

**MEMORANDUM**

**Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission  
Monday, March 6, 2023, 12:30 p.m. – Hooker Conference Room (#245),  
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana**

The Regular Session meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

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

**Commission members present in person:** Matthew Needler, Jason Michálek, Renée Miller, Nejla Routsong

**Commission members absent:** Shelby Ford

**City staff present:** Ash Kulak

**Public present:** None

12:35 pm – INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

12:44 pm – APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to approve the agenda. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

12:45 pm – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes from February 6, 2023. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

12:52 pm – REPORTS:

Co-chairs:

- Cm. Brown-Sparks requested to step down as co-chair. Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to add to New Business to elect a new co-chair. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. Cm. Miller as co-chair proposed discussing the issue at this time during Reports. Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to make Cm. Needler co-chair. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. Cm. Needler and Cm. Miller are co-chairs until the end of May, 2023.
- Cm. Miller discussed jail programming survey results from New Leaf New Life.

Individuals:

- Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to create a special committee for alternative public safety outreach to conduct community outreach related to alternative public safety, organize and hold a public event, and prepare a report to deliver to the full Commission. Debate and discussion was held. The motion passed 5-0-0.

- Cm. Michalek reported working with a group that is having civil conversations about candidates for mayor, and the main sentiment raised was to focus on issues affecting the community and to not expect perfection from individual candidates.

Research Committee: members of the Research Committee present agreed to postpone its report until the next Regular Session.

Staff: Staff liaison Kulak welcomed the new member, Cm. Needler, and suggested revisiting scheduling to accommodate the new member's availability for regularly scheduled meetings.

Public: None.

1:37 pm – *BRIEF RECESS*

1:46 pm – UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was a discussion on amending the Agenda due to time constraints. Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to table Roman Numeral VI to April's Regular Session. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

1:48 pm – NEW BUSINESS:

Guest speakers: Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to have Mary Morgan & Tatiana Wheeler as guest speakers for April's Regular Session. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Working agreements: Conflict Resolution

Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. The motion passed 4-1-0 (Miller).

Cm. Routsong proposed adding Conflict Resolution Procedures to the bylaws.

Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to table this item and postpone the vote to the next meeting. The motion failed 2-3-0 (Routsong, Brown-Sparks, Michalek).

Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to extend the meeting by 15 additional minutes. The motion passed 4-1-0 (Miller).

Cm. Miller moved and it was seconded to amend the document to remove the words "or at low cost" from paragraph three. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to remove the comma and add the word “or” in paragraph one. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to adopt the Conflict Resolution Procedures, as amended. The motion passed 4-0-1 (Miller).

Cm. Miller proposed substantively amending the conflict resolution procedures, as adopted. Due to time constraints, commissioners agreed to discuss substantive amendments at a future meeting.

Cm. Miller proposed tabling the remainder of items under “Other Business” due to time constraints. There were no objections.

2:24 pm – TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Cm. Miller requested the Agenda for April be light due to guest speakers’ attendance.

Cm. Miller proposed revisiting the tabled items from this Agenda in April's meeting.

2:28 pm – Cm. Michalek moved and it was seconded to adjourn. No objections. Meeting adjourned.

Memorandum prepared by:  
Ash Kulak, Staff