Monday, January 13, 2025
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Commission members present: C. Arthur Blair, Brian Bellamy, Cherri Branson, Kristy Daphnis, Christina DeLane, Sony George, Francisco Javier González, Henry Mulzac, Eva Quittman, John Stephenson, Terry Walsh, Sean Watson [12 members]

Commission members absent: Petros Bein, Sgt. Cate Brewer (FOP)

Ex-officio members present: Capt. Jordan Satinsky (MCPD)

Support staff: Logan Anbinder, Susan Farag

Guests: Heidi Rhodes (Jews United for Justice)

I. Call to Order and Attendance (6:33 PM)
- Chair Bellamy called the meeting to order. A quorum (11 members) was present at this time.

II. Bill 26-24E Police – U Visa Law Enforcement Certification Policy (The "U V.I.S.A. Act) – Subcommittee Report and Vote (6:35PM)
- Mr. González summarized the subcommittee's work on this item and its draft letter.
- Vice Chair Branson suggested adding a sentence to the letter suggesting that MCPD extend its current policy to witnesses who qualify under federal law.
- Mr. George asked for information on the background of the bill. Mr. González and Mr. Blair summarized the bill and its context.
- **VOTE:** Dr. Walsh moved and Mr. Watson seconded approving the letter with an addition suggesting that MCPD extend its current policy to witnesses who qualify under federal law. The motion passed unanimously (12-0).

III. Public Forums – Planning discussion – continued (7:05PM)
- Council staff noted that the commission's previous plan to hold hybrid events would not be feasible, so it would be beneficial for the commission to hold individual events either as in-person only, or virtual-only. Staff recommended that the commission consider either two in-person forums and one virtual, or one in-person and one-virtual. Staff further suggested that if the ACP holds only one in-person session, it be held somewhere centrally located in the County (e.g. Rockville).
- Vice Chair Branson suggested holding a virtual listening session in March regarding consent searches and traffic stops.
- Mr. George shared that he holds public safety meetings at the Potomac public library.
- The commission discussed holding the first listening session as a virtual-only meeting at the regularly scheduled ACP meeting time in March (Monday, March 10, 2025) from 7-9PM.

- The commission considered focusing on consent searches and also on traffic enforcement. After further discussion, the ACP determined that the sole focus of the meeting would be MCPD's consent search policy.
- The commission expressed interest in inviting MCPD, MCDOT (for traffic enforcement), and one or more councilmembers. Ultimately, the commission determined to invite the Chief of Police of his designee, as well as Council Vice President Jawando and Public Safety Chair Katz, or, if they are unavailable, another councilmember.
- **VOTE:** Mr. González moved and Vice Chair Branson seconded hosting a virtual public engagement session on the topic of consent searches on Monday, March 10th from 7-9PM with Council Vice President Jawando, Chair Katz, and Chief Yamada as invited speakers. The motion passed unanimously (12-0).
- **ACTION:** Council staff will work to organize and publicize the event as described above, and to invite the aforementioned officials. Staff will also provide a list of outlets used to promote this event so that commissioners can supplement with personal outreach.

IV. Approval of the Minutes (7:53PM)
- **VOTE:** Mx. Quittman moved and Vice Chair Branson seconded the approval of the November minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business (7:54PM)
- Vice Chair Branson suggested the ACP consider in its February meeting any recommendations that it would like to make to the County Executive for changes to his recommended FY26 operating budget.
- **ACTION:** Staff will add this item to the agenda for February.
- Mr. González suggested inviting Chief Yamada to speak at a future meeting, potentially regarding the officer staffing shortage.

VI. Adjournment
- Mr. Stephenson moved and Mx. Quittman seconded adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at **7:58PM.**