



ADVISORY COMMISSION ON POLICING

Monday, July 14, 2025

Minutes

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

Commission members absent: C. Arthur Blair, Sgt. Cate Brewer (FOP)

Ex-officio members present: Lt. Jeff Innocenti (MCPD)

Support staff: Logan Anbinder, Susan Farag

I. Call to Order and Attendance (6:30 PM)

- Chair Bellamy called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. A quorum of ACP members was present.
- The ACP welcomed the newest commissioner, Lauren Cotton.

II. Approval of Draft Minutes, June (6:34 PM)

- Minutes approved without objection.

III. Compliance Subcommittee – Status Report (6:34 PM)

- Mx. Quittman provided an update on the subcommittee. The subcommittee is reviewing the recommendations of the Effective Law Enforcement for All (ELE4A) audit and is working on its list of questions for MCPD and other agencies regarding the Reimagining Public Safety and the ELE4A reports.
- Ms. Branson inquired whether the subcommittee is referring to the MCPD dashboard of ELE4A recommendations; Mx. Quittman indicated that the committee is using the dashboard but it may not be entirely up to date.

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IV. Data Subcommittee – Status Report (6:40 PM)

- Mr. George provided an update on the subcommittee. The subcommittee has come up with objectives and plans to send a data request to MCPD, the draft of which was developed by Mr. Mulzac. The subcommittee will prepare recommendations after receiving and analyzing this data.
- Ms. Branson inquired whether the subcommittee could determine what data is required by state and federal law to be collected, and the subcommittee said they would. Lt. Innocenti, Acting Director of MCPD Community Engagement Division, indicated that a lot of data comes from the computerized dispatch system and the report writing system. MCPD has a false alarm reduction unit that maintains data on false alarms.
- The subcommittee will gather additional info from MCPD/Lt. Innocenti outside of this meeting.
- **VOTE:** Mr. Mulzac moved and Mr. George seconded the motion to send the data request as proposed by the subcommittee. The motion passed.
- **ACTION:** Council staff will send this data request as approved by the ACP.

V. Review/Discussion – July 7 Public Safety Committee Worksession – Consent Search Policy Update (7:04 PM)

- Mr. González summarized the worksession. He expressed his belief that the new policy is a positive development, noting that the professional literature suggests that limits on consent search requests tend to result in better policing outcomes. He welcomed the MCPD commitment to continue fine tuning procedures and training. He further summarized: when a consent search is denied, the denial is recorded, but it is not clear whether anyone reviews it. MCPD trains as a best practice to document a Reasonable Articulate Suspicion before a request is made but has concerns about mandating this as a requirement. While the available data suggests that disparities continue, the dataset since the policy was changed remains too small to provide confidence on conclusions.
- The Commission discussed the use of census of data to identify possible disparities in police activities.
- The Data Subcommittee agreed to look into the issue and offer a recommendation, if possible.
- Ms. DeLane volunteered to join the Data Subcommittee.
- Commissioners volunteered to contact academic resources to gather information and recommendations regarding this issue.
- Ms. Branson also raised the issue of MCPD encryption of radio transmissions, which was discussed at the July 7 worksession. She shared community concerns about this change. Mr. González summarized the discussion from the worksession, noting his view that there was insufficient discussion about enabling the press timely access to relevant information. After a discussion of how encryption could affect community needs, it was agreed that a separate briefing would be requested from MCPD officials.

- **ACTION:** Council staff will organize a separate briefing on the radio encryption issue for interested commissioners.

VI. Draft Response to Community Correspondence (8:12 PM)

- The commission reviewed Mr. González's recommended language to be sent in response to community comments. Ms. Branson suggested that the response be amended to include a recommendation that the resident also contact the Public Safety Chair with their concerns, or that Council staff forward comments directly to the Chair.
- **ACTION:** By consensus, the Commission determined that staff will use the language drafted by Mr. González to respond to residents' comments and suggestions for the upcoming public forum, and Council staff will determine the feasibility of additionally recommending that residents contact Councilmembers.

VII. Proposed Public Forum – Update (8:25 PM)

- The next forum will be held on Monday, September 8th at the Council Office Building.
- **ACTION:** Council staff will discuss with colleagues regarding organization of the event at the Council Office Building and share additional information with the Commission.

VIII. New Business (8:30)

- Ms. Walsh indicated that there is an upcoming Schools Subcommittee meeting with Lt. Innocenti and a large document to review. Afterwards, the subcommittee will determine next steps.
- Ms. Branson suggested as a possible topic federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enforcement in the County.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.