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Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION

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Muhammad, Amy Orta, Tammy Rivera, Jeff Roman, Fred
Royal, Theresa Scott, and Jamaal Smith**

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1. Roll call.

Meeting convened: 1:06 P.M.

Members present: Nate Hamilton, Fred Royal, Camille Mays, Tammy Rivera, Eric Moore, Steve Jansen, Amy Orta, Shawn Muhammed and Jamaal Smith and Jeff Roman

Members excused: Tim Baack and Theresa Scott

2. Review and approval of the minutes of July 1st.

Use of force language is from the Attorney General from the state of New Jersey, by Fred Royal.

Mr. Royal moved to approve, with correction, seconded by Ms. Jansen. There were no objections.

3. Release of the final CJI Data Report (5-minute update)

Ms. Karyn Rotker, counsel for the ACLU, said that the report released yesterday shows that the behavior on the street remains mostly unchanged and police administration

isn't enforcing this lack of improved behavior. The numbers are even worse than they were last year. The ACLU said the settlement agreement requires five years of substantial compliance and this shows multiple findings of non-compliance. Any new chief must have a plan for how to comply in the future as well as demonstrate how errors of the past will be remedied and compliance will be attained. She feels the CCC has a role to play in being advocates for the community in noting that these behaviors cannot continue. There was a regression analysis was done which controls for crime rate for the high rate of stops and frisks for minority drivers. For the frisks, fewer than one in five people frisked has contraband. She is happy to answer future questions. Schedule this item for the next meeting and to discuss the next CJI report. A future meeting might be to invite community members to discuss the report.

4. Change in body membership via Council resolution and setting of standard meeting date/time.

Mr. Royal moved to reduce the body to 13 members, seconded by Mr. Jansen. The three organizations will be removed from this body. There were no objections.

The three organizations from which members resigned and no-one else is intended to be appointed are:

*HAWA Southeast Asian LGBTQ Advocate
Voces de La Frontera
Milwaukee Islamic Dawah Center*

Mr. Royal moved to draft a resolution to reduce the CCC to 13 members, seconded by Mr. Smith. There were no objections.

Mr. Royal moved to designate the 3rd Thursday at 1 p.m. as the standing meeting date and time. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

5. Possible approval to apply for a Grassroots Organizing grant (National Grant Program from Ben and Jerry's Foundation)

Mr. Smith said there is no time to apply for this grant as it is due October 1st.

6. Approval of the draft resolution on hiring a consultant for a community survey.

Mr. Jansen said the Survey and Research Committee wanted to create an annual survey of the public for their feeling on the police. It was thought to have a bidding process, with the city assisting with the leg work in getting this set up. There would be several community meetings and community organizations would bid on doing the survey. The goal is to get this started with the Council to get the bidding process moved forward and the Commission would set up some community meetings after the finalists are narrowed down so there could be more discussion about how the survey would be done. The goal is to get the survey done by the end of the year.

Mr. Royal asked what the scope of the survey is - he would be suggest that the scope be narrowed to the response to the ACLU Collins agreement. Mr. Jansen this is to get the process started; the details can be worked out in terms of the scope. Mr. Royal noted the scope would increase or decrease the cost of the survey. Mr. Jansen envisioned the bidders presenting their scopes and costs and the Commission or a sub-group would choose the bidding organization. The top three organizations would give a presentation to the community.

Ms. Rivera said Phase 1 of the Community Collaborative Committee ended up creating a couple of deliverables and paid by how many people the organization managed to get engage and do the full process. She thinks having any thing more evolved than that could become too much just based upon this body's issue attaining a quorum.

Mr. Jansen feels that this is important, but this is several steps down the line and in the future. The Committee did create a list of 25 questions and they wanted to bid this out so the Committee wouldn't be doing the heavy lifting of doing the survey and being out in the field. In order to add legitimacy and credibility, it wouldn't be good to do both the interviewing, data analysis and presenting the information.

Ms. Rivera believes that the larger community organizations that are able to data analysis are typically those that are not front-line, grass root groups. She would prefer two RFPs - the grass root groups that do the community outreach and interviews and a larger group that has the capacity and subject matter expertise to do the data analysis.

Mr. Royal agreed with Ms. Rivera. Mr. Jansen wanted to do something that was unique and different and could be tweaked each year to function as an annual survey. Mr.

