

MEMORANDUM
Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
Friday, Feb 25th, 2022

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

This meeting called to order: 5:04 p.m.

Commission members present via Zoom: Kamala Brown-Sparks, Alex Mann, Renee Miller, Eliza Carey, Shelby Ford, and Nejla Routsong.

Commission members absent: none

City staff and officials present: Stephen Lucas

5:05 INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

5:07 Commissioner Mann volunteers to keep minutes

5:09 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: motion made, 2nded, and unanimously approved.

5:10 Mr. Lucas suggests approving all recent minutes as one block in the interest of time. Motion made, 2nded, and unanimously approved

5:11 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING MTGS:

- a. January 27, 2022 – Regular Session
- b. February 1, 2022 – Research Committee
- c. February 10, 2022 – Alternatives to Policing Committee
- d. February 15, 2022 – Conflict Resolution Committee
- e. February 15, 2022 – Research Committee

Motion made, 2nded, and unanimously approved

5:12 Mr. Lucas volunteers to keep time for discussion, commissioners agree to 3 min for 1st round and 2 min for 2nd round, as usual

5:13 Call for reports from individual commissioners

5:14 Commissioner Ford shares resources for sexual assault, CDC, RAINN. Suggests that Chandler Boys, confidential victims' advocate at IU, could be a future guest speaker

5:15 Commissioner Brown-Sparks shares research about African-American-owned buildings and the Historical Registry

5:18 Commissioner Routsong shares progress on Anti-Semitism resolution. Will have a draft for the commission and community soon

5:20 Commissioner Carey shares her personal research into having one-on-one convos with law enforcement

5:22 Commissioner Routsong shares timeline for voting on resolution and asks that we reconsider rescheduling March mtg to avoid Shabbat

5:23 Commissioner Brown-Sparks suggests inviting BPD social worker as guest speaker

5:25 Commissioner Routsong suggests that we schedule guest speakers during committee mtgs so as not to use up commission mtg time

5:27 Commissioner Mann updates commission on progress of Conflict Resolution committee

5:29 Commissioner Ford makes point that increase in number of reported sexual assaults might not necessarily reflect an increase in assaults themselves

5:30 Commissioner Routsong updates commission on progress of Policing Alternatives committee

5:32 Mr. Lucas reminds commission of meeting requirements once we resume in-person meetings

5:33 Mr. Lucas discusses permanent regular session schedule as well as committee meetings advance scheduling

5:38 Mr. Lucas requests that committees share all scheduled meeting times with him

5:40 Commissioner Brown-Sparks reminds the commission that one of her committees only has 2 members, and that she is immunocompromised

5:42 Mr. Lucas suggests that CAPS requests city-provided childcare for advisory commissions

5:44 Commissioner Brown-Sparks suggests CAPS requests city-provided commissions with budgets for educational materials

5:45 Commissioner Routsong supports stipend idea and Commissioner Miller suggests adding it to next agenda

5:50 CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Shelton offers support from The Chamber for the Anti-Semitism Resolution

5:52 DISCUSSION: possible re-naming of Reparations and Atonement Committee. Motion made, 2nded, and unanimously approved to keep current name

5:57 DISCUSSION: Temporary vs. permanent chairperson election. Commissioner Brown-Sparks asks if commissioners all still want to take turns as Chair, and she is willing to still organize agendas if someone else is willing to run the meetings

6:03 Commissioner Carey regrets that she can't take on the role of Chair right now

6:04 Commissioner Miller suggest a rotation of a few months for each person as Chair once we have more commissioners, and for now would like to elect an interim Chair

6:06 Commissioner Routsong offers to co-Chair with Commissioner Brown-Sparks on a more permanent basis

6:08 Commissioner Ford suggests we keep new Chair assignments interim until next month's mtg which will hopefully have new Commissioners present

6:11 Commissioner Mann suggests commissioners Brown-Sparks and Routsong co-Chair for now and Mr. Lucas suggests several possible motions to establish that

6:14 Commissioner Routsong moves that she and Commissioner Brown-Sparks co-Chair for next 3 months. Motion 2nded and unanimously approved

6:16 Commissioner Miller hands meeting over to Commissioners Brown-Sparks and Routsong

6:17 DISCUSSION: Committee membership. Commissioner Ford asks if we need a policy for commissioners to join committees. Commissioner Carey suggests no further protocols needed

6:20 Commissioner Miller suggests having minimum requirements for number of committees each commissioner joins instead of maximum

6:24 Commissioner Mann suggests that as new commissioners join, we let them know which committees still need members

6:25 Commissioners Routsong and Ford suggests a permanent line item in the general session meeting agendas to discuss committee memberships and any changes that commissioners want to make or any questions about joining, etc

6:27 Commissioner Routsong recaps: no minimums or maximums right now, no motions or votes necessary

6:29 No objections to continuing meeting until 6:45

6:30 DISCUSSION: Annual report. Motion made, 2nded, and unanimously approved to deliver report to City Council during their May 18th meeting

6:36: Tues Mar 22 at 5pm suggested and unanimously agreed upon for next General Session commission meeting

6:44 Motion made and 2nded to have Regular Session commission meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 5pm. Vote passes 5-0, Commissioner Brown-Sparks absent

6:46 MEETING ADJOURNED

Memorandum prepared by:

Alex Mann, Commission member