



City of Davis
Police Accountability Commission Minutes
Monday, April 5, 2021

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Ignacio Alarcon, Mary C. Bliss (Vice Chair), Robert Canning, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Dillan Horton (Chair), Elaine Kahan, Judith MacBrine, Don Sherman

Commissioners Absent: Jones

Council Liaisons Present: Mayor Partida, Councilmember Chapman

Others Present: Stachowicz, Gennaco, Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda

Canning moved with second by Kahan approval of the agenda as presented. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, MacBrine, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jones

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons (15 minutes)

- Stachowicz provided an update on Council Goals*
- Stachowicz provided an update on April 6 City Council Discussion on Response to Reimagining Public Safety*
- Stachowicz gave an overview of the City attorney letter regarding the Brown Act and social media*
- Bliss reminder about meeting with District Attorney on April 6 at noon regarding dashboard stating crime in Yolo County*

4. Public Comment

- Todd Bailey – concern about chief comments on March meeting regarding officers being upset. Suggests that chief does not support requirement of release of information.*
- Connor Gorman – Concern of chief comments – implication that police have commonality with marginalized communities; that analogy was inaccurate. Marginalized communities aren't able to switch out of those, as opposed to police who are able to no longer be police. Policing as institution needs to be considered.*

5. Consent Items

Escamilla-Greenwald moved with second by Alarcon approval of the March 1 minutes as presented, with note to spell out acronym on page 3. Motion passed as follows:

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

6. Police Auditor Update

Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco provided an update on Auditor activities to the PAC, including updates on current projects, such as the audit of Eight Can't Wait activities.

- Eight reported incidents of use of force in 2020. Audit will look at seven of them, to get fuller picture to see how principals of 8 Can't Wait are deployed in practice.*
- De-escalation practices will be reviewed and evaluated and will likely be able to have information to provide at next meeting.*

Public Comment:

- No public comment*

7. Regular Items

A. Mental Health Services/Law Enforcement and Outreach Tasks

The PAC approved a workplan at the March meeting. Two of the high priority tasks center around Mental Health Services/Law Enforcement and Outreach. The commission discussed both workplan items and discussed ideas for next steps

Focus on the intersection of mental health services and law enforcement.

- Survey local mental health services and training – what do we have and how does it compare to others, and how do programs interface with the DPD*
- Review DPD mental health trainings and develop recommendations*
- Review DPD relationships with local non-governmental organizations (NGO) mental health groups. Provide a forum for NGO mental health groups to meet with DPD to improve coordination and services.*

Comments on Mental Health:

- Karen Larsen presentation on Crisis Now Model and relationship between Health and Human Services and Davis Police Department (future agenda item)*
- Look to Council goals and discussion on Health and Safety Improvement to see where that direction falls in regards to mental health services and law enforcement*
- What kind of mental health services are the police department receiving and are they taking advantage*
- Reflect back on community meeting in 2019 to think about comments on how pd handled situations in regards to mental health and recommendations provided at that meeting*
- Help the public understand what resources are available and how to find them and access them*
- Focus on how police handle mental health calls. Data collected, outcomes? Warm hand offs, 5150s, etc? How many went to hospital, how many were placed with family? Are those records kept?*

- *PAC audit request to capture the information about mental health calls and practice in department*
- *Clarity of expectations for active suicide cases*
- *Will have more clarity after Council meeting on public health and safety item on April 6 – where will the City go on reform side*
- *Opportunity to move forward on more PAC related items in regards to mental health*

Next Steps:

- *Initial step get data regarding mental health calls to PD to figure out starting point*
- *Form subcommittee to look into issues that more information is needed on and work with Mike Gennaco to set up audit regarding mental health calls*

Public Comment:

- *Connor Gorman – support looking at role of policing in mental health and commission should look at alternatives to policing in mental health and reduce contact of police in crisis situations`*

Bliss moves with second by Horton to form subcommittee to work with the police auditor to determine questions and goals for next the audit to understand mental health calls in the City.

Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, MacBrine, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jones

Bliss, Canning, MacBrine and Escamilla-Greenwald for subcommittee

Comments on Outreach

- *Get information out to public about PAC activities and goals. Develop Community outreach plan/calendar*
- *Virtual meetings to get involvement from different areas of town*
- *Thinking about planning future meetings, how to reach varying populations in town*
- *Think about how to push out info to groups instead of having people having to come*
- *Hybrid meeting – Zoom and in person*
- *Use resources of people who signed letter*
- *Expand on 2019 event and go further instead of re-do*
- *Leverage City contact groups and outreach*
- *Put out small bits of information or topics over time that public can engage in*
- *Attempt to reach out to all groups to hear varying view points*
- *Outreach to immigrant populations and those houseless who may not have internet access or reach people who are zoomed out.*
- *Webinars or Google Forms – channels that are digital, but not Zoom*
- *Know Your Rights information*
- *Neighborhood Watch groups*

- *Understand bias by proxy*

Public Comment:

- *Connor Gorman – Supports hybrid community meeting mode, have in person meetings is important. Flyer or pamphlet regarding PAC at Respite Center, etc.*

Subcommittee would have three engagements for the community to be involved in; bias by proxy, know your rights, etc.

Horton moved with second by Escamilla-Greenwald to create subcommittee to come up with three community engagement opportunities/ideas to bring back to next meeting.

Subcommittee – Kahan, Escamilla-Greenwald, Sherman, MacBrine

Motion passed as follows:

*AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, MacBrine,
Sherman*

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jones

8. Future Agenda Item Requests/Long Range Calendar

- *Update on Council meeting on health and public safety improvements*
- *Police Auditor update on 8 Can't Wait*
- *Karen Larsen presentation on Crisis Now Model*
- *How to facilitate PAC, Community and Police Department*
- *Subcommittee updates on Mental Health Audit and Outreach*

Public Comment:

Connor Gorman – Know Your Rights Training for commissioners

9. Adjourn

Canning moved with second by MacBrine to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Motion passed as follows:

*AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, MacBrine,
Sherman*

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jones

Respectfully Submitted,

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