm – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- IU START program collaboration
  - o Cm. Michalek discussed IU START program and how Commission could use program to extend its research, specifically regarding the annual report survey.
  - o Lucas displayed the website and discussed the application process the Commission would need to go through.
  - o Cm. Miller stated the Research Committee is submitting an application for the spring. Cm. Michalek confirmed he will be watching for when spring applications open.
  - o Cm. Brown-Sparks inquired how to have input on the application process despite not being on the Research Committee. Cm. Brown-Sparks asked if applications can be submitted on behalf of both the Research Committee and the Commission itself. Lucas suggested Commission members reach out to program to determine if more than one application is allowed. Cm. Miller suggested one application with more than one topic. Cm. Ford suggested Cm. Brown-Sparks attend Research committee to discuss what goes in the application.

#### 5:38pm – NEW BUSINESS

- Guest speakers to invite:
  - o Cm. Porter-Meche suggested inviting health care provider Rebecca Moore. Cm. Miller discussed structure of guest speaker presentations and suggested she be put on next month's agenda. Lucas stated she will be put on agenda once Cm. Porter-Meche confirms she is available.
  - o Cm. Brown-Sparks would like someone from BTCC to speak with Commission. Details would be forthcoming as Cm. Brown-Sparks learns more about the program.
- Commission response to HB 1041:
  - o Cms. Miller and Porter-Meche plan to write a letter and set up a meeting with a local health care provider from Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC).
  - o Cm. Ford inquired about what City and MCCSC can do on a local level. Cm. Porter-Meche stated that state law preempts most of what cities can do. Lucas suggested Commission get in contact with MCCSC to hear students' ideas and agreed with Cm. Porter-Meche's assessment of preemption.
- Pronouns during introductions:
  - o Cm. Miller suggested to share pronouns at the start of a Commission meeting during introductions.

#### 5:45pm – OTHER BUSINESS

- Deaf club:
  - o Cm. Brown-Sparks suggested starting a deaf club for primarily non- and hard of hearing to socialize and advocate for each other.
  - o Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to have closed captions on during meetings. No objections. Passed by unanimous consent.
- Bloomington Police Department (BPD) questions:
  - o Cm. Miller discussed taking questions to BPD, specifically BPD's stance on whether officers are allowed to affiliate or are prohibited from affiliating with white supremacist or nationalist groups.
  - o Cm. Brown-Sparks suggested the Monroe County Sheriff may be willing to answer those questions but that BPD may not be.
  - o Cm. Ford asked staff if staff could ask on behalf of the Commission. Lucas stated staff would be happy to pass along requests or questions to the police department.
  - o Cm. Ford suggested reviewing and editing questions. Cm. Miller agreed and stated a lot of questions were already answered.
  - o Cm. Carey stated to be prepared for a rejection, should BPD not wish to respond.
  - o Commission generally agreed to prepare list of questions by next meeting, for a vote.

6:04pm – TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Reports from any commission member
- Minutes from 10/24/2022
- START program – in Research Committee’s report
- Possible guest speaker Rebecca Moore
- Unfinished business:
  - o Response to HB 1041
  - o BPD questions
  - o Deaf club

6:09pm – Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to adjourn. No objections. Meeting adjourned.

Memorandum prepared by:

Ash Kulak, Staff

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**City of Bloomington  
Community Advisory Public Safety Commission**

**11/12/22**

**Questions for the City of Bloomington Police Department,  
Bloomington, IN**

1. Did any current members of BPD participate in the insurrection at the Capitol on Jan 6, 2021?
2. What is BPD's vetting process to ensure that we do not employ a White Supremacist and that they are not affiliated with organizations and other hate groups?
3. What is BPD's process to identify and deal with current police who are members of White Supremacist organizations and other hate groups? How does the department monitor on an ongoing basis to ensure police officers are not, nor become, white nationalists, neo-nazis or white supremacists? What is the protocol for removal when this happens or is brought to the departments attention?
4. *What kind of training do new and veteran police regularly receive regarding best practices for non-violent de-escalation? Who does this training, a qualified third party or BPD themselves? How many hours of nonviolent de-escalation training are all police required to*



*have annually?*

5. What kind of training do new and veteran police regularly receive regarding best practices for mental health crisis calls? Who does this training, a qualified third party or BPD themselves? How many hours of mental health crisis training are all police required to have annually?
6. What kind of training do new and veteran police regularly receive regarding best practices for domestic disturbance calls? Who does this training, a qualified third party or BPD themselves? How many hours of domestic disturbance crisis training are all police required to have annually?
7. What kind of training do new and veteran police regularly receive regarding best practices for calls dealing with the houseless community? Who does this training, a qualified third party or BPD themselves? How many hours of specific houselessness crisis training are all police required to have annually?
8. What kind of training do new and veteran police officers do regularly regarding best practices for calls dealing specifically with sexual assault? Who does this training, a qualified third party or BPD themselves?
9. How many hours of trauma informed sexual assault training do your officers have? specific
10. There were 114 sexual assaults/rapes reported in 2021, up from 208 in 2020. What outreach are you or the city implementing to help lessen sexual assault?