



City of Davis

**Police Accountability Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 7, 2019**

1. Call to Order (6:30)

Members Present: Bliss, Brooks, Horton, Jones, Laraque-Ho, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine

Members Absent: Escamilla-Greenwald, Liggett-Nichols

Others Present: Stachowicz, Gennaco, Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda

Horton moved and Kelly seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Motions passed as follows:

AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Horton, Jones, Laraque-Ho, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Escamilla-Greenwald, Liggett-Nichols

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- Stachowicz provided a tip on talking with the press. Consider when speaking for the commission, should have permission from the rest of the commission ahead of time. When speaking on behalf of yourself and not representing the commission as a whole, please acknowledge that.*
- City Clerk's office is putting on a training on March 21 for commission chairs, vice chairs and anyone who would like to attend.*
- Laraque-Ho – can put people in contact with folks in Sacramento if they are interested in participating in demonstrations in support of Stephon Clark.*

4. Public Comment

- Don Sherman – Publicly thank the members of the public for the posting of the letter in the Vanguard for release of documents surrounding picnic day based on new legislation.*
- Francesca Wright – Expressed appreciation that Davis has surveillance ordinance.*
- Carole Standing Elk – Hopes that commission will do all it can to make sure citizens are treated equally.*

5. Consent Items

Jones moved, with second by Kelly, approval of the Police Accountability Commission meeting minutes from February 7, 2019. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Horton, Jones, Laraque-Ho, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Escamilla-Greenwald, Liggett-Nichols

6. Regular Items

A. Stages of Group Development

Stages around group development were discussed with an eye toward what the Commission needs to function at an optimal level as a group.

B. Prioritize Future Agenda Items

Chair MacBrine provided a document outlining previously identified items of interest for the PAC to discuss and prioritize area of interest. Commissioners reviewed a graphic outline and indicated top areas of discussion via placing stickers next to their top five items.

Public Comment-

- *Carole Standing Elk – How are complaints made, what are the processes*
- *Francesca Wright – Data could be much more detailed. Suggests looking at patterns of complaints on officers.*
- *Mason – Question of what happens after prioritized items are identified.*
- *Did not identify name - Specify two measurable goals and demonstrate how they were and were not accomplished.*

Top identified areas of interest –

- *Use of Force*
- *Traffic Stops*
- *Complaint Process*
- *Homeless Outreach Coordinator to provide information and update at PAC mtg*
- *Performance Measures*
- *Outreach*

Horton moves to create a subcommittee on outreach with second by Kelly.

Subcommittee to include - Kelly, Kahan, Laraque-Ho, Horton

Laraque-Ho moved to create a subcommittee on UCD/City police relations with second by Kahan.

Subcommittee to include – Laraque-Ho and Jones

MacBrine moved to create a subcommittee on traffic stop data with second by Horton.

Subcommittee to include - Dillan, Judith, Sean

Brooks moved to create a committee on procedure with second by Bliss.

Subcommittee to include - Bliss, Brooks, Kahan

Motions passed as follows:

AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Horton, Jones, Laraque-Ho, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Escamilla-Greenwald, Ligget-Nichols

C. Police Auditor Presentation

The City of Davis' Independent Police Auditor, Mike Gennaco, introduced himself and provided an overview of his role as police auditor and involvement with the Commission.

- *Gennaco suggested providing a monthly chart of the types of complaints, etc. that he has received and has been working on*
- *Work of PAC will work in conjunction with work of auditor.*
- *Suggests thinking about – how recruitment of officers is done, who/where/hiring process/thorough back ground investigations/field training/promotion process*
- *Transparency is critical – already started with creation of PAC, ability to do reporting will be helpful in continuing dialog.*
- *Suggests that PAC think about recommendation from 21st century report and gathering community input before department implements new policies.*

Questions from commission for response and for future meeting discussion.

Ensure accountability? – Gennaco will work with person to get preliminary information and will explain the variety of ways that complaint can be handled. Investigation happens by PD. Gennaco audit investigation and can send back if need be for further investigating to be done.

Clarification on having completed a few complaints – does that mean PD had investigated and it was closed? Gennaco has reviewed historical complaints. What happens with reports and how is it determined when they are public?

Elaborate on outcome of investigations and public reporting.

Complaint process – how will auditor limited time in town have an effect with type and numbers of complaints received? With PAC that offers another avenue for complaints to be received. Commission will discuss further in April.

Subcommittee work – reach out directly to Gennaco or go through City/PD? City staff will make sure Gennaco is in the loop with the questions.

What is duty of PAC if crime/complaint is reported to them? Bring to Gennaco.

What is available to public and who makes that decision? The City

Public Comment

- *Mason – Audit PD equipment? What weapons, body armor, vehicles, etc?*
- *Carole Standing Elk – Is auditor only advisory? Yes*
- *Anne Marie – How much information can auditor give while working on it? Restrictions from state law. Can't name officer, etc. Privacy concerns of complainant,*
- *Francesca Wright – Current complaint process is only through PD and not an incentive for people to make a complaint.*
- *Carole Standing Elk – Privacy question – Do police have more privacy then citizens?*

D. Davis Police Department Complaint and Inquiry Process (15 minutes)

The Commission will review the current process for members of the public to lodge a complaint or inquiry regarding the Police Department and discuss what the Commission's role might be moving forward.

Brooks moves with second by Horton to table item D to next meeting with 30 minutes and staff to bring back additional documentation and examples. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Horton, Jones, Laraque-Ho, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Escamilla-Greenwald, Liggett-Nichols

7. Adjourn (8:30)

Horton moves with second by Bliss to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motions passed as follows:

AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Horton, Jones, Laraque-Ho, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Escamilla-Greenwald, Liggett-Nichols

*Respectfully Submitted,
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