

MEMORANDUM

**Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 4:30 p.m. – Hooker Conference Room (#245),
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana**

The Regular Session meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Commission members present in person: Jason Michalek, Patty Moon (left 5:19 p.m.), Tyler Shaffer, Todd Mullins, Adrienne Weber, Jenna Buckner

Commission members present over Zoom: Kamala Brown-Sparks, Sophia Amos, Nejla Routsong (left 5:31 p.m.)

Commission members absent: None

Public present: Jim Shelton (Zoom), Sam Dove (Zoom)

City staff present: Ash Kulak, Stephen Lucas (left 5:11 p.m.)

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL (4:31 p.m.)

- To transition the three new members, commissioners introduced themselves and explained why they are on or applied for the Commission and, if applicable, some of the work they have done on the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES (4:40 p.m.)

- Cm. Brown-Sparks moved and it was seconded to approve the agenda and minutes from September 13, 2023. Motion passed 9-0.

REPORTS (4:41 p.m.)

Co-chairs: Cm. Michalek reported attending the board and commission appreciation event on 10/24/2023 and gave some highlights. Cm. Moon had no report.

Individuals: No reports.

Committees:

- Reparations Committee – Cm. Brown-Sparks informed Commission about Black Ancestry Day event on 11/18/2023 from 1-3 p.m. at the Monroe County History Center

Cm. Moon briefly explained Commission committees and their purpose.

- CAPS Public Outreach Committee – Cm. Routsong explained this committee's foundation from recommendations from the Alternative Public Safety Report, updated Commission on event planning for IU Cinema Screenshare event on

2/24/2024 and likely sponsors, and discussed next steps for the Committee's direct outreach efforts

Staff:

- Ash Kulak welcomed new members to the Commission
- Stephen Lucas gave a brief run down on event planning and municipal spending

5:12 p.m. Cm. Moon moved and it was seconded to amend the Agenda to move item VII. b. (Anti-Trans State Legislation Response: Proposed CAPS Resolution 23-01) before item VI. a. (Logistics of Event Spending) of New Business to discuss. Motion passed 9-0.

OTHER BUSINESS (5:13 p.m.)

Anti-Trans State Legislation Response: Proposed CAPS Resolution 23-01

- Cm. Moon read the synopsis and explained the proposed CAPS resolution was drafted in response to a bill passed by the Indiana General Assembly during the 2023 Session banning gender affirming care for minors
- Cm. Moon explained that this resolution is relevant to the Commission as a matter of public safety because it violates the safety and privacy of LGBTQ+ youth. Cm. Moon further explained that the ACLU filed a federal class action lawsuit that is still currently in litigation and that a passage of this resolution would be a recommendation to the City of Bloomington to make a statement that the City is a safe haven for transgender youth, modeled off of a resolution passed by Kansas City (Missouri) City Council.
- Cm. Moon asked for questions. No questions.
- Cm. Moon and it was seconded to pass CAPS Resolution 23-01 and send it to the Office of the Mayor and Common Council. Motion passed 8-0-1.

Cm. Moon left the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Vote on New Meeting Time

- Monthly 2024 Schedule
 - o Cm. Michalek moved and it was seconded to hold regular sessions for the 2024 year during the fourth Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Motion passed 8-0.
- December 2023 Meeting
 - o Cm. Michalek moved and it was seconded to cancel the Regular Session for December 6, 2023. Motion passed 8-0.

Brief Recess was cancelled. (5:28 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS (5:28 p.m.)

Logistics of Events Spending

- Was covered during Staff Reports by Stephen Lucas

Common Council Special Committee on Council Processes Request for Feedback by November 20, 2023

- Staff liaison Kulak explained what feedback the Council Special Committee was asking for, specifically to review the code provisions that covered the CAPS Commission (Bloomington Municipal Code Section 2.12.120)

Cm. Routsong left the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

TOPIC SESSIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (5:35 p.m.)

- Cm. Michalek asked for suggestions for future agendas. No suggestions made.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Memorandum prepared by:
Ash Kulak, Staff