



City of Bloomington

Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission

Meeting Packet

Regular Session
Friday, 25 February 2022
at 12:00 pm

Meeting Agenda
Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission
Friday, February 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Per IC 5-14-1.5-3.7, this meeting will be conducted electronically.

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<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/86784362783?pwd=cVRHbDE3VjhIYVYk2clhiVWJlEaGhXdz09>

- I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. SELECT A MEMBER TO KEEP MINUTES
- V. REVIEW OF MEETING MEMORANDA
 - a. January 27, 2022 – Regular Session
 - b. February 1, 2022 – Research Committee
 - c. February 10, 2022 – Alternatives to Policing Committee
 - d. February 15, 2022 – Conflict Resolution Committee
 - e. February 15, 2022 – Research Committee
- VI. SET SPEAKER TIME LIMIT
- VII. REPORTS
 - a. Commissioners
 - b. Committees
 - i. Conflict Resolution Committee report on Sexual Assault in Bloomington
 - c. Staff
 - i. Electronic Meetings update – Stephen Lucas
 - ii. Reminder to Commissioners that all Committee meetings are public
- VIII. REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC / PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Renaming of Reparations & Atonement Committee
 - b. Discussion on officer elections
 - c. Continue discussion on Committee membership
 - i. Limiting number of members on each Committee
 - ii. Limiting number of committees each member can be on
- X. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Annual Report to Council
 - i. Schedule a date
 - ii. Collaboration on topics and format

- XI. OTHER BUSINESS
- XII. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
- XIII. SCHEDULING FOR NEXT MEETINGS
 - a. Discussion of annual schedule
- XIV. 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.

STATEMENT ON PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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As a quorum of the 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.

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**City of Bloomington
Community Advisory on Public Safety**

Meeting Memoranda

January 27, 2022 - Regular Session
February 01, 2022 - Research Committee
February 10, 2022 - Alternatives to Policing Committee
February 15, 2022 - Conflict Resolution Committee
February 15, 2022 - Research Committee

MEMORANDUM

Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
Regular Session
Thursday, 27 January 2022

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

This meeting was called to order: 5:00 pm.

Committee members present via Zoom: CM Kamala Brown-Sparks, CM Nejla Routsong, CM Eliza Carey, CM Alex Mann, CM Shelby Ford, CM Renee Miller

Committee members absent: None

City staff and officials present: Rebekka Boustani

Agenda Items:

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by CM Carey and seconded. **Vote 6-0**

Approval of Minutes: Motion by CM Ford and seconded. **Vote 6-0**

Speaker Time Limits: Motion to limit to 3-5 minutes and seconded. **Vote 6-0**

Reports:

- From Commissioners
 - CM Routsong reported on Anti-semitism resolution she is working on
 - CM Carey discussed a recent school board meeting in which participants were saying that “straight kids” were being bullied by the LGBTQ community
 - CM Brown-Sparks discussed HS kids at North wearing a confederate flag t-shirt
- From Committees
 - Research Committee will meet on 1 February 2022
 - Reparations & Atonement Committee name change was discussed by CM Brown-Sparks. Will continue discussion at the next regular session.
- From Staff - Emergency order ends on 31 January 2022 unless extended
- From Staff - CM Arvind Jagdish ended his turn and thanks the Commission for the opportunity

Unfinished Business:

- Leadership
 - CM Brown-Sparks resigned as Chair and CM Miller would like to step down from that position.
 - CM Carey - volunteered to be a co-chair but does not want to take on the role alone.
 - CM Routsong - volunteered to be vice-chair but not chair

- Decided to hold officer elections at next regular session
- Committees
 - Committees will schedule meetings for February
 - Motion by CM Carey each commissioner required to be on at least 2 committees. **Vote 6-0**
 - Decided to continue discussion on Committee membership limits until CAPS has more members

New Business

- Questions for Police Department
 - Google doc to be created for Commissioners to add questions
 - Carey made a motion to create the Google Doc and refer it to a committee and it was seconded. **Vote 6-0**
- Discussed Sexual Assaults on campus and in Bloomington
 - Motion by Routsong to ask crisis intervention committee to prioritize this topic and make a recommendation at the next regular session and it was seconded. **Vote 5-1 (CM Miller)**

Future Agenda Items

- Email suggestions to CM Miller & CM Brown-Sparks

NEXT MEETING:

- Canceled - Work Session on February 10, 2022
- February 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm - Regular Session

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm

Minutes prepared by: Rebekka Boustani, Council Staff

MEMORANDUM

Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission

Research Committee

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm

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

This meeting called to order: 5:15 pm.

