



City of Davis
Police Accountability Commission Meeting
Monday, August 29, 2022

MINUTES

1. Call to Order (6:30)

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

Commissioners Absent: Abram Jones, Morgan Poindexter

Others Present: Councilmember Josh Chapman, Councilmember Gloria Partida, Police Chief Darren Pytel, Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz, Management Analyst Carrie Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda

Sherman moved, with a second by Canning, approval of agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Jones, Poindexter

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Stachowicz announced The Evolve Experience, which will take place at UC Davis' Mondavi Center in November. Stachowicz will send out an email to commissioners with more details about how to participate. If Commissioners want to participate, they should contact staff. Commission will need to be mindful of the Brown Act.

Stachowicz shared link for RIPA Board Reports: <https://oag.ca.gov/ab953/board/reports>

Chapman: Council back August 30 to regular Council schedule.

4. Public Comment

No comments.

5. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2022 Meeting

B. Informational Item on Surveillance Technology – Body Worn Cameras/In-Car Cameras, Security Cameras at Playfields and 1st and F Parking Garage

Stachowicz provide update on the Surveillance Technology item. Canning asked when Commission's recommendation on surveillance technology would go to Council. Stachowicz explained it would go this fall with July minutes.

Horton moved, with second by Sherman to pass the consent calendar. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Jones, Poindexter

6. Police Auditor Update

A. Current Caseload

B. Debrief on Two Completed Reports:

- i. Third-Party Complaint Regarding DPD Detention/Allegation of Racial Profiling
- ii. Complaint Regarding DPD's Response to a Suicidal Subject

Gennaco gave overview on each of the two reports. Has begun the mental health audit response. Once done with the calls they are auditing, he will return to the Commission for additional discussion, likely later this fall.

Escamilla-Greenwald asked about anti-semitic banners over Highway 113. Escamilla Greenwald is also sending information to Gennaco from an African American woman who reached out to Escamilla-Greenwald after an interaction with police.

Gennaco noted that all UC campuses will be required to have oversight within the next several months. UC Davis is one of the few that already has oversight.

7. Regular Items

A. Update from Police Chief Darren Pytel –

Chief Pytel provided history of concealed carry permit processes and requirements, which have been issued for the past decade. Only have about 8 permits issued. Noted that reserve officers need a permit but retired officers do not.

This year, the case of New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v Bruen caused changes to the law. Supreme Court struck down the Good Cause allowances. Applicants still need to be of good moral character, a resident, and complete a firearm training.

The Chief reviewed how applications are processed and what is considered, especially criteria for how a "good moral character" is determined. SCOTUS ruling leans to issuing permits unless they don't meet specific criteria.

The Chief explained SB 918, which is under consideration and is needed because of Bruen. It would strike the good cause and codify criteria for background.

Commission Questions Included:

Do retired officers have to abide by rules for department from which they retired? (Issued a retired firearm card if they retired in good standing. Have to qualify annually.) Are there additional permits issued by the Sherriff's Department? (Not sure how many have been issued by Sherriff's Department but they are allowed and they are known to be strict.)

Permits issued by City or County are the same? (Have ability to place conditions on carrying the weapon but may no longer be valid under Bruen.) Could residents "shop around between County and City? (Sherriff Lopez has now said that Chiefs of each City must issue their own permits and County will only issue permits to unincorporated areas.)

What if someone with a permit moves into Davis, do they have to register in the new city? (Yes, permit needs to be renewed within 90 days.)

Read that states that have child access protection laws have lower gun mortality rates than states that do not. Do we have gun storage laws? (Second reading of safe storage law for Davis will occur August 30.)

In the past did you look at whether people were in situations where they needed to defend themselves? If someone had a dishonorable discharge from many years ago, would that prevent them from getting a permit? (Federal requirement is that person must have had an honorable discharge.)

Chief Pytel does not feel like there will be a big rush in Davis for people to get a permit.

B. Discussion of October 19 Outreach Event –

(Subcommittee of Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Sherman)

Two individuals were suggested as possible guests: Dr. Garen Wintermute from UC Davis or Amy Barnhorst UC Davis Professor of Psychiatry). Davis Phoenix Coalition was also mentioned as a possible collaborator (DPC is also talking with Vicky Gomez from UC Davis).

The Campus Community Book Project would likely also cross publicize.

Commission discussed goals and possible structure of the meeting. Topics might include gun violence, mission of the commission, how the Social Services and Housing Department affects police accountability, overview by Police Auditor, etc.

Commissioners discussed whether or how to include law enforcement in the meeting. Should group give some basic information about the police department?

Public Comment

NJ Mvondo: People want to hear updates. Want to help international students learn about protocols. Wants to know about DPD and school relations. How balance concerns about safety with concerns about law enforcement.

Suggestion to show slides from Know Your Rights event at this event. Maybe offer to international house.

Subcommittee will take input and continue to prepare for the event.

C. Update on Mental Health Audit Request –

Police Auditor Gennaco provided a brief update earlier in the meeting and will report back once audit has more information.

8. 2022 Workplan/Future Agenda Item Requests/Long Range Calendar

9. Adjourn

Horton moved, with a second by Canning, to adjourn. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Jones, Poindexter

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.