



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

4:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

1. Called to order/Declaration of Quorum:

Mayor Daniel Biss called the meeting at 4:05p.m.

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

Committee Absent: Council Member Cicely Fleming, Sara Bogan

Others Present: Shenicka Hohenkirk, ICMA Management Fellow; Melissa Sacluti, Deputy Chief; Nicholas Cummings, City Attorney.

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Approval of the August 31, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Patrick Keenan-Devlin moved to approve the minutes, Council Member Reid seconded. The approval of the August 31, 2021 meeting minutes was approved unanimously.

4. Working Group Report Out

- **Violence Prevention Group:** Committee Member Andy Papachristos provided an update on the working group progress. This group continues to work towards the three different levels of violence prevention which are intervention short-term, prevention mid-term and the truly transformative. The main focus of the work will be primarily intervention on the ground, immediate harm and trauma. There are two areas that are opportunities in Evanston that can make some strides towards reimagining public safety. Those two areas are: Street/neighborhood outreach and Victims Services/Survivors of violent crime.
- **Breaking Down Data Group:** Mayor Biss provided an update on traffic enforcement. This group has had various ranking EPD officers and Chief Legislative Aid from Berkeley, California on best practices on traffic enforcement. There are some civil justice related changes that they are engaged in around elimination of perpetual stops and protocols. There were be a team from

Philadelphia who will meet with this working group in the weeks to come, to discuss some traffic reforms and best approaches for traffic stops and violations.

- **Rethinking the Organizational Structures:** Committee Member Patrick Keenan-Devlin provided an update on the progress of this working group. The two major things this group is working on, one is bringing staff from peer services to help foster a better understanding on what it would take to provide on demand substance abuse treatment. The second is unpacking further on what it means to be a police officer vs. a peace officer. The distinction between the two is all law enforcement officers are peace officers, but not all peace officers are law enforcement officers. The group still has some research to look into for the next report out.

5. Debrief of ACLU Presentation:

- Mayor Biss gave a thirty second recap of the ACLU presentation on the Brooklyn Center in Minnesota, successful resolution on crime prevention. Some of the questions raised were: what is the strength and significance of doing a resolution being that resolutions are not binding? And second, what kinds of decisions are left to the City Council and what decisions are left to the City Manager?
- City Attorney Nicholas Cummings provided clarity on the significance of doing a resolution and explaining how resolutions can be useful and impactful, even though they are not binding. An example such as the Reparations fund was done by a resolution, along with the delivery cap of 15% that is on delivery apps such as Grub Hub, Uber Eats, etc.
- City Council can make recommendations to the City Manager and it will be up to the City Manager to either apply those recommendations in their decision process, or precede with their teams decisions on any resolution.
- The committee members' shared equal feedback that there are some parts of doing a resolutions sounds ideal, but it may be best for the group to work towards an ordinance instead, but will continue to work in the three working groups and find the right mechanisms for each groups to report their goals and make them public.

6. Discussion of Values Document:

- Agenda item will be discussed at the September 28, 2021 committee meeting.

6. Schedule for Next Meeting:

Scheduled for Tuesday September 28, 2021 at 4:00 pm

7. Adjournment at 5:00pm