



**Police Accountability Commission Meeting  
Thursday, July 11, 2019**

**MINUTES**

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**1. Call to Order (6:30)**

*Judith MacBrine called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.*

*Members Present: Mary C. Bliss, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Dillan Horton, Elaine Kahan, Will Kelly, Judith MacBrine, Keisha Liggett-Nichols*

*Members Absent: Sean Brooks, Abram Jones*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Bliss moved, with a second by Kelly, to take the Subcommittee Reports first. MacBrine offered a Friendly Amendment, which was accepted by the makers of the motion, to take the Procedures Subcommittee, followed by Outreach, Mental Health and Traffic Stop Data. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Bliss, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine, Liggett-Nichols*

*NOES: None*

**3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons (5 minutes)**

*Stachowicz noted the following three things:*

- 1. The wording to explain limitations to Public Comment has been updated on the Agenda, as per the Commission's previous request.*
- 2. The City Council received the first (annual) Surveillance Technology reports and asked that the Commission consider whether they want to review and weigh in on the police-related surveillance technology in the future. Horton noted that he thought all police related issues in purview would automatically come to commission and asked Council for all issues related to police matters come to commission first.*
- 3. Explained how individual commissioners should request agenda items for future agendas.*

*Kelly: Asked about the Independent Police Auditor reports and whether they were a matter of public record and whether the City would be sharing them. Stachowicz responded that she is discussing the matter with the City Manager and with the Auditor to develop a policy and response.*

*MacBrine: Shared ASUCD item about the lack of an ASUCD student representative and requested that it go on long range*

**4. Public Comment**

*Francesca Wright – Urged Commission to review surveillance technology items and expressed concern about the process, namely that there was too much information released to review prior*

to the Council meeting and that 3 minutes for public comment is too short. May have future recommendations.

Dean Johannsen – Surveillance ordinance’s purpose is to even out power between police and citizenry. Cases are dismissed based on technology and so citizens need to be able to peer into daily work of law enforcement.

## 5. Consent Items

### A. Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2019 meeting

Escamilla Greenwald moved, with a second by Bliss, to approve the June minutes, with the inclusion of the attachment provided at the last meeting about mental health.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Bliss, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine, Liggett-Nichols

NOES: None

## 6. Regular Items

### A. Table Top Exercise on Public Information in Emergency Situations

*This item was held over to a future meeting.*

### B. Subcommittee Reports

#### 1. Outreach Subcommittee (Horton, Kahan, Kelly, Escamilla-Greenwald)

*Kelly: First priority of Subcommittee is to hold a town hall or community meeting.*

*Sandy Holman, Culture Coop, could help with outreach and facilitation. She*

*suggested series of meetings for a total cost of \$3,000:*

- *Talk with commission re: goals and mission*
- *Talk with PD leadership to get buy in*
- *Talks with PAC and PD leadership together*
- *Then hold community meeting*

*Commission members asked questions about how the restorative process would assist with outreach efforts and whether the timetables would work.*

*Public Comment: None*

**MOTION:**

*Escamilla Greenwald moved, with a second by Horton, to recommend that the Commission work with Sandy Holman of The Culture Coop to facilitate the following three one-hour meetings, followed by a Community Meeting up to two hours, for a total cost of \$3,000. The Outreach Subcommittee would work with staff with the goal of an October community meeting.*

- *Talk with commission re: goals and mission*
- *Talk with PD leadership to get buy in*
- *Talks with PAC and PD leadership together*
- *Then hold community meeting*

*It was also noted there may be a need for interpreters.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

AYES: Bliss, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine, Liggett-Nichols

NOES: None

#### 2. Mental Health Issues Subcommittee (Bliss, Escamilla-Greenwald, Kahan, MacBrine)

*MacBrine: Shared draft letter to send out to those with disabilities and to families for a second community meeting in January/February focusing on mental health and law enforcement. (letter attached)*

*Commissioners discussed the purpose of and the wording in the letter.*

**MOTION:**

*Escamilla Greenwald moved, with a second by Kelly to have the Police Accountability Commission design and deliver an interactive meeting related to engagement and interaction of the Police Department with people who have mental and physical disabilities. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Bliss, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine, Liggett-Nichols*

*NOES: None*

### **3. Traffic Stop Data (Brooks, MacBrine)**

*MacBrine: Shared handout of proposed next steps, asking the following questions of the Police Department*

- Is department staffed and equipped*
- Is department on track to alignment with RIPA requirements*
- Are there obstacles or challenges to implementation*
- How does the department analyze data collected*

