



## REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

4:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

### 1. Called to order/Declaration of Quorum:

Mayor Daniel Biss called the meeting at 4:03p.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; Aretha Barnes, Interim Police Chief; Melissa Sacluti, Deputy Chief; Alexis Ruggie, Assistant City Attorney

### 2. Public Comment

No public comment

### 3. Mission and Goals

#### a. Envisioning and Defining shared safety

- Committee Members shared their perspective of what shared safety means for Evanston.
- Committee Member Evangeline Semark provided her breakdown of what shared safety means for this committee. The framework of shared safety is everyone taking accountability for those who are most harmed in this community is best served. Also, public health trauma recovery vision is a needed balance for shared safety.
- Committee Member Alejandra shared that the essential part of shared safety is that everyone in the community of Evanston has access to health care, good jobs, housing, education and resources for all. If everyone has what they need, can help eliminate certain harmful barriers in the community.
- Committee Member Andrew Papachristos expressed that shared safety is centered on feeling safe and actually being safe in public spaces, such as schools, beaches, stores, and your home. Feeling safe is key because people will do things to promote safety if they are feeling unsafe, like one

carrying a gun because they are not feeling safe. Ensuring the feeling of being safe.

**b. Efforts of the three Working Groups**

- Mayor Biss led the discussion on the three working groups which are: Violence Prevention Interruption Strategies, Rethinking the Organization Structure and Breaking down Data with EPD.
- Each member has selected which group they will participate in and which member would be the chair of each meeting. These working groups will meet outside of the main Committee meeting to discuss and strategies ways to reimagine public safety in Evanston.
- There will not be an official votes or minutes taking in these working group meetings, nor will any of these meetings will be held privately, but open publicly to all. Major decisions and minutes will be taking during the regular committee meetings when all working group reconvene.

**c. Logistics: Frequency, venue, agenda production, and public input**

- Working groups will discuss and strategies, with their given topics, recommendations for the 2022 budget, public input and having finalized recommendations by September are critical.

**4. Schedule for Next Meeting:**  
Scheduled for Tuesday July 06, 2021 at 4:00 pm

**5. Adjournment**