Hamilton also supported having grass root organizations do the community work and having a research group crunch the numbers. Mr. Jansen noted there is some urgency to engage the community or we lose steam with the reports being released. Mr. Royal would prefer to be diligent and prudent and to go slow, rather than rush it, especially if we don't have a clear resolution that says what the CCC wishes to obtain - using both grass root groups and a research company. Ms. Rivera also suggested making the resolution more vague so the CCC can work out the details and she also cautions including city staff as the government is often viewed as an obstruction to many individuals. Ms. Mays also agrees with Ms. Rivera.

Mr. Royal moved to table this item so further edits can occur, seconded by Ms. Mays. There was one objection by Mr. Jansen.

7. Action on a CCC request that the City Attorney's Office coordinate with the MPD, FPC and CJI to provide timely responses to questions and issues raised by the Community Survey and Research Committee regarding the MPD data provided to the FPC per the terms of the Collins/ACLU Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Jansen said the idea behind this is that the CJI reports contain a lot of data that isn't necessarily related to the settlement agreement, but does demonstrate disparity, such as no-knock warrants. Members of the Community Survey and Research Committee are requesting to get more data from the city. Mr. Mozina noted that the data is the settlement data and he has downloaded all the data and he is attempting to analyze it and there are a lot of issues with the data that CJI isn't talking about and he has questioned this and CJI and MPD referred him to the City Attorney's Office. He provided a list of those questions on June 3rd, as well as additional e-mails and the City Attorney's Office has failed to respond. Mr. Mozina is asking that the CCC provide its support in responding to his questions. Mr. Royal asked if the questions were being vetted by the CCC and that would be the first step. Mr. Jansen thinks that information that should be available to the public shouldn't need to be vetted by the CCC. He does not need to see the questions - the CCC should defend the idea of the MPD being open and willing to share data with us.

Mr. Royal moved to amend this agenda item to say questions raised by the CCC, not the Community Survey and Research Committee, seconded by Mr. Jansen. There were no objections.

Mr. Mozina can forward those questions to Ms. Elmer, so the CCC can ask.

8. Updates from the committees and add/remove members.

Ms. Orta said the Community Engagement and Outreach Committee only has 3 members and at least one more member is needed. Mr. Hamilton hopes that with creating a Facebook page more community members can join the body.

Mr. Smith had the Policy Committee met in August; there are some updates that MPD has to make based upon Carlton Mayer's plan. MPD wants to go back and make some observations on the data and reporting they wanted to do; the next meeting is October 5th.

Mr. Mozina will send a list of the questions and he intended all the answers be provided to the Committee. The chair would prefer that the body as a whole deals with the questions.

Shawn Muhammad is willing to be added as a member.

9. Approval of the Commission statement on the 6-month CJI report.

Mr. Jansen said public pressure needs to be mounted up and another press conference should be done. He said the police are essentially going backwards. Ms. Mays agreed with the need to do a press conference. Mr. Smith thought a press conference should be done around the time the ACLU present the data in October. A statement would be created for and voted on the next meeting unless an earlier meeting was held.

Mr. Jansen moved to create a joint opportunity with the ACLU with a statement by the CCC in response to the 6-month CJI report.

Mr. Royal moved to develop a statement by and hold a special meeting at 1:00 on Thursday, Oct. 7th for 30 minutes with the purpose of approving that statement, seconded by Mr. Jansen. There was no objection.

10. Update on the status of the Police Chief.

Mr. Hamilton received an e-mail that an interview with the acting chief will be done at the October FPC meeting and they are soliciting questions. Any questions from members should be forwarded to the chair. Ms. Rivera wanted to ask how the chief will ensure compliance with the ACLU settlement and his support for this body.

11. Commission position on the draft "Use of Force" language.

Mr. Royal said the Fire and Police Commission is considering the Use of Force policy, with some improvements. The only issue he has is the Attorney General for New Jersey did create some new language, which he would like to have mirrored in the city's policy. It is currently in the policy committee and then will go on to the full body.

Mr. Royal moved that the CCC support the language submitted by the NAACP to the FPC, seconded by Mr. Smith. There were no objections.

The staff assistant will forward the minutes to Mr. Leon Todd and ask him to forward them to Ms. Kessler, the chair of the Policy Committee.

Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Jansen and Ms. Mays will be creating a statement for the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 2:44 P.M.

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