



POLICING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Monday, January 10, 2022

6:30 PM to 7:24 PM

Meeting Minutes

Commission members present included: Cherri Branson, Caroline Fredrickson, Robin Gaster, Alicia Hudson, Jenn Lynn, Vernon Ricks, Nadia Salazar Sandi, Eric Sterling

Ex-officio members present included: Sgt. Cate Brewer

Support staff included: Carlos Comacho

Guests included: Council President Albornoz, Lillian Cruz (CP Albornoz)

Meeting was called to order.

I. Attendance and Administrative Items

- Minutes from the December 6, 2021 meeting were approved without objection.

II. Guest Speaker – Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart (6:35 PM)

- Mayor Stewart discussed traffic enforcement efforts in Takoma Park. She provided background on the changes introduced to the Takoma Park Police Department (TPPD) beginning primarily in 2017. She discussed the decrease in number of traffic stops and citations from 2015 to 2020. She also discussed the importance of setting clear expectations in the Department and of holding officers accountable to those expectations.
- Mayor Stewart answered questions from the Commission.

III. PAC vote to finalize [Traffic Enforcement Recommendations](#) (6:51 PM)

- Ms. Fredrickson proposed adding a summary of the report's recommendations at the beginning of the report.
- The PAC discussed whether to object to "not using seat belts" as a serious traffic violation. The Commission discussed adding a note to indicate that this classification is an area of judgment that may be best left to the Council.
- **VOTE:** The PAC voted to finalize the [Traffic Enforcement Recommendations with the addition of the summary and note detailed above.](#)

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IV. PAC Vote to Adopt Hiring and Discipline Subcommittee Recommendations on [Bill 17-21- Police - Community Informed Police Training](#) and [Bill 39-21 -Taxation – Public Safety Officers – Public Safety Emergency Communications Specialists - Property Tax Credit](#) (7:04 PM)

- **VOTE:** The PAC voted to adopt the Subcommittee’s recommendations as presented.
- Council President Alborno spoke to the PAC to thank the Commission for its work and to discuss the rationale for Bill 39-21.

V. Referral of [Bill 49-21E - Police Accountability Board - Administrative Charging Committee – Established](#) to the Hiring and Discipline Subcommittee for Review (7:20 PM)

- **VOTE:** The PAC resolved to refer the bill to the Subcommittee without objection.
- **ACTION:** The Hiring and Discipline Subcommittee will review Bill 49-21E.

VI. New Business (7:21 PM)

- Ms. Lynn recommended that the PAC listen to Governor Hogan’s recent remarks on crime and policing.
- Ms. Branson inquired regarding an update on filling vacancies in the PAC.
 - The application period has closed and the Council has received over 20 applicants for the position to be nominated by the Council.
 - **ACTION:** Council staff will send an outline of the vetting process to the PAC.
 - **ACTION:** Mr. Comacho will follow up regarding the nomination of the vacant position to be nominated by the County Executive.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.