

Meeting Notice and Agenda Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission

Monday, February 6, 2023 at 12:30 pm
Hooker Conference Room (#245), Showers Building, 401 N. Morton Street

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- *BRIEF RECESS* -
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. IU Student Agile Response Team (START) Program in IU Center for Rural Engagement – update from Research Committee to full Commission as to its application
 - b. Guest speakers
 - c. Response to Indiana HB 1041
 - d. Deaf club – update from Cmr. Brown-Sparks
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Election of co-chairs
 - b. Approval of Regular Session schedule for 2023
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS
- IX. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
- 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

NOTICE

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This meeting will be held in the Hooker Conference Room (Suite 245, City Hall, 401 N. Morton St) and may also be accessed electronically via Zoom (see information below).

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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
Monday, October 24th, 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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1/23/2023, Hooker Conference Room, 5 p.m., Memorandum of Discussion

Note: A quorum of members was present to conduct business, but less than 50% of members appeared in person, as required under the Indiana Open Door Law, so a meeting of the CAPS Commission was not held; and instead a brief discussion of matters on the agenda occurred by individual CAPS Commission members. Because a quorum was still present, the discussion remained available to the public, was recorded, and a summary of the discussion follows.

Present:

in person: Miller, Michalek
Zoom: Ford, Carey, Brown-Sparks

Absent:

Conyer, Routsong

Cmr. Ford confirmed she would go through the agenda to see if any individual Commissioner wanted to make a report but that nothing would be approved at tonight's discussion since it would require a vote of the full CAPS Commission.

Cmr. Miller proposed new meeting dates/times for regular sessions to be first Mondays at 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., with the exception of September due to Labor Day. Individual members present agreed this time worked.

There was a discussion about the list of questions to be sent to the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) and whether the questions should also be addressed to the Monroe County Sheriff. Members discussed what additional questions were added to the list, including two additional questions from Cmr. Ford: (1) How does BPD feel about another organization initiating alternatives to public safety? and (2) What would BPD like to change about current policy or practices and how could CAPS help facilitate those changes? Cmr. Ford wanted to ask these questions to determine the potential for future connections, should CAPS propose alternatives to public safety. Cmr. Michalek added that those questions would determine BPD's willingness to consider different ways of functioning. Members agreed the questions were ready to send to council staff to be forwarded to the appropriate person at BPD.

There was a discussion about recent events concerning racially motivated violence, mental health issues, and poverty.

Cmr. Ford asked for informal reports.

Cmr. Ford reported on possible lapse in participation on Commission due to issues with her online application for reappointment.

Cmr. Miller reached out to possible guest speaker and did not hear back.

Cmr. Michalek reported attending constituent meetings and other City meetings to spread community conversations about increasing safety.

Cmr. Carey had no report but discussed issues with the availability of low-income housing in the City.

Cmr. Brown-Sparks had no report (she stepped away during reports).

Reparations and Atonement had no report (Cmr. Brown-Sparks stepped away during reports).

Research Cmtee – Cmr. Michalek reported on START program application progress and what issues the Commission can focus on. Cmr. Miller stated that regular Research Committee meetings will now be first Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. with one exception in April.

Cmr. Miller asked about other calendar events to be reported. Deputy attorney Kulak confirmed they would send a follow-up email to members with the suggested Regular Session meeting times and confirmed that the next meeting will be scheduled for 2/6/2023 at 12:30 p.m., with the intent that the full Commission approve the official 2023 Regular Session schedule at the next meeting.

Staff reported generally about the regular meeting schedule and the seat terms expiring for several members, as well as acknowledging Cmr. Miller's request for name plates and that council staff will work on getting those.

No reports from the public.

Response to HB 1041 – Cmr. Miller is holding discussion of that topic until the full Commission meets.

Deaf Club – Cmr. Brown-Sparks was unavailable to discuss. Cmr. Ford suggested moving item to the agenda for the next Regular Session for discussion of the full Commission.

Other business – Cmr. Miller wanted to brainstorm guest speakers. Cmr. Michalek suggested to invite speakers in relation to important topics like housing. Cmr. Ford suggested community organizing as a topic idea for a guest speaker to attend.

Other business – Cmr. Ford suggested members think about creating or updating a guide for what Commission is going to look like in the future, considering the Commission's core goals and purpose.

Other business – Cmr. Michalek discussed the need to recruit new members to the Commission, especially those who represent marginalized communities.

No new business or topics for future agendas.

Cmr. Ford thanked Cmr. Carey for her service on Commission. Cmr. Carey expressed gratitude for participation on the Commission.

Community Advisory on Public Safety Tentative* Schedule of Regular Meetings | 2023

February 6, 2023	March 6, 2023
April 3, 2023	May 1, 2023
June 5, 2023	July 3, 2023
August 7, 2023	October 2, 2023
November 6, 2023	December 4, 2023
All CAPS Meetings are scheduled to begin at 12:30 pm but may be extended as necessary. Meetings will include a brief recess after <i>Reports from the Public/Public Comment</i>.	
<p>**Note that because Labor Day falls on the first Monday of September, there is no Regular Session in the month of September.</p>	

*This schedule is subject to approval by the Commission as a whole at its next Regular Session