Committee members present via Zoom: Renee Miller, Nejla Routsong, Eliza Carey, Shelby Ford

Commission members absent: (CM Carey left the meeting and returned)

- Commissioners agreed on an end time - 6 pm
- Project with IU
 - Discussion began with a member of the public, Donyel Byrd, over a research project with Indiana University Students
 - Byrd's students would be able to do qualitative and quantitative research with students in different centers throughout Bloomington.
 - Commission members agreed to this project in which all committees can propose a direction for questions that we can present to students.
 - The committee must provide the areas of questioning by **March 1st**
 - Donyel will attend a future research committee meeting for us to review questions students provide.
 - **Surveying should begin by April**
 - Commissioner Ford volunteered to create a google document for questions and send out an email to all commissioners.
 - Donyel agreed to send a proposal of what to expect out of the research project.
- The commission agreed to extend the meeting time to 6:30pm
- Routsong speaks on data sources through the County that we can use for future qualitative research
- Public Comment
 - Sam Dove - uses chat to speak on concerns of the houseless population not having homes. Has fears regarding cold weather and trash in the parks.
 - CM Miller was able to provide him with resources. Housing for Homeless, to address immediate concerns of cold weather

Next Meeting

Work Session on February 15, 2022

Meeting Adjourned – 6:30 pm

Minutes prepared by CM Shelby Ford

MEMORANDUM

Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission

Alternatives to Policing Committee

Thursday, 10 February 2022

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

This meeting was called to order: 5:04 pm.

Committee members present via Zoom: CM Kamala Brown-Sparks, CM Nejla Routsong, CM

Alex Mann, CM Renee Miller

Committee members absent: None

City staff and officials present: None

Discussion:

We discussed how we were going to run the group for the meeting. Commissioner Routsong suggested Round Robin and it was agreed upon orally by the entire group.

We made a list of some things to keep in mind when considering how to implement any changes in policing.

- Learning
- Incentives
- Expertise
- Buy-In

Other considerations include:

- Determine the cost of programs/ what they have the potential to save.
- Racial justice
- Overall health
- Community satisfaction.

The committee decided to meet on a bi-weekly basis.

Next Committee meeting:

- February 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 6:20 pm

Minutes prepared by: CM Kamala Brown-Sparks

Meeting Minutes
Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS)
Conflict Resolution Committee
Tuesday, 15 February 2022

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

This meeting called to order: 12:00 pm.

Commission members present via Zoom: CM Renee Miller, CM Alex Mann, CM Nejla Routsong,

Commission members absent: CM Kamala Brown-Sparks

City staff and officials present: none

Discussion:

- Each commissioner will continue researching and collecting info on existing conflict resolution protocols and processes from other organizations of our choice that we think could be useful (for ex, I will consult BLM Bloomington, Commissioner Routsong will share info about Sociocracy again, etc). Before our next meeting, we will all share as much of this info as possible in our new Google folder which I've created in the Conflict Resolution group folder in our shared CAPS Google drive. Here is a direct link:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jQX5JCI5zJ7GaxrUpSq1qNIXNeD_d-3i?usp=sharing. The folder is called Research and Info on Existing Conflict Resolution Protocols and is reached by clicking through the folders like this: CAPS Commission --> Committees ---> Conflict Resolution ---> Research and Info on Existing Conflict Resolution Protocols.
- Our 2 main objectives in this committee are to establish and suggest an internal protocol for conflict resolution between CAPS commissioners that the entire commission will debate and then vote into our bylaws, and to establish and suggest meeting and communication protocols in general in order to prevent as much future internal conflict between commissioners as possible. We'd like to establish a timeline and end-goals for these 2 objectives at our next committee meeting, as in: focus on the first objective for a full month and then spend another month on the 2nd objective, just as an example. The committee members present on Tues agreed that this committee is NOT intended to be any kind of panel or governing body that makes decisions regarding conflict resolution with each case as they arise.
- Since this committee was previously tasked with an internal review of the circumstances surrounding Jon Wunrow's resignation from the CAPS commission, we will decide how best to approach this specific subject at our next meeting with all committee members present.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 01 March 2022 at 12:00 pm - pending confirmation from CM Brown-Sparks

