



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

4:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

1. Called to order/Declaration of Quorum:

Mayor Daniel Biss called the meeting at 4:01p.m.

Committee Present: Mayor Daniel Biss, Patrick Keenan-Devlin, Andrew V Papachristos, Betty Bogg, Council Member Bobby Burns, Betty Ester, Campbell, Marcus A., Council Member Cicely Fleming, Council Member Devon Reid, Evangeline Semark, Alejandra Ibanez, Kristen White, Nathan Norman, Sarah Bogan, Sean Peck-Collier, Kymberly Walton

Others Present: Shenicka Hohenkirk, ICMA Management Fellow; Nicholas Cummings, Corporation Counsel; Demitrous Cook, Police Chief; Melissa Sacluti, Deputy Chief; Alexis Ruggie, Assistant City Attorney

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Mission and Goals

a. Racial Equity Impact Framework

- Committee Member Alejandra Ibanez shared a racial equity framework/toolkit from GARE in explaining why this committee should use this racial equity toolkit.
- The toolkit is designed to help this committee to figure out how to go from the theoretical of what racial equity is to the actual implementation of racial equity work.
- There are six simple questions for the committee to review when discussing data and implementation strategies. Those questions are:

1. Proposal: What is the policy, program, practice or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes?

2. Data: What's the data? What does the data tell us?

3. Community engagement: How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?

4. Analysis and strategies: Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?

5. Implementation: What is your plan for implementation? Government Alliance on Race and Equity TOOLKIT Racial Equity Toolkit: An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity 7

6. Accountability and communication: How will you ensure accountability, communicate, and evaluate results?

b. Shared Safety Framework

- Committee Member Evangeline Semark presented on a Shared Safety Framework that is used to build an approach to public safety that is rooted in true prevention, accountability and restoring the wellbeing of the community.
- The Blueprint of shared safety highlighted a year of research and outreach to help shift the focus of over incarceration to investments that will truly make communities safer.
- The five guiding principles for Shared Safety serve as the foundation for reimagining public safety here in Evanston. Those five principles are:
 1. **Shifting to a Public Health Frame**
 2. **Well-Being is Safety**
 3. **Crime Survivors at the Center**
 4. **Breaking the Cycle of Harm**
 5. **Making the System Work**

4. Narrowing down a list of six working groups:

- Mayor Biss led the discussion around which six working group topics should this committee focus on as a start. Committee members were asked to choose which working group they would like to participate in and select which three topics will become the top priorities.
- The six working group topics are:
 - a. Traffic & pedestrian enforcement
 - b. Breaking down data regarding patrol and allocation of time of EPD personnel and tax dollars
 - c. Rethinking the organizational structure -- if we were building a police department from scratch, what would it be?
 - d. Violence prevention/violence interruption strategies
 - e. SROs
 - f. Use of Force Policies

7. Schedule for Next Meeting:

Scheduled for Tuesday June 22, 2021 at 4:00 pm

8. Adjournment

Mayor Biss made a motion to adjourn, Patrick seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

