



POLICING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Monday, July 11, 2022

Virtual Meeting

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present: Cherri Branson (Vice Chair), Laurie Ekstrand, Robin Gaster (Chair, Technology/Enforcement Subcommittee), Jenn Lynn, Ty McKinney, Vernon Ricks, Eric Sterling (Chair, Discipline Subcommittee) [7 attendees]

Ex-officio Members Present: MCPD Capt. Amy Daum, MCPD Capt. Stacey Flynn [2 attendees]

Commission Members Absent: Ruhama Edishaw, Caroline Fredrickson, Dalbin Osorio (Chair), Nadia Salazar, Alicia Hudson (resigned), Jerome Price (resigned) [4 absent, 2 resigned]

Support Staff: Susan Farag, Carolyn Chen [2 staff]

Guests: Lillian Cruz (CP Albornoz), Lisa Mandel-Trupp (CM Katz), Heidi Rhodes (JUFJ), Rob Landau (SSJC), Brianna Littrell (CP Albornoz Summer Rise Intern) [5 attendees]

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

1. Attendance/Recording of Meeting/Administrative Items (6:35 PM)

- Carolyn Chen (CC) took attendance and began recording the meeting. All guests were asked to enter their name, any organizational affiliation, and contact info into the chat. Guests are invited to share their thoughts and comments in the chat with the understanding that Commissioners may keep these for their own records and that comments may be made public in the event of a MPIA request.
- **Total: 16 attendees**
- Susan Farag (SF) reached out to the Council Clerk to recruit PAC applicants after recent resignations; estimate is that it will take six weeks for appointment (staffed by September).
- CC will update previous meeting minutes and send to Susan for PAC distribution. No minutes to approve at this meeting.

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- PAC Website updates are needed → archive previous committee work, add links to new subcommittees and update names and membership on current committees.
 - Additional website suggestions include: List of current and former commissioners, update with minutes, ask commissioners for updates to the website, clarify that any complaints against police should be filed with the LEA or the PAB (include link to PAB website complaint process) to avoid possible confusion between PAB and PAC, written positions taken by the PAC, such as positions on legislation.
 - Highlight where members of the public can provide ongoing input to the PAC: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Council/PoliceAC/comment.html>
 - Highlight agendas: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Council/PoliceAC/agendas/index.html>

2. Second Annual Report Development (6:40 PM)

- Action: Draft letter from PAC to Council to ask for extension of Second Annual Report submission (Extend from July 1st to September 30th)
 - Action: PAC members to review the [first report](#) and comment on what should be included/excluded.
 - VOTE: PAC supported (7-0) drafting letter to Council for extension. Cherri made motion, Eric seconded.
- Suggestions from discussion: include what subcommittees are looking to do in the future, Eric and Robin will draft updates from the Hiring & Discipline Committee up until the transition, Dalbin assigned to draft school resource officers up until the transition.

3. Feedback on Bill 14-22 Police – Private Security Camera Incentive Program – Established (7:05 PM)

- [Public hearing is scheduled for 7/12](#) and Public Safety Committee Worksession is scheduled for July 28, 2022.
 - Discussion Summary: Eric reviewed bill and found it profoundly vague: questions on if the digital recordings will be reviewed by police, what standard of cameras, location of installation and how the data is shared or collected. Cherri defined the process for Method 2 and 3 regulations. Robin asked Eric to draft a subcommittee letter to the Council on the raised issues. Cherri would like to be involved in this process too.
- Action: SF to email draft to the PAC to vote approval or revisions make whatever edits interested in through Susan.
 - Action: PAC members to email Cherri and Dalbin if interested in weighing in on the bill.

4. Develop community education approach regarding police complaint process. (7:21 PM)

- Discussion Summary: PAC to engage in community education to raise awareness on where to file a complaint on the PAB website. Suggestions included partnering with Regional

Services Centers that have community networks, mailing list distribution for RSCs. Utilize Council press releases, nonprofit organization email lists (CC), possible formal partners. Leverage timing of second report release to begin broad engagement.

- Suggestion to partner with issue-specific advocacy organizations: JUFJ, SSJC, Impact Silver Spring, Youths for Progress.
- ACTION: Robin and Cherri discussed test run of distribution strategy using a press release on the PAC traffic report, next meeting date and annual reports. CC to ask about heat maps and analytics to measure engagement level.
- Update from Capt Flynn (she will be joining joining the PAC meetings from now on) → outreach and community engagement update: MCPD has met with several high schools, different groups of students, police engaging with youth, and putting together roundtable discussion in the Fall for the rest of the community. Goal is to hold roundtable conversations from different County residents and include customer service surveys.
- ACTION: MCPD will send PAC community outreach schedule when finalized.

5. New Business (7:38 PM)

- *Marijuana Arrests & Citations Post-Decriminalization*: Eric re-introduced a previous PAC discussion on marijuana arrests and citations and the lack of data/explanation for MCPD not being able to give an accurate count in the County. Discussion on if the PAC should renew request for an accurate count?
- Cherri, Robin, Ty supported Eric's request to ask if MCPD has updates on how to track citations and arrests on an ongoing basis and to inquire if there are another specific police business that give rise for another citation.
- Capt. Daum (Special Victims Investigations) is the transition contact as Commander Dinesh Patil has retired. Will reach out to Dinesh on the data.
- Suggestion to append the original request and add Eric's comments on inadequate response from MCPD and the need for more info.
- ACTION: Eric to send SF for record keeping and tracking of 30-day requirement for MCPD turnaround. SF to send letter to Capt. Daum.
- *State Attorney Speaker Request*: SF will invite State Attorney to the PAC August 8th meeting to speak on the police-involved fatal shooting in Howard County and to ask about an independent investigation.
- ACTION: Send questions for the State Attorney to Dalbin, Cherri and SF. Two week deadline on July 25th.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.