

Community Police Commission (CPC)

May 7, 9:00 am In-Person & Via WebEx Conference Call

- **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
- **Take Attendance**

CPC Attendees: Joel Merkel, Raven Tyler, Anthony Gaedcke, Mark Mullens, Arlecier West, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman, Rabbi Benclouch, Ken Nnsimbi, Joseph Seia

CPC Absences: Lars Erickson, Le’Jayah Washington

CPC Staff: Eci Ameh, Taryn Darling, Devina Wijaya Moser, Dorian Waller, Mario Teulilo, Kieryn High, Masooma Ibrahim, Mergitu Argo

- **Review Agenda & Minutes**

Action: Motion to approve the draft agenda for 6/4/2025 and minutes from 4/2/2025

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Approved by voice vote.

- **Community Police Commission Updates**
 - **Co-Chair Updates-** City Council appointed Ken Nsimbi to the Community Police Commission for a term through December 21, 2026.
 - Additionally, we’re proud to share that Eci Ameh has been officially confirmed as the CPC Executive Director. Director Ameh has been leading the team with vision, dedication, and a deep commitment to community-centered work.
 - Commissioner Expectations – A reminder to all commissioners about their roles and responsibilities. Commissioners are expected to contribute about 10 hours per month in support of CPC’s work. Per the bylaws, this includes:
 - Attending Commission and assigned Workgroup meetings regularly
 - Maintaining at least 75% attendance (excluding excused absences)
 - Participating in community events, forums, and meetings

- Joining CPC meetings in person when possible
 - Keeping cameras on when attending remotely to support engagement
 - Responding promptly to communications requiring follow-up
 - Serving as informal liaisons to gather and share community feedback
- **Washington State Data Exchange for Public Safety (WADEX)**
 - WADEPS serves as the custodian of statewide use-of-force data, as mandated by Senate Bill 5259 (sponsored by Sen. Twina Nobles), enacted in 2021. The law requires all law enforcement agencies to report use-of-force incidents to a centralized, publicly accessible database.
- **Department Updates**
 - Mayor’s Office – No update
 - Monitoring Team- No update
 - DOJ- No Update
 - OPA- No Update
 - OIG- No Update
 - SPD-No Update
- **Executive Director Updates**
 - 4/29 Council Presentation
 - Director Ameh was joined by Lisa Judge (OIG), Bonnie Glenn (OPA), and Brian Maxey (SPD) to provide background for newer Public Safety Committee members. They discussed CPC’s origins, including the 39 community-based organizations that initiated the process with the DOJ, and emphasized CPC’s foundational role in today’s accountability system.
 - Addressing Public Safety Concerns
 - Communities raised concerns about police presence and safety at upcoming events
- **Community Engagement Updates**
 - The Community Engagement team has attended 14 different Advisory Council meetings and connected with 446 community members to hear their needs and concerns. They have also attended African American advisory council, and the guest speaker was Chief Barnes.

- **Policy Updates**
 - The Policy Team shared updates on communication tools and reviewed limited public safety legislation, noting few bills passed this session.
 - Community feedback continues to shape a more community-led policy approach.

- **Communications Updates**
 - Communications Director Kiernyn High shared a presentation from the 4/29 Council meeting, highlighting a strong cross-team effort, with key contributions from Policy, Community Engagement, and the Operations team.
 - In Progress:**
 - Building social media capacity and posting cadence
 - Updating the one-pager
 - Attending NAGC 2025 Communications School
 - Restarting the newsletter
 - Staff & Commissioner updates

- **Commissioner’s Committee and Workgroup Updates**
 - The Community Engagement Committee is exploring a new meeting time, preferably outside of evenings, as staff are often working in the community during those hours
 - **Action Item:** Appoint a Chair for the Police Practices Workgroup.

- **Commissioners will be voting on two proposed revisions to the CPC bylaws.**
 - These changes were introduced at our last meeting to satisfy the first step under Article XI of the Bylaws, which requires two-thirds approval of the full Commission.
 - With only four Commissioners present after two dropped off early, we did not have quorum to vote. This item will be brought back at a future meeting.

- **Adjourn**