



**Police Accountability Commission Meeting  
Monday, August 3, 2020**

**MINUTES**

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*Commissioners Present: Mary C. Bliss (Vice Chair), Sean Brooks, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (arrived at 6:50), Dillan Horton (Chair), Abram Jones (left at 8:00), Elaine Kahan, Judith MacBrine, Don Sherman*

*Commissioners Absent: None*

*Council Liaisons Present: Mayor Partida, Vice Mayor Frerichs*

*Others Present: Stachowicz, Chief Pytel, Gennaco, Dyer*

**1. Call to Order**

*Horton called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Sherman moved with second by Brooks approval of the agenda as presented. The motion passed as follows:*

*AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Horton, Jones, Kahan, MacBrine, Sherman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Escamilla-Greenwald*

*ABSTAIN: None*

**3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons**

*None*

**4. Public Comment**

- Natalie Wormeli– ACLU working on incremental change. Recommending care approach to public safety – Divest from PD and Invest in community. Commission could recommend complete freeze of hiring in police department.*
- Lupita Torres – Divest from militarized notion of law enforcement and investing in community. Cultural sensitivity training and mental health awareness training is needed. Needs trust in police.*
- Connor Gorman – Supports Divesting and Investing.*
- Ethan – ask commission to look into Council item of parking overnight and consider not criminalizing*
- Morgan Poindexter – Group of researchers willing to help, collaborate and continue work with research and providing feedback.*

**5. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – July 6, 2020 Meeting**

*Escamilla- Greenwald moved with second by Kahan approval of the minutes as presented. Motion passed as follow:*

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

NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

## 6. Regular Items

### A. *Surveillance Technology Annual Review*

*The City Council asked the Commission to review and provide comment to the Police Chief on the annual review of surveillance technology used by the Police Department. The Commission received eleven different annual reports on pieces of equipment to review and provide feedback on. Council has reviewed these items twice prior. This is the third annual report to go before council.*

*Chief Pytel provided background and information on the individual surveillance reports and responded to questions from commissioners.*

*Concerns/Questions/Suggestions included:*

- *Request to Auditor and Chief for additional information to be included in reports*
- *Request for cover sheet on reports that provides annual data*
- *Request for more user friendly documentation*
- *Request for documentation on number of malfunctions that body worn and car cameras have*
- *How many people are using Caretrack, how many staff trained in technology*
- *Request for total cost of all technology used throughout the year*
- *Would like information on other agency's technology*
- *What happens in regards to technology (and City policies) when providing mutual aid (either for other agencies or other agencies assisting here)*
  
- *Public Comment*
  - *Connor Gorman –Presentations on surveillance items should come from someone other than DPD. When other agencies come to Davis, what type of restrictions are put into place on stating what technology they use.*
  - *Lupita Torres –. Recommends stopping all facial recognition technology until it can be proven to be accurate.*

### B. **Discussion of Next Steps Related to Defining Community Health and Public Safety Improvements**

*At the July 6, 2020 Commission meeting, the Commission appointed a subcommittee (Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, MacBrine, Sherman) to gather additional information regarding the City Council's June 16 directive on community health and public safety. The Commission received an update on Social Services and Human Relations commission steps and provided the subcommittee feedback for moving forward.*

*Feedback included:*

- *Additional data requested from presentation that was provided to the Social Services Commission to include:*
  - *How many arrests for drug and alcohol related calls were in response to service calls vs. officer observation*
  - *Clarify what report means when referencing charges*
  - *Request for information on officer time spent on mental health calls*
- *Including people from NAMi to attend. Important to hear from people who use services.*
- *Understanding of current response for calls for mental health. Way to make it easier for people to find contact information for mental health services, so that 911 isn't first call*
- *Information on traffic stops, substance abuse responses, calls regarding homeless issues*
- *Find ways to improve community watch groups to address bias and create a more welcoming community*

*Public Comment:*

- *Connor Gorman – Separate public safety department, from police with its own hierarchy. Move mental health, homelessness and substance abuse outreach. Also pull out traffic stops from department or out of armed officers.*
- *Ethan – Doesn't feel like any part of the police department is justified. Need to justify why leaving anything in the police department.*
- *Morgan Poindexter – Offers up support and offer to help, whether it be to help understand data in report, etc. Supports idea of safety department.*
- *Lupita Torres – Need for LE to have training in mental health and crisis intervention. And being able to identify when their own members need to seek mental health services for themselves. Cultural sensitivity training. All could work on improving relationships with police.*

*Escamilla – Greenwald moves with second by MacBrine to move auditor report from end of agenda. Motion passed as follows:*

*AYES: Bliss, Brooks, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan, MacBrine, Sherman*  
*NOES: None*  
*ABSENT: None*  
*ABSTAIN: None*

*By consent, the commission extended the meeting end time to 9:00 p.m.*

**C. RIPA Data**

*The Davis Police Department released the 2019 Racial Identity and Profiling Act (RIPA) data. This item will be continued for additional discussion to a future meeting, given time constraints.*

**D. Subcommittee Reports–**

*Item postponed to next meeting due to time constraints*

**7. Police Auditor Update**

*Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco provided an update on Auditor activities to the PAC. Additionally, he reviewed two new Auditor reports.*

*Suggestion from commission to add to Covid heading on website, a list of resources for community to refer to during challenging times. Special concern in regards to uptick in Domestic Violence and Child Abuse*

*Public Comment:*

- *Connor Gorman – are officers that left Davis due to issues now with another department? Will that department receive information that there is a complaint against them?*
- *Lupita Torres –Appreciates unbiased investigation and reporting out. Yolo County Board of Supervisors had a session on racial profiling. Importance of looking at those facts and demographic data.*

**8. Future Agenda Item Requests/Long Range Calendar**

*Surveillance Follow Up*

*RIPA Data*

*Subcommittee Reports*

**9. Adjourn**

*Sherman moved with second by Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed as follows:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*