Meeting adjourned: 1:30 pm

Minutes written by: CM Alex Mann

MEMORANDUM

Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
Research Committee
Tuesday, 15 February 2022

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

This meeting was called to order: 4:02 pm.

Committee members present via Zoom: CM Nejla Routsong, CM Eliza Carey, CM Shelby Ford,
CM Renee Miller

Committee members absent: None

City staff and officials present: none

Discussion:

- The conversation began with a member of the public, Donyel Byrd, around a research project with Indiana University Students.
- Byrd confirmed that the deadline to finalize questions would be with 3 weeks and students would be asking those questions in the month of April
- Commissioner Ford began sharing the proposal sent by Donyel Byrd
- Commissioner Routsong asked for clarification on the terms “anti-oppressive” and “agency”
- Donyel explained these terms then explained her hope that students will be able to present a list of research models successfully used in other cities.
- Commissioner Routsong asked Commissioner Ford if she could send out a follow-up email to ensure all commissioners were able to review and write in questions for the Community Assessment.
- Commissioner Ford agreed to this and then both Commissioner Carey and Miller agreed

NEXT MEETINGS:

March 1, 2022 at 4:15 pm

March 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 pm

Minutes prepared by: CM Shelby Ford

RESOLUTION 21-01

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POLICY BY WHICH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY ON PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MAY PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly adopted HEA 1437 in the 2021 Regular Session, which amended Indiana Code (IC) 5-14-1.5-1 et seq. (Act) by amending IC 5-14-1.5-3.5 to prescribe new requirements by which members of the governing body of a public agency of a political subdivision may participate in a meeting by an electronic means of communication; and

WHEREAS, a member of the governing body may participate by any means of communication that:

- allows all participating members of the governing body to simultaneously communicate with each other; and
- except for a meeting that is an executive session, allows the public to simultaneously attend and observe the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the governing body to adopt a written policy establishing the procedures that apply to a member's participation in a meeting by an electronic means of communication and allows the governing body to adopt procedures that are more restrictive than the procedures established by IC 5-14-1.5-3.5; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission is a governing body of the City of Bloomington, Indiana and wishes to adopt such a policy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY ON PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

Section I. The Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission adopts the following policy, which shall be incorporated into any bylaws adopted by the Commission, on the participation of a member of the Commission in a meeting by an electronic means of communication:

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS POLICY

Section 1.

- (a) The provisions of the Act, including definitions, apply to this resolution.
- (b) This resolution shall be known as the "Electronic Meetings Policy" and applies to the Commission and any of its committees.

Section 2.

- (a) Subject to Sections 3 and 5, any member may participate in a meeting by any electronic means of communication that:
 - (1) allows all participating members of the governing body to simultaneously communicate with each other; and
 - (2) other than a meeting that is an executive session, allows the public to simultaneously attend and observe the meeting.
- (b) A member who participates by an electronic means of communication:
 - (1) shall be considered present for purposes of establishing a quorum; and
 - (2) may participate in final action only if the member can be seen and heard.
- (c) All votes taken during a meeting at which at least one (1) member participates by an electronic means of communication must be taken by roll call vote.

Section 3.

(a) At least fifty percent (50%) of the members must be physically present at a meeting at which a member will participate by means of electronic communication. Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the members may participate by an electronic means of communication at that same meeting.

(b) A member may not attend more than a fifty percent (50%) of the meetings in a calendar year by an electronic means of communication unless the member's electronic participation is due to:

- (1) military service;
- (2) illness or other medical condition;
- (3) death of a relative; or
- (4) an emergency involving actual or threatened injury to persons or property.

