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Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION

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1. Roll call.

Meeting convened: 11:07 A.M.

Members present: Nate Hamilton, Fred Royal, Tim Baack, Camille Mays, Stephen Jansen, Tiadolo Delagarza and Ashanti Hamilton

Members excused: Jeff Roman, Bridget Robinson-Whitaker, Tammy Rivera and Shawn Muhammad,

2. Review and approval of the April 13th minutes,

Mr. Jansen moved, seconded by Ms. Mays, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections.

3. Update on Community Listening Sessions and next steps relative to WI Policy Forum's report and MPD's development of their community safety plan.

Mr. Baack said all of the community listening sessions were completed among all 15 aldermanic districts, with the last two sessions focusing on youth/young adults and one city-wide. They are scheduled to reconvene with MPD and the FPC to talk with Carlton Meyer and the Wisconsin Policy Forum to talk about the report and the development of a community safety plan by MPD. With Act 12, there was some uncertainty if the CCC would still be able to collaborate with MPD in creation of a community safety plan; he spoke with Pres. Perez and that the collaboration could fall under the amendment of MPD standard operating plans. There is a meeting scheduled for the 18th to discuss this. The report should also include national best

practices around community engagement, provided by Mr. Meyers. They would like to tie the discussion to actionable items that are important to the community. Mr. Royal was envisioning the community engagement plan including immediate follow-up on short-term, as well as long-term problems; they are looking for someone to follow through and address issues. Many of the concerns expressed at the community listening sessions weren't just police issues, but were quality-of-life issues, which need to be addressed by multiple city departments. He would like to ensure that concerns are tracked and resolved, hopefully in a timely manner, as well as address long-term issues. Mr. Baack said that it is looking broader in terms of engaging other city departments, not just the police department. The report, per Mr. Royal, will just be a compilation and basic themes combined with the best practices located by Mr. Meyer. The police did have each community liaison officer attend the listening sessions to address local concerns voiced at these meetings. Per Mr. Royal, the community engagement plan is the end goal of all the community listening sessions.

Mr. Baack said the issuance of the report will be a public event and a timeline for release should be set at the meeting next week. Mr. Jansen asked about the cost (which will be paid for by MPD) and he had concerns that the results might be swayed by the amount of police engagement during the listening sessions. Mr. Jansen was concerned there was more police presence at the meeting compared to public presence, which might affect the raw data. Mr. Royal noted that all committee members had an opportunity to show up, engage the public and even drive them to the meetings, but that didn't happen. Mr. Baack said the Public Policy Forum had a presence at each meeting and if they feel there is undue bias or influence by the presence of police officers, that that will be noted in its report. Mr. Royal also said it shouldn't be an "us vs. them" mentality.

Mr. Jansen noted that members are unpaid volunteers and Mr. Royal noted that no-one took the initiative to do quarterly updates to the public.

Mr. Jansen thanked members for spearheading all these community meetings.

4. Discussion on continuing role of CCC in being a conduit for community input and feedback regarding policing and public safety - and can we fulfill that role absent funding or local government support.

The chair suggested having a community meeting in June; that will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Mr. A. Hamilton said one of the reasons he wants to serve on the CCC is to give the body the infrastructure support it needs to do what it was charged with. There was talk of identifying specific areas, such as the Promise Zones, to have initial meetings, set priorities and check in in June to see where they are in terms of meeting goals and have an accountability meeting the end of the year. Mr. Jansen said the city funding is inadequate to do what the CCC is charged with.

Mr. A. Hamilton supported having identified meetings to identify one-time and on-going issues and identify an individual to address these issues, as well as secure funding for these costs. Mr. Royal also supported this.

Mr. Jansen sees having Mr. A. Hamilton serving on this body provides the CCC with a conduit to the city and the Common Council.

Mr. A. Hamilton moved to adopt an infrastructure of meetings targeted at specific neighborhoods in the city for community engagement and action plans and seek funding to achieve that end, seconded by Mr. Royal. There were no objections.

Chair Hamilton has been reaching out to Pres. Perez, but has not been overly successful in this. He will continue reaching out and will create a letter to update all

Council members.

5. Relationship between CCC and Common Council regarding more regular access, updates, communications, and support needed for CCC to fulfill its role relative to the settlement agreement.

The Chair will be drafting a letter for CCC review and the hope is to appear before the Steering and Rules Committee on March 25th. He would like to get a breakdown on the community listening sessions as well as the need to fund a community survey. He will also be adding other items to discuss before Steering and Rules. Members can attend in-person or virtually. Mr. Baack is happy to participate at the meeting. The Chair and will Mr. Jansen will meet early next week to put together an outline. The Chair will reach out to Ms. Robinson-Whitaker as she is the Outreach Coordinator and hasn't attended meetings in months.

6. Status of CCC membership, challenges in meeting quorum, and meeting schedule - as well as the future of the CCC itself.

Hopefully we can get the appointees to this body. This body does need all members to participate. Mr. Baack said he is concerned with appointments not being made. Mr. Jansen would like the membership reduced, with more open-seat representation, rather than tied to specificity. The Chair will address this issue in his draft letter, in terms of willing to remove members who do not participate. Mr. A. Hamilton suggested that some recommendations so the CCC can move quickly as it moves forward. He suggested creating a small work group to discuss this. Mr. Royal nominated Mr. A. Hamilton to chair this ad hoc group to review community groups to serve on the CCC. After 4:00 on March 19th or between 2 and 5 on Thursday would work for Mr. A. Hamilton. Tuesday at 4:00 works for Mr. Royal. The meeting is set for Tuesday at 5:00 to discuss amending the CCC membership. The Chair, Mr. Royal, Ms. Mays and Mr. A. Hamilton will serve.

7. Update on city funding support.

There is no update as of now. Chair Hamilton said there is a \$2 million transformation fund, which he believes Ald. Stamper is over. Mr. Hamilton noted it is levy funded, but some of it might be dedicated for specific things. This would be a good agenda item for the potential uses of this fund. Mr. Baack said he had reached out to Ald. Stamper, but hadn't heard anything back. Mr. Jansen remembers Mayor Johnson mentioning some kind of funding is available, but he doesn't remember the details. Chair Hamilton said it's been a consistent problem that Council members are not responding. It shows a lack of respect and involvement. Mr. Baack thinks if we get our house in the order, that will help the situation, but they also have an imperative to uphold their resolution. Mr. Jansen said negotiations are still on-going re. updating the Collins settlement and an important meeting is coming up on March 28th. He thinks a decision will be made if an agreement can be reached or not. Emma Shakeshaft is the point person for the ACLU. They would like an update on the Collins settlement at the next meeting.

8. Discussion on oversight of MPD relating to creation of a community engagement plan.

Mr. Royal was concerned with the impact of Act 12 on FPC and he met with Ald. Perez, who said the Council has the authority to amend SOPs. Pres. Perez will meet with MPD to ask about their willingness to co-create the Community Engagement

Plan and it sounds like something the city wants to continue to do.

9. Discussion on appearing before the Steering and Rules Committee.

This was discussed under item #5. The Chair and Mr. Baack will meet on Tuesday to coordinate a presentation.

*Meeting adjourned: 12:34 P.M.
Linda M. Elmer
Staff Assistant*

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