*Kelly: Noted that AB953 makes it clear that any reports as part of this act are public record. Chief's response was inappropriate and Commission should be able to see data, however, there may be good faith reasons why data was not released. Recommends that Commission ask if there are reasons the Department is not releasing the data, which the Police Chief said in February that the Department started collecting in October and in the written response that the Department said they started collecting in January. Commission should see data to get a sense that it is collected in the appropriate way and to see what is collected.*

*Public Comment:*

- Connor Gorman: Data necessary and should be publicly available.*
- Luanne Villanueva – Surveillance technology was released with too short a time frame to review*
- Francesca Wright – Chief Pytel said in earlier meeting at Sofia's that Department had the data.*
- Dean Johannsen – Council asked for data in minority pullovers and it was taken for only about 6 months.*
- Chris Jones – Stop saying Complaints are unfounded, because they are not.*

**MOTION:**

*Kelly moved, with second by Horton, for the Traffic Subcommittee to send a response to staff (City Manager, Chief) asking for clarification about Chief Pytel's response and expressing intention to see data in the near future. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Bliss, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine, Liggett-Nichols*

*NOES: None*

*Will Kelly and Cecilia Escamilla Greenwald requested to join the Subcommittee.*

### **4. Procedures Subcommittee (Bliss, Brooks, Kahan)**

*Bliss: Shared memo from Procedures Subcommittee with recommendation to encourage complainants to go through IPA so that commission can know about process and complaints.*

*Gennaco: If you have a complainant, and complainant is going to go straight to the Police Department to file the complaint, would be helpful if Independent Police Auditor is made aware. If a complaint is recent, then it's better for the Police Department to deal with it immediately. If the Auditor is aware of a complaint, then he can make sure it moves forward. Complainants may also feel more comfortable talking to non-police people.*

*The Commission discussed ways in which someone can lodge a complaint, which does not require them to physically go to the Police Department. Essentially, the Police Department needs enough information in some format so that they can begin a review. The Independent Police Auditor may also be able to assist an individual.*

*The Commission also discussed whether an online form (that is completed and submitted online) might be helpful.*

*Public Comment:*

- *Dean Johannsen: Introduced Chris Jones. Family suffered by police.*
- *Chris Jones – As a minority group in Davis, he needs to know statistics on arrests and traffic stops. What is city doing related to training on profiling and traffic stops? He is speaking as a victim. Pulled over because license plates not reflective – doesn't believe that is the reason. Stop harassment to the Black community in Davis.*
- *Connor Gorman – Likes online form suggestion.. Put on PAC website.*
- *Francesca Wright – Need alternative pathways to voice concerns. Should be safe, personal and anonymous. Disturbed to know that all investigations still happening by Police Department.*

*Discussion:*

*Commission discussed ways to submit complaints. Desire to have information on multiple websites, with multiple paths, and for it to be accessible. Preference for complaint to go straight to the Auditor. Acknowledgement that forms can discourage people from submitting concerns.*

*Staff can put links on other pages of City's webpage but will have to look into the idea of an online portal.*

*MOTION:*

*Escamilla Greenwald moved, with a second by Horton, the recommend the creation of an online complaint form that goes to the Independent Police Auditor.*

*Liggett-Nichols provided a Friendly Amendment to work with the City Manager to see what individuals might want. Amendment was accepted by the makers of the motion. Motion, as amended, passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Bliss, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Kelly, MacBrine, Liggett-Nichols*

*NOES: None*

*Subcommittee will report back at the next meeting.*

**5. City/UC Davis Police Relations (Jones) –**

*No update.*

**C. Police Auditor Update**

*Escamilla Greenwald moved, with a second by Horton, to extend the meeting to hear from the Police Auditor and to look at long range.*

*Gennaco: Wants to highlight a complaint that was handled well. Complainant had concern about interaction with Police. Complainant chose formal complaint investigation, which was completed by DPD. DPD made finding that there was no violation of policy. Gennaco talked with complainant, and complainant then chose restorative justice process. Officer agreed. Facilitation went well and was productive. This kind of dialogue is what restorative justice is about.*

*Public Comment:*

- *Connor Gorman – Restorative and transformative justice need to take into consideration power dynamics, so may not work in all cases.*

**7. Future Agenda Items/Long Range Calendar**

*Requests agreed upon for future meetings:*

- *Surveillance Technology*
- *Anything coming to Council regarding the Police Department should come to the Commission first*
- *MacBrine’s ASUCD membership request*
- *Discussion around bullying at schools and Davis Police Department’s responses and efforts.*
- *Restorative Practices*

*Staff will put out a Doodle Poll to try to find a time for a Special Meeting in August to work with Sandy Holman.*

**8. Adjourn**

*Horton moved, with a second by Bliss, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.*