

City of Davis Police Accountability Commission Minutes Monday, June 7 2021

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Council Liaisons Present: Mayor Gloria Partida

Others Present: Kelly Stachowicz, Michael Gennaco, Carrie Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda

Escamilla-Greenwald moved with second by Canning approval of the agenda as presented, with the notation that Commissioner Poindexter was introduced at the last meeting. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan,

MacBrine. Sherman

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- Jones Mayor Partida and Jones met with coordinator UCD Police Accountability Board about the Evolve Red Door Project, which is coming to UCD Davis campus in the fall.
- Stachowicz Need to determine when to reschedule July 5 meeting, since July 5 is a holiday.
- Sherman Mention of proposal written by Robb Davis regarding structure of public safety department.
- Horton Recognition and reflection of Pride Month in Davis and around the world
- Horton Update on the Council Subcommittee/Commission Chair meeting on commissions
- Mayor Partida City of Davis is an active participant in Pride Month

4. Public Comment

- Connor Gorman UC system is considering expanding and increasing their police department and considering creating a UC SWAT team. Public Safety process also going on. Push for Davis Police to not cooperate with Sacramento Police.
- Lupita Torres Was approached by people stating they thought they were being harassed by Davis Police Department.

5. Consent Items

5A. Minutes from May 3.MacBrine moved with second by Bliss approval of the minutes from May 3, 2021 with an amendment to motion 7C, to state Request the Independent Police Auditor conduct a Random Audit: Sample of Ten 5150 Calls or ten calls that were determined as mental health calls. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan,

MacBrine, Poindexter, Sherman

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

5B. Review of Mental Health Presentation to City Council

Commissioner Comments

- Questions or suggestions regarding presentation on Mental Health can be sent to the Council subcommittee. In general, commissioners were interested in participating in the process and would like to reach out to the Council subcommittee to understand timeline for input
- Concern about co-responder model and interest in independent responder model. Also concern that safety model that has been presented doesn't deviate
- Interest in looking at other agencies who are working on this and may be further along
- Article on review on co-responder models was written by research team and posted on Vanguard, that includes common critiques of co-responder models
- Mental Health Subcommittee could prepare recommendation to the City Council subcommittee

MacBrine, Bliss, Canning, Poindexter to work on a Crisis Now Mental Health subcommittee and come back to commission in July with some feedback to share with City Council Mental Health Subcommittee.

6. Police Auditor Update

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

- Use of Force Audit Preliminary findings have been finalized in confidential draft form to the chief for review, then to City Manager and then it will be ready for release and discussion.
- State Legislation movement on police certification passed by Senate and now is in Assembly. Bill is intended to provide a process for officers to be decertified by POST and no longer allowed to be an officer in the state.
- Oregon has a decertification process for police

Public Comment:

- Lupita Torres Thank you to police auditor for updates on legislation
- 848 Cameras need to be rolling at all times on police

7. Regular Items

Update from the Outreach Subcommittee (Kahan, Escamilla Greenwald, Sherman, MacBrine)

- Public Outreach related to the IPA report that will be released on 8 Can't Wait is most pressing item of the outreach items. Document provided detailed ideas of how to provide the information to the community. Sample flyer from Santa Barbara could be a helpful tool. Ideas include:
 - o Press Release
 - o Notice Community Media
 - o Community Meetings in Spanish and English
 - o Register Davis with CampaignZero.org websites

Commissioner Comments:

- Concern about audit observing actual trainings vs. seeing what is on the website and not being able to see in context
- What kind of restrictions are there for the PAC on social media or a webpage?
- How to get information before the communication team to go out what is process?

Public Comment:

• Lupita Torres – Thank you for working on outreach items. Consider the digital divide, create in different languages. Canvassing is important. Visit affordable housing complexes and work with community organizers.

Horton moved with second by Abram to create a subcommittee for outreach on the 8 Can't Wait Audit to report out ideas at July meeting and come back in September with ideas of how to share information with the community. Committee is Bliss, Horton, MacBrine and Poindexter. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan,

MacBrine, Sherman

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Escamilla- Greenwald moves with second by Alarcon the creation of a subcommittee to work on a Know Your Rights Community Meeting. Committee is Escamilla-Greenwald, Sherman and Alarcon. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan,

MacBrine, Sherman

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

B. Update and Discussion from Mental Health Subcommittee (Bliss, Canning, MacBrine, Escamilla Greenwald)

Commissioner Comments:

- Desire to engage community in conversation about mental wellness
- Partner with another agency/campus to offer training opportunities to the community

- Is there a way to formalize PAC participation in training for mental health responders that Commissioner MacBrine has participated in?
- Subcommittee will research training options, grant opportunities, etc. and come back in the September meeting

Public Comment:

- Connor Gorman Upcoming trainings: NH First Responder training June 12 in Sacramento. De-escalation role play workshop June 27 by Southerners on New Ground.
- C. Subcommittee Structure Stachowicz summarized the City Attorney memo on subcommittee for the commission and encouraged all commissioners to familiarize themselves with it. Subcommittees are for specific tasks and need an end date.

Public Comments:

None

8. Future Agenda Item Requests/Long Range Calendar

Suggestions included:

- July meeting Mental Health Subcommittee to come back in July with proposal
- July Audit report and update with potential ideas from outreach committee
- September Schedule conversation with Council Liaisons at next meeting regarding Public Health and Safety update and Mental Health subcommittee updates
- September Report out from Know Your Rights subcommittee
- September Report out on mental health training
- *AB1542 update*
- Cost of policing and net value the City is getting for investment would this be beneficial to Council
- Local Voices Project
- UC Davis Police Accountability Board Communication Channel Establishment with PAC?
- System to track recommendations that go to City Council as well as IPA findings and recommendations and outcomes of recommendations
- Overview and rules when our officers are operating on mutual aid outside of Davis and when others officers come to Davis to assist with mutual aid.

Public Comment:

None

9. Adjourn

Escamilla-Greenwald moves to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan,

MacBrine, Poindexter, Sherman

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None