



City of Davis
Police Accountability Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 2, 2024

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Members Present: Mary C. Bliss, Robert Canning, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (arr. 6:50pm), Dillan Horton (Chair), Don Sherman, Angela Willson

Members Absent: Elizabeth Griswold

Others Present: Michael Gennaco, Independent Police Auditor; Todd Henry, Police Chief; Kelly Stachowicz, Staff Liaison

2. Approval of Agenda

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

AYES: Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Sherman, Willson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold

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

Stachowicz: December 3 City Council meeting will include a goodbye to outgoing councilmember Will Arnold; Linda Deos will be sworn in on December 17.

Council liaison appointments will be made in late January. Former Commissioner John Myer graduated from the police academy.

Bliss: Asked about the commission tasks report and whether the full Council received the commission's feedback. Stachowicz explained the Council Subcommittee

Sherman: talked about commission tasks issue and report and shared a statement about the aftermath of the November 2024 election.

Horton: National Impaired Driving Prevention Month is December. First week of December is Older Drivers Safety Week. Cognizant of tools to assist with these.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Commission Minutes November 4, 2024

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

AYES: Bliss, Canning, Horton, Sherman, Willson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold

6. Police Auditor Update

Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco: has talked with Chief Henry and believes they will have a timely and more efficient method to receive and review cases. There is one case completed and four cases in the pipeline. He will share a log in January to track the work the auditor is doing.

Horton: Commission took a vote to recommend Council support SB50 (dealing last year. Is there any thought that this legislation would return? Gennaco thinks December and January will have a lot of discussion about what police-related bills might come forward.

No public comment.

7. Regular Items

a. Discussion with Police Chief Todd Henry –

Horton noted that the Commission is hopeful for an open door policy for projects, policy questions, etc. with the Police Department.

Chief Henry shared with the Commission his thoughts on the strategic plan for the police department, which include community engagement and partnership (including the public dashboard for RIPA, posting hate crime information on the webpage, and meetings with different community groups).

City again received the Office of Traffic Safety grant, to educate people on bike safety and traffic safety control. (Commission concerned about bikes, scooters, e-bikes.) Traffic safety and enforcement, especially with children and UC Davis students, is a priority. Have also increased DUI enforcement, as well as increasing LiDAR training (using laser to discourage speeding). Speeding vehicles are some of the most frequent complaints. Commissioners noted that speeding vehicles and dangerous cycling (lack of lights) habits are a problem in Davis.

Commission discussed the need for more resources dedicated to bicycle safety. Commission had many comments about traffic safety, especially as relates to young people and bicycling. Sherman suggested a subcommittee to address traffic safety. (This is under the purview of the Transportation Commission.)

Crime Reduction is a large issue for the city. The police department is trying to work closely with retailers to help them prosecute where needed. Looking for better ways to identify domestic violence repeat offenders. Trying to understand technology and uses to assist in operations. Looking for ways to prevent crime, like CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design).

Also looking at employee health and wellness, which the Chief finds to be critical to successful law enforcement employees.

Commissioners had several comments and questions, including:

- Interest in hearing from other members of the department.
- What type of information on hate crimes is likely to be on the web page? (Hate crime vs. incident, numbers, trend of increase or decrease, etc.)
- What is involvement with business community around the homelessness situation?
- Will department be hiring data analyst to put together reports. (City hired Crime Analyst about 6 months ago. He will put together an annual report to include statistics (trends of crimes) and to highlight programs. Chief is interested in a real time transparency of data. DPD tracks more of the reported crimes rather than the cases tried and convicted.
- Does City have license for Microsoft Power BI (to build interactive dashboards)? City does not yet have this but is interested in getting.
- How many people receive/request Conceal/Carry Weapon permits? What is process to apply, review and receive? (Not much that City can do to deny permits.) Are there gun safety educational efforts? (Have done certain education programs and gun buy back programs, but as a city, don't have a large fire arms issue.)
- What are some CPTED examples besides cameras? (Lights, landscaping, configuration of business floor, window coverings, etc.)
- Discussion about when it might be beneficial to utilize cameras (public or private) to help solve crimes. Canning is interested in spreading surveillance review across the year.
- Escamilla-Greenwald interested in reviving the City's resolution regarding sanctuary city status. (SB34 clearly prohibits law enforcement from being involved in immigration issues. Also, critical for DPD to maintain the trust of the community.)
- What does current fentanyl situation in Davis look like? (Difficult to collect many data points, other than deaths by fentanyl.)
- For volunteer program, perhaps DPD could use volunteer educators.
- What resources do officers have after an incident? (There is a peer program, a trauma and grief program, a Cortico app to connect with a clinician, a wellness room, group meditation, etc.)

Several commissioners expressed interest in meeting others from the department, participating in a ride along, and touring the police station.

No public comment.

Horton moved, with a second by Canning, to extend meeting to 8:50pm. Motion passed unanimously in favor.

b. Discussion of potential audit topics to recommend to the Independent Police Auditor –

This item will be taken up at the January meeting.

8. Subcommittee Updates

a. Annual Outreach Event (Feb 12, 2025) Subcommittee (Canning, Griswold, Sherman)

The Subcommittee noted it had been difficult to contact service providers, especially Sutter. Subcommittee will work on contacts.

In lieu of a regular meeting in February, the Commission will host the outreach meeting.

b. Annual Police Auditor Review Subcommittee (Sherman, Escamilla-Greenwald) Horton was added to the Subcommittee

No public comment

9. Long Range Calendar: Upcoming Meeting Dates and/or Potential Agenda Items

The Commission will vote on Chair and Vice Chair appointments at the January meeting.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Escamilla-Greenwald, with a second by Horton. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.