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Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION

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1. Roll call.

Meeting convened: 1:02 P.M.

Members present: Fred Royal, Tammy Rivera, Nate Hamilton, Camille Mays, Tim Baack, Jamaal Smith, Amy Orta, Zong Yang, Jeff Roman, Damien Smith, Shawn

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Members not present: Will Perry, Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Steven Jansen, Eric Moore

and Pamela Malone

2. Review and approval of the minutes of the March 11th and March 16th meetings.

Mr. Royal moved, seconded by Mr. Baack, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections, with Ms. Rivera abstaining.

3. Discussion on aldermanic and Commission involvement in attaining community engagement.

Mr. Hamilton asked how the Commission and Council could work together and get information out to Council members' districts. Andrea Pratt present to observe and offer the support of Ald. Hamilton. Kailyn Kenney also present from Pres. Johnson's office. Ald. Dimitrijevic said she is very willing to collaborate and share information and she is open to ideas and suggestions. Ms. Mayes suggested including information on the CCC as part of a town hall, newsletter or social media postings. Ald. Dimitrijevic believes decisions involving dispersal of the federal money should involve the CCC. The CCC will present at the April 19th Steering and Rules Committee

meeting. The CCC will contact individual Council members about how to best get the information to them to distribute.

Mr. Perez did speak on this item later in the meeting.

4. Communication with the Chair of the Public Safety and Health Committee, the police, the Fire and Police Commission and the City Attorney's Office relating to progress and accountability on the Collins settlement goals.

Mr. Leon Todd, Fire and Police Commission, is getting together than audit group. The Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) is the facilitator and monitor of the Collins Settlement agreement - we are in year 3 of the 5-year agreement. There was an interim report that noted there are 26 non-compliant items, but since September, 4 have moved to compliant and 9 are "in progress" with 11 still non-compliant and unable to assess 2 of them. They are still in the progress for finding auditors and are doing interviews next week. The positions will have civil service protection. Mr. Baack is concerned that in some of the most critical areas that there still remains insufficient data or lack of clarity, including the use of force type. Mr. Todd is cognizant of this issue and will be looking at it. Mr. Todd hopes that having a fully staffed auditing unit will assist with this, particularly with the unsubstantiated traffic stops and use of force. MPD Inspector Boston-Smith said 70% of the information is missing as the software didn't have a way to add the data (which was added in May 2020). Mr. Baack said there is a clear connection between the FPC's need to build its auditing section and the lack of communication from MPD on reaching the settlement agreement goals. He is concerned that if the independent review didn't exist, they wouldn't even be aware of the lack of compliance. Chair Hamilton encouraged Mr. Todd to create a back-up plan if suitable individuals can't be found for the audit team. The CJI 6-month report was presented to the FPC, not the Public Safety and Health Committe; Mr. Baack suggested having PSH have this as an agenda item. Chair Hamilton agreed. Mr. Baack is concerned that the Council doesn't review the CJI reports and we are now in year 3 of 5 years and he would like a Common Council committee to engaged with MPD and FPC on this issue. Ms. Rivera and Mr. Baack were both involved with creation of the Committee final report. Ms. Rivera is willing to present the report at PSH or Steering or Rules, but a presentation will take a minimum of 45 minutes. Ms. Rivera can do the Committee presentation and Mr. Baack can do the update on the Commission and Chair Hamilton would like to participate as well. Inspector Boston-Smith said the biggest challenge is now supervision and the accountability of supervisors and reviewing their documentation. She also discussed the deadlines for report submission and discipline for not meeting deadlines.

5. Updates from the committees.

Going forward, the Committees need to meet and move things forward. Mr. Jamaal Smith said the COP SOP passed through the FPC Policy Committee. The Policy Committee met and Sen. Lena Taylor attended and the Sen. Wanggaard bills were discussed. Mr. Jamaal Smith said he asked to meet with Sen. Wanggaard and he will let members know once he has a date. He would also like to have a public testimony virtual meeting with Sen. Taylor on the Sen. Wanggaard bills. They had come up with a budget of \$4,000 for Carlton Mayers - would like to have him attend the next meeting. The COP policy should be on the FPC agenda for tonight. The Policy Committee agreed that MPD and CCC will co-create the Community Engagement Plan, which is the nuts and bolts of the city safety plan, per Mr. Royal. Mr. Royal noted this will be a large undertaking and take a long time and will involve a number of participants. Members think the community should be present for the next meeting with Mr. Mayers.

Ms. Rivera said there needs to be a connection to the work that has already been done and also provide an incentive to the public to participate. On the next agenda, will be how to reach out to as many people as possible and integrate voices who haven't provided their voices yet. Mr. Jamaal Smith said the CCC also needs to identify key stakeholders that Council members can't reach that others can. Mr. Damien Smith said the Outreach Committee looked at 4"x 6" cards, which are very cheap, like 5000 cards for \$400 (he'll pass on this information to Ms. Orta).

Ald. Perez also talked about what services he has to maintain contact with his constituents.

6. Support of "Re-imagining Public Safety" or another alternative to "Defund the Police" and how to gain traction for that term.

Ms. Markasa Tucker, African American Round Table, was working on "Defund the Police" and will start working in June on the budget. Last year Ald. Lewis was working on a task force, which has been approved, to have mental health responders and unarmed first responders. Ms. Tucker said it was discussed having mental health professionals/unarmed first responders responding 24 hours a day/7 days a week at a calculation of \$18 per hour. As of now, Ms. Tucker has not seen a community asset map of community safety strategies (resident leaders, neighbor associations, churches that are providing the work). The African American Round Table is willing to work with the CCC and Chair Hamilton would like to have a list of organizations with their qualifications that are able to provide this response. Mr. Baack suggested having some of the federal funds being used to assist in creating this unarmed first responder system. Mr. Jamaal Smith mentioned looking at supporting housing needs, year-round youth employment, small business grants in addition to unarmed first response. Mr. Jamaal Smith said the CCC should get involved beyond the police, but broaden out into housing, quality of life, education, etc. Ms. Rivera believes this is the kind of work the CCC needs to get involved in - all aspects of public safety. This could be an agenda item for the next agenda. This item - reimaging public safety in the health dept. and support LiberateMKE.

7. Discussion relating to unarmed first responders.

This was discussed under item #6.

8. Create a budget for the \$50,000 budgeted for 2021.

A quorum was lost and the meeting adjourned at 3:14 P.M. Linda M. Elmer Staff Assistant

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Communication relating to the 2020/2021 activities of the Community Collaborative Commission.

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