

MEMORANDUM
Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
Monday, August 22nd, 2022 - Hooker Conference Room (#245),
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana

The Regular Session meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Commissioner members present in person: Renée Miller, Nejla Routsong, Eliza Carey, Shelby Ford, Jordyn Porter-Meche

Commission members present via Zoom: Kamala Brown-Sparks, Jason Michálek

Commission members absent: Michael Ross, John Shearer

City staff present: Stephen Lucas

Public present: N/A

5:06pm - INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

5:12pm - APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cm. Ford moved and it was seconded to amend the agenda to provide for changes to committee membership. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. Cm. Ford moved and it was seconded to approve the amended agenda. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

5:14pm - APPROVAL OF MEMORANDA/MINUTES - Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes from July 5, 2022. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. Cm. Carey moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes from July 26, 2022. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

5:15pm - REPORTS

Co-chairs - Cm. Michálek said he was traveling, which had given him an opportunity to experience how other cities think and discuss issues also facing Bloomington. Cm. Carey had no report.

Committees -

Reparations and Atonement Committee -

- Cm. Brown-Sparks said she had been involved with the County's Community Health Improvement Plan program and navigator training related to the HelpingBloomingtonMonroe resource (<https://helpingbloomingtonmonroe.findhelp.com/>), which was a website meant to provide a resource to connect folks with everything from food to housing to medical care.

Research Committee -

- Cm. Miller said this committee would not meet in August but would pick back up in September and would be setting up plans for the coming months.

Committee Membership - Cm. Porter-Meche joined the Research Committee Members - Cm. Routsong reported on efforts to research various programs that provide alternatives to policing across other cities. She suggested working with a local research firm (Gnarly Tree - Stephanie Richards) to help with the public/community outreach and feedback portion. She said it might cost approximately \$2,000 to hire this research firm. Cm. Miller asked for a written breakdown of the potential budget for such work. Lucas said he would reach out to the Economic and Sustainable Development Department to inquire about possible city-wide funding available for such purposes.

Staff - No reports.

5:34pm - REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No reports.

5:35pm - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Overturn of Roe v. Wade
 - o Cm. Ford spoke on Commission Resolution 22-2, which she and Cm. Miller had authored. They spoke on the specific commendations contained in the resolution and the reasons for the suggested policies and actions.
 - o Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to amend and adopt Resolution 22-2. The motion was adopted by voice vote (7-0)
- The Research Committee said it would look into IU's START program and report back to the full commission.

6:17:pm - RECESS

6:27pm - NEW BUSINESS

- Cm. Miller asked whether Lucas could prepare a press release for the passage of the Commission's Resolution 22-2. Lucas said he would prepare a release and share it with Cms. Miller and Ford.
- Cm. Brown-Sparks said she had already reported on the HelpingBloomingtonMonroe Find Help resource.

6:31pm - OTHER BUSINESS - No business.

6:32pm - TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Cm. Porter-Meche suggested inviting Rebecca Moore, a health care provider at the Monroe County jail, to speak to the Commission as a guest speaker.
- Cm. Porter-Meche suggested discussing Indiana HB 1041, which involved transgender students' participation in sports, and providing some show of support for transgender students.

6:36pm - Meeting is adjourned.

Memorandum prepared by:
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