(c) A member may attend two (2) consecutive meetings (a set of meetings) by electronic communication. A member must attend in person at least one (1) meeting between sets of meetings that the member attends by electronic communication, unless the member's absence is due to:

- (1) military service;
- (2) illness or other medical condition;
- (3) death of a relative; or
- (4) an emergency involving actual or threatened injury to persons or property.

Section 4.

The memoranda and any minutes prepared for a meeting at which any member participates by electronic means of communication must:

- (1) identify each member who:
 - (A) was physically present at the meeting;
 - (B) participated in the meeting by electronic means of communication; and
 - (C) was absent; and
- (2) identify the electronic means of communication by which:
 - (A) members participated in the meeting; and
 - (B) members of the public attended and observed the meeting, if the meeting was not an executive session.

Section 5.

No member of the Commission may participate by means of electronic communication in a meeting if the Commission is attempting to take final action to:

- (1) adopt a budget;
- (2) make a reduction in personnel;
- (3) initiate a referendum;
- (4) impose or increase a fee;
- (5) impose or increase a penalty;
- (6) use the Council's eminent domain authority; or
- (7) establish, raise or renew a tax.

Section 6. In the event the governor declares a disaster emergency under IC 10-14-3-12 or the executive (as defined in IC 36-1-2-5) of a political subdivision declares a local disaster emergency under IC 10-14-3-29, the Commission may meet by any means of electronic communication if the following requirements of IC 5-14-1.5-3.7 are satisfied:

- (1) At least a quorum of the members of the Commission participate in the meeting by means of electronic communication or in person.
- (2) The public is able to simultaneously attend and observe the meeting. However, this subdivision does not apply to a meeting held in executive session.

- (3) The memoranda and any minutes prepared for a meeting held under this section must:
- (A) state the name of each member of the Commission who:
 - (i) participated in the meeting by using any electronic means of communication; and
 - (ii) was absent; and
 - (B) identify the electronic means of communication by which:
 - (i) members of the Commission participated in the meeting; and
 - (ii) members of the public attended and observed the meeting, if the meeting was not an executive session.
- (4) All votes taken during a meeting under this section must be taken by roll call vote.

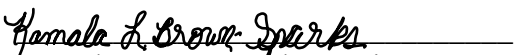
Section 7. Members of the public shall be able to attend and observe meetings of the Commission via electronic means. Subject to any rules for making public comment adopted by the Commission, members of the public may also participate in the meeting via electronic means. Meeting notices shall be posted as required by law, and will include information about how to access meetings electronically.

Section 8. Staff members may participate in meetings of the Commission via electronic means, provided there is no actual need for a staff member to be physically present at a particular meeting. Such need shall be determined in the sole discretion of the presiding officer.

SECTION II. If any sections, sentence or provision of this resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION III. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission.

PASSED by the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 24th day of June, 2021.


Kamala Brown-Sparks, Acting President
Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission

SYNOPSIS

This resolution adopts an Electronic Meetings Policy pursuant to newly-enacted state statutes concerning electronic meetings. The Policy establishes the procedures that apply to a member's participation in a meeting by an electronic means of communication, as well as to the participation of the public and city staff members by electronic means of communication.

CAPS | 2022 Committee Assignments - updated 2/4/2022

Housing	Reparations and Atonement	Conflict Resolution	Alternatives to Policing	Research
Carey	Brown-Sparks	Mann	Mann	Miller
Routsong	Routsong	Routsong	Routsong	Ford
Brown-Sparks		Miller	Brown-Sparks	Routsong
		Brown-Sparks	Miller	Carey

Terms begin 2/1/2022 and last for 1 year

Community Advisory on Public Safety Schedule of Regular Meetings | 2022

Regular Session	Work Session
January 27, 2022	January 13, 2022
February 24, 2022	February 10, 2022
March 24, 2022	March 10, 2022
April 28, 2022	April 14, 2022
May 19, 2022	None
June 23, 2022	June 9, 2022
July 28, 2022	July 14, 2022
August 25, 2022	August 11, 2022
September 22, 2022	September 8, 2022
October 27, 2022	October 13, 2022
November 17, 2022*	November 10, 2022
December 22, 2022	December 8, 2022

All CAPS Meetings are scheduled to begin at 12:00 pm.

*Because Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday of November, this regular session date was changed to the third week for this month only.