



City of Davis
Police Accountability Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2024

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Members Present: Mary C. Bliss, Robert Canning, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Dillan Horton (Chair), Don Sherman, Angela Willson, Elizabeth Griswold (arr. 6:45pm)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dana Bailey, Social Services and Housing Director; Gloria Partida, Councilmember; Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager

2. Approval of Agenda

Escamilla-Greenwald moved, with a second by Canning, 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: Darren Pytel will be retiring later this month and Deputy Chief Todd Henry will be taking over as Police Chief. We have scheduled Chief Henry to come to the December meeting of the PAC to talk about his plans for the department, etc.

Bliss: Would like PAC to pass statement to acknowledge Chief Pytel.

Canning: Would like an update on what happened with the proposed new section to surveillance ordinance and the transparency updates to the website. Would also like to know about changes to the timelines.

Chair Horton: One-year anniversary of tragedy in Israel. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, LGBT History Month. September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Escamilla-Greenwald: DJUSD recognizes Filipino Heritage Month

Willson: Davis Neighbors Night Out on Sunday

4. Public Comment:

- *Hiram Jackson: Support Measure T, Library parcel tax*

- *Dorte Jensen: Shared Ms. Bourne's concerns about her First Amendment rights.*
- *Beth Bourne: Concerned about youth undergoing treatments to change their gender and asked why Moms for Liberty is classified as a hate group.*

5. Consent Calendar

A. Commission Minutes September 9, 2024

Escamilla-Greenwald moved, with a second by Griswold, approval of the September 9 minutes (Consent Calendar). Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. Police Auditor Update

Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco plans to sit down with Chief Henry soon. There are no new complaints. The NACOLE conference will take place next week and Gennaco will be running panel on prosecutors. Noted there has been a shift in support levels for oversight at state level in other states and provided examples from Tennessee, Arizona, Florida. Concerned that this trend will spread. Will be challenging to figure out what this means for country and oversight.

Comments:

- *Canning: Are there any movements in CA to increase oversight of sheriffs' departments? (Some counties have oversight - Orange, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, etc.- but many others don't have.)*
- *Bliss: What was rationale in states that outlawed oversight? (Rationale was that police don't need oversight.)*

No public comment

7. Regular Items

a. Informational Overview on City's Homelessness Response System (Social Services and Housing Director Dana Bailey)

Dana Bailey: provided background information on the Social Services and Housing Department – looking to collect and analyze data, form partnerships, strengthen service delivery. Need to identify the social determinants of health, with focus on affordable housing and social support for vulnerable populations. Point in Time (PIT) count found 162 unsheltered people in the community in January 2024, although actual number is believed to be higher.

Shared the housing continuum and blockages along the continuum: homelessness, emergency shelter, transitional housing, supportive housing, community/social housing, subsidized housing.

Shared environmental scan of challenges and opportunities to getting people into housing and keeping them there. Restrictions on funding and provider capacity are some of the challenges; new initiatives and wide recognition of the problems are opportunities.

Outreach to community organizations to ask what they can and are willing to do to assist with homelessness and related services. Also asked for organizations to listen to voices of people with lived experience.

Grants Pass Supreme Court decision allows local jurisdictions to remove homeless encampments. Davis hasn't necessarily seen people coming to Davis to stay but we are seeing movement through Davis and some clashes between people. Communication with other jurisdictions has been critical. Encouraging people to go to one of the service centers in Davis (Paul's Place or respite) to get connections to services.

Street outreach team: two staff in SSH work with Downtown Streets Team. Partner with County's mobile medicine team and go out to encampments.

Concern about safety and concerns from the community. But also hear the same thing from people living unsheltered. Trying to strike balance for everyone. SSH role is engagement; police role is enforcement/compliance. Trying to form a network of support in Davis for everyone.

Commissioner Questions:

- Interest in public-private partnerships? (CalAIM is State's mandate to provide medicare, including having services to assist the homeless. Partnership Health is primary recipient in Yolo County but will require partnerships. City working to help facilitate that.)*
- Where do people with pets go? (City has partnership with Mercer Clinic and DPAW (Davis Pet Advocacy and Wellness))*
- What about unhoused or foster care youth? (District has a McKinney-Vento officer to help unhoused families/children and DJUSD has the access to services for the student. What about unhoused UC Davis students? (UC Davis has Aggie Basic Needs Office. HUD funding doesn't extend to university students.)*
- How many people live at Paul's Place? (First floor shelter, second floor transitional housing, 3rd and 4th floor permanent supportive housing)*
- Where do we send people who need housing? (Try to find local locations, but not enough housing to suit all.)*
- What about people who are not ever going to be self-sufficient? (City practices a Housing First philosophy, trying to get people stabilized in housing then work to address their other needs.)*

- *Concern that Respite Center hours are not long enough.*
- *Whom do people contact when there is homeless individual? (First should be homeless outreach specialists and then Downtown Streets Team, but if crisis or danger, should be 9-1-1.) There is confusion about who to call and people don't want to call the police for homeless. Need to advertise where people should call, whether that is 9-1-1 or some other number.*
- *Are boarding houses an option?(There are some regional examples, such as Bay Area Community Services, which uses a shared housing model).*
- *Do programs involved people in the justice system? (Yes, have taken several from probation Prop 47.)*

Interest in having Dana come to February event to explain process (so that people don't have to call police).

No Public Comment

8. Subcommittee Updates –

- a. Annual Outreach Event Subcommittee (Canning, Griswold, Sherman)
Stachowicz: Veterans Center is reserved for outreach meeting February 12, 2025, 6:30pm.

No public comment

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

- *Add Pytel recognition to November agenda*
- *Add follow up from surveillance motion from the spring to November agenda*

No public comment

10. Adjournment

Canning moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.