



City of Davis
Police Accountability Commission Meeting
Monday, May 11 2020

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Mary C. Bliss (Vice Chair), Sean Brooks, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Dillan Horton (Chair), Abram Jones, Elaine Kahan, Judith MacBrine, Don Sherman

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Kelly Stachowicz, Carrie Dyer, Michael Gennaco

1. Call to Order

Horton called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda by consensus.

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

- *Stachowicz announced that Shelter in Place is still intact, hence the need for continued online meetings.*
- *Horton apologized for needing to postpone last week's meeting due to city wide internet outage.*
- *Horton mentioned Ahmaud Arbery and his murder. This commission exists because people who look like Arbery and himself (Horton) are sometimes perceived to be more suspicious. Important to reflect on this situation both locally and globally.*
- *Gennaco introduced colleague Julie Ruhlin, who was interested in joining meeting to learn more about PAC.*

4. Public Comment

- *No public comment*

5. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2020 Meeting

MacBrine moved, with second by Sherman, to approve the minutes as presented

AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan, MacBrine, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. Regular Items

A. Discussion of 2020 Workplan

The PAC continued the discussion from January about the proposed 2020 Workplan, utilizing feedback received from individual commissioners. Bliss prepared a compilation of feedback from commissioners on time commitment available and areas of interest.

- *Jones – part of subcommittee to liaison with UCD police accountability board. Has 3-4 hours outside of regular commission meeting to dedicate.*
- *Escamilla-Greenwald – Has approximately 10 hours a month to dedicate to outreach and mental health issues, in addition to the regular monthly meeting*
- *Bliss – interested in revising charter and communication meetings with PAC and Davis Police Department.*
- *Brooks – Is available for monthly meetings. Is interested in continuing on Surveillance Policy..*
- *MacBrine – Is interested in Outreach meetings and Policies and Trainings in regards to how police conduct traffic and stop searches and community policing. Also interested in areas of Mental Health and PAC trainings. In addition to commitment to UC Davis collaboration work. Also interested in relationship with PAC and Davis Police Department.*
- *Sherman – Interested in communication between PAC and Davis Police Department at highest levels and quarterly meetings of PAC and Chief to report back to PAC. Also interested in community outreach to make community more aware of Commission.*
- *Kahan – Reviewing and assessing current training in DPD with mental health cases. Reviewing DPD policies and procedures and observing training. Interested to see how negative incidents are handled successfully in communities of similar size to Davis.*
- *MacBrine – likes idea of inviting POST. Should PAC start making connections with other cities who have similar bodies to PAC to learn what they are doing and what has been successful.*
- *Horton – Outreach meetings and review of DPD policies and procedures.*

Public Comment:

None

MOTION: MacBrine moved to use one page document created by Bliss and remove or add anything that PAC would like to change, including adding a bullet under DPD Policies and Practices to include surveillance technology and removing Restorative Practices and Non Toxic Communication. Second by Escamilla-Greenwald.

Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan, MacBrine, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

B. Review of Implementation of Independent Police Auditor Recommendations

The Auditor made a series of recommendations in his December 2019 report. The Police Department has provided initial feedback about implementation status of those recommendations with response provided on an informational chart back to the Commission. Independent Police Auditor reviewed the chart with the Commission.

Public Comment:

None

Commission Discussion:

The Commission discussed the purpose of the document and how it should be used. The consensus of the group was that the document needs to include more information on why certain recommendations were not accepted. Commission would also like information on how a recommendation is being implemented, if it was accepted and resulted in a policy change.

Gennaco – Might be helpful to commission to see how some implemented practices were accepted with change to policy or guidance, what was the change? (Some accepted ones did not require policy change). For the ones not accepted, PAC could ask for further explanation or information on why they weren't. Gennaco could ask department for further information on two items not accepted.

MacBrine – Dissatisfied with report in four areas.

- 1. Would like it communicated to the DPD that requests for information like this are opportunities for them to educate and collaborate with the community and that responses should be consistent with this perspective...the impact of this response is as another brush-off.*
- 2. Would like DPD to show the Commission how they have implemented these recommendations. Ask the IPA to provide samples of how other police organizations respond to similar requests.*
- 3. Would like the DPD take a more proactive approach to police/public relations by documenting and responding to "concerns" that present themselves (as a leading indicator of potential problems) rather than waiting for accusations of misconduct (as a lagging indicator of problems).*
- 4. Would like the City Manager to respond to share with the Commission his response to Case 3 Recommendation #4 regarding engaging in a holistic / restorative assessment of damages rather than a legalistic approach.*

Brooks – What has DPD provided to Council on these changes? Can PAC recommend that these changes go to City Council for their review?

Horton moved with second by Escamilla-Greenwald that the Commission request the Davis Police Department provide additional information about what specific changes happened on items that were accepted for policy change.

Staff and the Auditor will talk to the Police Chief to find out what would work best to provide additional information provided back.

Horton withdraws motion.

MOTION: Bliss moved, with second by Jones, that PAC request for staff and police auditor to meet with police chief about concerns of report and requests that more information be provided about what was and was not accepted for implementation. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan, MacBrine, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. Police Auditor Update

Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco provided an update on Auditor activities to the PAC. Gennaco led discussion on how policing might change based on current trend changes with enforcement during Shelter in Place, etc. Could consider coming up with philosophy on policing and communicate that to department.

Public Comment:

None

8. Future Agenda Item Requests/Long Range Calendar

- *MacBrine – RIPA data*
- *Sherman – policy on high speed chases*

9. Adjourn

MacBrine moved and Escamilla-Greenwald seconded adjournment at 8:49 p.m. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan, MacBrine, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None