



**City of Davis**  
**Police Accountability Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 9, 2024**

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Commission Members Present: Mary C. Bliss, Robert Canning, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Elizabeth Griswold (Vice Chair) (arr. 6:42), Dillan Horton (Chair), Don Sherman, Angela Willson

Also present: Kelly Stachowicz, Staff Liaison

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Canning moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald, approval of the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Griswold*

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

*Stachowicz: Commissioner John Myers has stepped down. Angela Willson is now a regular member. In June, SCOTUS provided a ruling on the Grants Pass case, which is about when a City can require an unsheltered person to move from public property. This might be an appropriate topic for a future Commission meeting.*

*Horton: Recognize laborers on Labor Day, Suicide Prevention Day/Month, and 9/11 anniversary. Would also like to talk about getting police to live in the community. Horton and Escamilla-Greenwald met with Chief Pytel, Deputy Chief Henry and Jean Lyon in July and talked about variety of police issues.*

**4. Public Comment**

*No public comment*

**5. Consent Calendar**

A. Commission Minutes July 1, 2024

**Escamilla-Greenwald moved, with a second by Willson, approval of the July 1, 2024 minutes. Motion passed by the following vote:**

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

**6. Police Auditor Update**

*Stephen Connolly: No additional complaints or issues have come forward since the last PAC meeting. He is interested in discussions about hiring audit and outreach event.*

*No public comment*

## **7. Regular Items**

### **A. Discussion of Fall Outreach Event –**

*After discussion, the Commission opted to postpone this event to after the first of the year, possibly February 12. Staff will work on a new reservation and talk with the Social Services Director.*

*Possible organizations to showcase include:*

*Empower Yolo, Yolo Food Bank, Davis Community Meals and Housing, NAMI Yolo (co-responders), Fire Department, Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC), Yolo Community Care Continuum (YCCC), Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, Yolo Health and Human Services Agency, CommuniCare, Crisis Now, CAHOOTS, Mental Health First Aid, possibly a student group, someone from UC Davis Police Accountability Board, Child Protective Services, Child Abuse Prevention Council (Yolo?), Yolo Family Services Agency,*

*Stachowicz: noted that there needs to be a tie-in to law enforcement*

*Public Comment:*

*Elaine Roberts Musser: Suggested Public Guardian, Meals on Wheels, Resources for Independent Living, Adult Protective Services, Office of Emergency Services, In-Home Supportive Services*

*Sia: Suicide hotline, Safe Ride, bilingual speaker (or other languages) would be helpful*

*Additional Discussion:*

- *Consider asking people to tell their own story about the services they received (or interaction with police).*
- *Explanation of how police refer individuals to organizations may be helpful*
- *Christopher Gray shooting – what services could have been available?*
- *Consider a survey for people to submit ideas or law enforcement questions. Could use PAC listserve to ask for ideas.*

*Subcommittee reconfigured to Canning, Griswold, Sherman*

### **B. Discuss Proposed Process to Place Tasks/Items on Commission Agendas**

*Stachowicz: Council Subcommittee asking for input on process for Commission-initiated projects/tasks to go on agenda. Concerns include that there is no standard process, resource allocation (time and funds), confusion about process.*

*Commission discussed topic and expressed the following:*

- *Commissions might come up with ideas that the Council hadn't thought of.*
- *Process would take too long for Council to approve*
- *Bureaucratic*

- Question whether the current process used by PAC (Chair and Vice Chair work with staff liaison to develop agenda) is problematic
- Logistical concerns
- Concerns about Council having veto power over Commission
- Commission only has power to recommend so should have power to decide what they talk about
- Concern about Independent Auditor reports and whether they require Council permission
- Feels like top down control, putting too tight of a hold on conversation.
- Perhaps develop certain criteria that requires a proposed task to go to Council

*Public Comment:*

*Elaine Roberts Musser: Does not support the proposed process for Council to approve Commission-initiated projects/tasks. Believes it to be micromanaging.*

*Motion:*

*Horton moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald that the PAC recommends that the commission continue formulating its agenda through discussion between the chair, the vice chair, staff liaison (existing process).*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

**8. Subcommittee Updates**

**A. Recruitment and Hiring Audit Follow Up –**

*By consensus, the Commission requested that staff send the list developed at the 7-1-2024 meeting to Police Department and conclude Subcommittee.*

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

- *How DPD/City handles homelessness post-Grants Pass.*
- *Update on Conceal/Carry permits – how it works, has law changed? Has number of permits in Davis changed?*
- *Dashboard Update – what is current update?*
- *Would like DPD rep to come to future meeting.*
- *Co-responder issue – get data around this issue. How many times has clinician been required.*
- *Remove LA Police Unions item*

**10. Adjournment**

*Sherman moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald, to adjourn the meeting.*

*Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:42pm.*