



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION

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Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:00 PM

Independence First
540 S. 1st St.

Public Meeting 6-8 PM

1. **Introduction by Nate Hamilton, Chair of the Community Collaborative Commission, of the CCC members, goals and background on the Collins settlement agreement.**

*Other members present: Lorna Barthel, Bridget Robinson-Whitaker and Tim Baack.
Spanish and ASL translators were provided on-site.
Chair Hamilton and other members gave some history of the CCC and the Collins Settlement.*

2. **Presentation by the Wisconsin Policy Forum on its report, "Common Ground: Enhancing Community Oriented Policing in Milwaukee"**

Mr. Ari Brown gave his presentation. Chair Hamilton saw this as a two-year project to push this report out to the public

3. **Comments and questions from the public relating to police/community relations and the CCC.**

Matthew Maze - works in the jail for a few decades and he sees things that come up over and over and that police are resistant to chapter 51 people (those that are a threat to others or themselves). There are so few beds for these individuals with severe mental illness and there is no adequate care for them. The police don't seem to want that responsibility to get those individuals into facilities that can adequately support them. The Chair agreed that the city and county need to adopt different ways to deal with individuals with mental health issues. Mr. Baack thought that the Chapter 51 bar is now set too low as a response to involuntary institutionalization. Mr. Brown noted that Act 12, passed by the state, mandated that MPD reach a certain staffing level within the next decade and if it does not reach that number or make progress each year, the city loses 15% of the state revenue. This results in MPD having to increase staffing rather than spending funds in another way.

Gail Burn - student journalist - they did a project called Missing in Milwaukee and they investigated 18 missing cases of people of color and they found that missing people of

color were not being investigated as often as missing white people. They reviewed over 1000 pages of investigation. At any given time, there can be over 500 missing people in the City of Milwaukee and there is also one detective assigned solely to missing person cases. A lot of the families of missing people said MPD only called once a month to see if the missing person had been found and they also applied for Amber or Silver alerts, but those were never issued due to the strict criteria to qualify for those alerts. Once the missing person is found, support services are needed for those individuals. The Chair also thought community members should organize search parties and can't expect MPD to do everything for the community. Mr. Leon Todd, Fire and Police Commission, noted that the recruitment process is continually being improved, as well as the testing and hiring process for police officers.

The CCC's goal is to have quarterly meetings within the community to update it on the Collins settlement and MPD.

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