

MEMORANDUM

Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission Thursday, Oct 28th, 2021

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

This meeting called to order: 12:05 p.m.

Commission members present via Zoom: Alex Mann, Renee Miller, Nejla Routsong, Nicole Johnson, Arvind Jagdish, and Eliza Carey, making a quorum. Kamala Brown-Sparks joined at 12:20.

Commission members absent: Matthew Diaz

City staff and officials present: Rebekka Boustani, Stephen Lucas

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 9/9 and 9/23 MEETINGS: motion made, 2nded, and unanimously approved.

12:13 INTRODUCTION: Staff introduces newly appointed CAPS Commissioner Eliza Carey.

12:14 Stephen Lucas reminds the commission of Jon Wunrow's resignation from CAPS and mentions that several commissioners' terms are up for re-election in January 2022. Stresses the importance of a regular meeting schedule for when the commission transitions to in-person or hybrid meetings.

12:17 Commissioner Routsong comments on Wunrow's resignation and makes a motion to launch an internal review and report on Wunrow's treatment. Suggests a change in our decision-making process to a consent-based model.

12:22 Commissioner Johnson requests an external 3rd-party mediation to investigate Wunrow's resignation.

12:24 Commissioner Brown-Sparks requests a return to the agenda.

12:25 Commissioner Routsong requests another clearer opportunity to 2nd her motion, and Commissioner Jagdish 2^{nds} the motion in order to allow debate.

12:27 Stephen Lucas introduces debate on the motion.

12:28 Commissioner Routsong mentions wanting to see the commission itself grow and learn from Wunrow's resignation.

12:30 Commissioner Brown-Sparks offers comments that conflicts that have already gone into mediation might not need to be addressed on commission time. Suggests current conflicts might be due more to personality issues than to systemic problems.

12:32 Commissioner Jagdish comments that a self-righteous morality exists in the commission's current structure, and that a review into Wunrow's resignation might be helpful.

12:34 Commissioner Johnson suggests that those commissioners who are interested in an internal review of Wunrow's resignation join the commission's Conflict Resolution working group if they haven't already, and make the investigation a task for that group, instead of the whole commission.

12:35 Commissioner Miller suggests keeping all current conflicts and investigations with CJAM as a 3rd-party mediator. Commissioner Brown-Sparks voices her agreement.

12:38 Commissioner Routsong suggests that the Wunrow situation isn't appropriate for CJAM, but the idea to task the Conflict Resolution working group with the internal review might be worth considering.

12:39 Commissioner Johnson reminds the commission of materials on Harmony School's democratic process regarding conflict resolution that she has shared over email.

12:40 Commissioner Miller calls for a vote but there is immediate discussion of amending the motion. Commissioner Miller gets clarification on process to amend motions, and Commissioner Routsong officially amends the motion to allow the proposed internal review to move to the Conflict Resolution working group.

12:47 VOTE on Motion as Amended: all YES except Commissioner Miller who abstains.

12:50 AGENDA ITEM: City Council will officially remove Matthew Diaz from CAPS Commission for failure to attend meetings or answer correspondence at their November 3rd meeting.

12:51 Staff recommendations for smoother meetings, including an agenda template which Stephen Lucas urges the commission to vote on.

1:02 Commissioner Johnson offers support for everything in the template with the revision that public comment come last on the agenda.

1:04 Commissioner Routsong points out that putting public comment at the beginning of the agenda does offer benefits for the public.

1:06 Commissioner Miller suggests reviewing template before voting on it.

1:08 AGENDA ITEM: Creating official Working Groups and setting the schedule and frequency of meetings in advance.

1:12 Stephen Lucas clarifies that formal working groups within the commission are subject to the open-door law.

1:16 Clarification that informal groups that are under quorum are not technically subject to the open-door law.

1:20 Commissioner Johnson moves to create a Crisis Intervention working group. 2nded and unanimously approved.

1:26 Commissioner Routsong moves to create a Conflict Resolution working group. 2nded and unanimously approved. Commissioner Jagdish officially joins Conflict Resolution group.

1:31 Commissioner Brown-Sparks moves to create BIPOC Reparations and Atonement working group. 2nded and unanimously approved.

1:33 Commissioner Mann moves to create a Housing working group. 2nded and unanimously approved. Commissioner Carey officially joins Housing group.

1:35 Commissioner Miller moves to create a Research working group, 2nded for debate.

1:37 Commissioner Routsong asks what the need is for a separate research group when all groups are already tasked with researching their areas. Commissioner Miller responds that the focus of the research group would be gathering specific survey data.

1:39 Commissioner Johnson reminds the commission that data gathering is in the mandate and warrants a dedicated working group.

1:43 Commissioner Brown-Sparks points out that this group could be an effective way to liaise with the relevant research and survey resources at Indiana University.

1:45 Commissioner Miller clarifies that the group's focus would be Generalized surveys.

1:46 Commissioner Routsong suggests an amendment to motion to clarify the group's focus and suggests naming the group Research Coordination.

1:48 Commissioner Johnson expresses a desire for this group to be a jump-starter for potential topics to bring to the commission.

1:50 Unanimous decision to postpone further debate on this working group motion in the interest of time.

1:55 DISCUSSION of scheduling next meeting in order to avoid Thanksgiving holiday.

1:59 November 18th agreed upon.

2:00 Commissioner Routsong comments on recent vandalism at Islamic Center of Bloomington and raises the possibility of CAPS releasing an official statement.

2:04 Stephen Lucas suggests that a commissioner or commissioners draft a statement, and then circulate it among the rest of the commissioners for an eventual vote.

2:05 Motion to adjourn 2nded and unanimously approved.

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