



**Police Accountability Commission Meeting
Monday, July 6, 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

Council Liaisons Present: Frerichs, Partida

Others Present: Staff Liaison Kelly Stachowicz, Staff Liaison Carrie Dyer, Police Auditor Michael Gennaco

1. Call to Order

Horton called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Escamilla-Greenwald moved with second by MacBrine approval of the agenda as presented. The motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- Stachowicz – As of July 1st, Gloria Partida is seated as Mayor and Lucas Frerichs is Vice Mayor.*
- Horton and Escamilla-Greenwald – Expressed appreciation to those who helped with June 14 march.*
- Jones – UCD Police Accountability Board is on recess until October.*
- Frerichs – Partida and Frerichs wrote an op-ed piece that outlines proposed work ahead for Police Accountability, Human Relations and Social Services commissions.*

4. Public Comment

- Jenni – Encourages policing reform, invest in organizations that can meet the needs of all community members (homelessness, NAMI, etc.)*
- Luke Turner – Skateboarding not well received, concerned about appropriateness of police responding to issues outside of Respite Center. Defund the police.*
- Lupita Torres – Express solidarity with Black Lives Matter movement. Supports police reform. Advocate for mental health clients.*
- Jay Biggs – Repurpose funds to invest in other programs, mental health, homelessness, etc.*

- *Emily Hill – Defund police and redirect funds to non-armed responders.*
- *Morgan Poindexter – Supports progressive change in policing.*

5. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – June 1, 2020 Meeting

Escamilla-Greenwald moved with second by Jones approval of the minutes from June 1, 2020 as presented. Motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. Regular Items

A. Discussion of Next Steps Related to the City Council’s June 16 Motion on Funding Community Health and Safety Improvements

Based on the City Council motion to develop a proposed outreach plan/work plan related to identifying and funding community health and safety improvements, staff sought input from Police Accountability Commission with a focus that includes preventative solutions and consideration of systems of interaction between police and community

The Commission raised concerns/questions around the following:

- *Values of the community within public safety*
- *Needed understanding of sworn vs. non-sworn officers on how time is spent*
- *Data needed on number of officers for Davis population compared to other similar size towns*
- *Public desire for long term and permanent solutions*
- *Evaluation of what moves other communities have made in mental health work, homelessness, etc.*
- *Consideration that training that officers receive is not the same level of expertise needed to responds to situations and issues revolving around mental health, etc.*

Public Comment -

- *Lupita Torres – Paradigm shift globally and locally. Encourages Davis to think big and act fast and to work with all communities and stake holders.*
- *Scott Ragsdale – Systematic change will take time and won’t be easy. Reshape authority and who has to have a gun. Do what we can locally.*
- *Nina Bingham – Encourages for actionable steps and specific timeline. Move funds from police departments to other departments to treat public health and wellness.*
- *Larry Guenther – speaking for Yolo People Power and requesting that a new system is designed by the people it is meant to protect. A system where the public is at the top of the organizational chart. Request to not entertain any name changes for the police department until the system of public safety is*

fully reimagined and redesigned and can be administered from a public safety model.

- *Shaunese – Move funding and responses from police to other departments.*
- *Ethan – Look at alternatives, as opposed to reform within police. Look at other organizations.*
- *Connor Gorman – Separate department for health and safety or move services to other departments, such as Homeless Coordinator. Referenced the MH program in Sacramento is a good model.*
- *Jordan Varney – Put in place long- and short-term changes. Supports defunding (police).*
- *Olivia Smith – Highlight voices of black community members and follow their lead. Collect data and encourage divestment from police. Invest in youth, black owned businesses, and homelessness.*
- *Nicole Gleason – Move quickly and put something in front of Council.*
- *Roy Kaplan – Look at best practices, such as Cahoots program in Eugene, Oregon.*
- *Morgan Poindexter – Appreciates Don Sherman’s list of action items that could be implemented quickly. Realize public will and expertise within Davis.*
- *Adam Davis – Disarm police and reduce their role in community.*

Follow up commission conversation revolved around the concept of creating separate branches, outside of the Police Department, to address social service issues and creating a subcommittee to research various ideas, including a joint subcommittee made up of members of the Social Services Commission and the Human Relations Commission

Bliss moved, with second by Escamilla-Greenwald, that the Police Accountability Commission takes forward to the Social Services and Human Relations Commission the idea of creating a joint subcommittee to come up with recommendations to report back to City Council for reimagining and or restructuring policing in Davis. The motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PAC subcommittee to include – MacBrine, Escamilla-Greenwald, Sherman, Horton

Horton moved with second by Escamilla-Greenwald to extend meeting to 9:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Subcommittee Reports

1. **Outreach** (Horton, MacBrine, Escamilla-Greenwald, Sherman)
MacBrine – Refers things posted on social media to the police auditor.

2. **Davis Police Department Policy/Procedure** (Horton, Kahan, Escamilla-Greenwald, Brooks)
No update
3. **Police Accountability Commission & Davis Police Department Chief/Leadership Meetings** (Bliss, MacBrine, Sherman)
Met with chief to discuss how to improve dialog with PAC and the chief. Plan includes:
 - Invite chief to specific PAC meetings to address specific agenda items
 - Respectful of department's time
 - Set up monthly meeting, with notes after meeting to provide back to PAC and department.
4. **Mental Health** (MacBrine, Kahan, Bliss, Escamilla-Greenwald)
Subcommittee reported that there are conversations with NAMI and encouraged them to come forward to PAC to share concerns. There is an opportunity to engage at County level.
5. **Authorizing Resolution Revision** (Bliss, Horton)
Research on what other groups' names are, started revisions, and will work with committee to generate ideas.
6. **Police Accountability Commission and UC Davis Relations** (Jones, MacBrine)
UC Davis Police Accountability on hiatus until October.

Public Comment –

Larry Guenther – There wasn't much discussion on policy and procedures and systemic racism in police department. Hope this is addressed at a future meeting.

7. Police Auditor Update

Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco provided an update on Auditor activities to the PAC.

- Colleague is talking to Oregon regarding their mental health programs and will report anything of interest.
- Will keep PAC posted of what's happening in state of CA.
- PAC may have two reports by next meeting to review and digest

8. Future Agenda Item Requests/Long Range Calendar

- Surveillance Technology in August

9. Adjourn

*MacBrine moved with second by Escamilla-Greenwald to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.*