



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 03, 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, Council Member Bobby Burns, Betty Ester, Council Member Devon Reid, Council Member Cicely Fleming, Alejandra Ibanez, Evangeline Semark, Nathan Norman, Sarah Bogan, Sean Peck-Collier, Kymberly Walton, and Marcus Campbell

Committee Absent: Betty Bogg, Kristen White,

Others Present: Shenicka Hohenkirk, ICMA Management Fellow; Interim Chief Aetha Barnes; Melissa Sacluti, Deputy Chief

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Approval of the July 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Sean Peck-Collier moved to approve the minutes, Committee Member Sara Bogan seconded. The approval of the July 20, 2021 meeting minutes was approved unanimously.

4. Working on Value Statement

- Mayor Biss provided an update on the value statement by encouraging a committee member to put together a page long draft of the Committee's value statement for all to discuss and vote on.
- Further discussion and edits around the value statement will be done via email for all committee members input.

5. Police and CTA Discussion

- Deputy Chief Sacluti provided a brief update on the partnership of Evanston Police Department (EPD) and CTA.
- EPD has an intergovernmental agreement with the CTA, which means that there are some EPD officers that work patrol specifically for CTA activities.
- Officers who want to sign up and work the CTA detail role understand that it is a volunteer role that the City of Evanston gets reimbursed for their time.

- There are two shifts the officers can work with the CTA, which are in the mornings and evenings.

6. Working Group Report Out:

- **Rethinking the Organizational Structure Group**
 - The group has taken a role at looking into the role of a peace officer and law enforcement office as a starting point to get a sense of what those roles are and how the authority is granted by the State.
 - Committee Member Patrick Keenan-Devlin provided an update on the Moran Center's research. It is still unclear what an "Officer" really is, and a draft memo of what an officer is will be reviewed and discussed during the next meeting.
- **Breaking down Data (EPD) Group**
 - A presentation was given to the group by Professor, Jordan Blair Woods from the University of Arkansas School of Law, who has done research and writing about alternative reforms of traffic enforcement.
 - The discussion centered around: how do you address questions on safety of officers? What are some legal obstacles around traffic enforcement?
 - There will be further conversations from other police department and stakeholders around traffic enforcements.
- **Violence Prevention/Strategies Group**
 - The group is tackled some key issues on what's some best practices within offices of public safety and research on what works in non-police violence initiatives.
 - The group continues to focus on on-ground violence prevention while continually recognize the importance of systemic causes and the here and now responses.
 - What are the assets and opportunities currently in Evanston on Outreach efforts? Looking deeply in the outreach services and resources.

6. Schedule for Next Meeting:
Scheduled for Tuesday August 31, 2021 at 4:00 pm

7. Adjournment