



**City of Charleston**

**Charleston Citizen Police Advisory Council**

April 4, 2024

A meeting of the Charleston Citizen's Police Advisory Council was held this date beginning at 5:00 p.m., virtually over Zoom.

Notice of the meeting was sent to all local news media.

**PRESENT:** Chair Paul Tamburrino, Vice-Chair Jerome Harris, Dorris Grant, Colby Hollifield, Thomas Hummel, Jamie Khan, Joseph Krause, Philip Lucier, Sarah Mack, David Saulnier, Lilliana Taylor, Imogene Thomas.

**Also Present:** Steve Ruemelin, Suzanne Hardie, Jillian Eidson, Chito Walker, Jason Bruder, Thomas Bailey, Tonatte Mitchell, Anthony Gibson, and Logan McVey (arrived at 6:31 p.m.).

**Call to Order/Welcome**

Chair Tamburrino welcomed Colby Hollifield as the Mayor's selection for the Citizen Police Advisory Council.

Chair Tamburrino called for an amendment to the agenda.

Councilmember Saulnier asked to make a motion to create an Executive Subcommittee.

Chair Tamburrino said that it was not time for that yet and explained that they were making a motion to amend the agenda. Under section 7.e., he asked to amend the agenda to say, "Create Communications Subcommittee – Appointment of New Chair."

There was no discussion.

Mr. Ruemelin asked for roll call so that they would know how many Councilmembers were available for that 2/3 vote.

**Roll Call**

Ms. Eidson called roll.

On a motion from Vice-Chair Harris seconded by Councilmember Krause, the agenda was amended on a unanimous vote.

Chair Tamburrino asked Mr. Ruemelin if there were any updates on the four vacancies on the Council that still needed to be filled.

Mr. Ruemelin said that he had received a nomination from City Councilmember Seekings, and an application had been sent to the nominee.

Chair Tamburrino said that he had sent reminders to the remaining City Councilmembers who had not submitted nominees for CPAC. He said that he would send a note to the Mayor's office to ask him to appoint nominees in the City Councilmembers' stead.

Vice-Chair Harris said that he had spoken to City Councilmember Waring who had said he had submitted a name to the Mayor and that it had moved forward as the Mayor's nomination, not his own.

Chair Tamburrino said they still needed student selection and two City Councilmember selections. If the Councilmembers did not fill the vacancies, the Mayor would fill them instead.

### **Citizen's Participation Period**

Written statements from Anthony G. Bryant were submitted to CPAC to be included in the meeting. They were attached to the end of the minutes.

Ms. Hardie introduced herself as a representative of the Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM). CAJM was pleased with the establishment of the ERA Subcommittee. They were eager to work together with CPAC and the Subcommittee. The number of attendees at the ERA forum indicated the community was interested in improving equitable policing. There were three projects CAJM wanted CPAC to assist them with gathering information. They wanted the CPD's responses to the ERA report: what their timing for the comprehensive response and action plan would be; if it would address the racial disparity in motor vehicle stops; how and when would CPAC or the CPD inform the public about the report; what would be used to monitor the CPD to see that they adhered to the report's recommendations. They wanted to know when the 2023 CPD report would be completed and released, and how the CPD would inform and engage with the public about the results. Lastly, they wanted to know what the timeline for the comprehensive plan would be and how CPAC and the CPD would engage with the public about it and include their input into the plan's development.

A copy of Ms. Hardie's commentary was attached at the end of the minutes.

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Councilmember Saulnier seconded by Councilmember Thomas, the minutes for December 2023 were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Councilmember Krause seconded by Councilmember Saulnier, the February 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

### **CPD Updates**

Chief Walker said that for the last two months, the CPD had been focused on the restructuring of the agency and interviews for promotions. There had been promotions for Deputy Chief, two Captains, two Lieutenants, and three Sergeants. Information would be published April 13, 2024, and he invited those present to attend the promotion ceremony later next month. Restructuring had been centered around agency efficiency, with the promotions acting to help put together a team that would help Chief Walker with departmental restructuring. The annual and internal affairs reports, and the department's response to the ERA, would be sent to the Mayor for review and would then be published.

Chair Tamburrino said that he and Chief Walker had discussed those changes, and the Chief would forward him a copy of the new department organization chart to him. It would cover reassignments and promotions. He welcomed Captain Mitchell to CPAC.

Chief Walker said that they would iron out departmental responsibilities before disseminating the new information to CPAC. He encouraged new CPAC members to participate in the Citizen's Police Academy to further their engagement.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Chair Tamburrino said that he had put forth efforts to empower the subcommittees and stepped back from attending all of them in order to allow self-governance. He stressed the importance of the subcommittees properly maintaining management and goal orientation, and every member of CPAC needed to join a subcommittee. He encouraged members who had not participated in the Citizens Police Academy to do so, and to go on a ride-along with an officer.

He would be out of the country for a few weeks, and Vice-Chair Harris would oversee CPAC.

He went over the rules for emergency meetings in the case of subcommittees or CPAC.

He asked if there were any questions.

Vice-Chair Harris urged people joining a subcommittee to read the subcommittee guidelines.

Chair Tamburrino said that the subcommittees needed to approve their minutes at their meetings. Instead of submitting their minutes immediately after their meetings, they would need to write a summary to give to CPAC.

As there were no more questions they moved on to the next subject.

On a motion by Vice-Chair Harris seconded by Councilmember Thomas, it was unanimously approved to amend the agenda to read Create Executive Subcommittee.

Councilmember Saulnier spoke to the importance of an Executive Subcommittee as a way for all subcommittees to meet with each other and share information.

Councilmember Hollifield asked what an Executive Subcommittee would do.

Chair Tamburrino explained that it would free up CPAC meeting time so that the subcommittee chairs and members could meet and have discussions about administrative things before the main meetings.

Vice-Chair Harris asked what authority or responsibility the Executive Subcommittee would have. He wanted to know if the purpose of the Executive Subcommittee would be to get action recommendations from the different subcommittees to CPAC.

Chair Tamburrino said that he didn't envision anything requiring a motion to come out of the Executive Subcommittee. From his perspective, the Executive Subcommittee would be administrative.

Vice-Chair Harris said that his suggestion for the subcommittee was for them to help streamline CPAC's ability to process actions in between bi-monthly meetings.

Chair Tamburrino asked Mr. Ruemelin if the Executive Subcommittee would be able to make the suggested types of decisions outside of a formal council.

Mr. Ruemelin said that the decisions would need to be taken on a case-by-case basis.

Councilmember Saulnier asked Vice-Chair Harris if he meant that his ERA Subcommittee would need to speak to the Executive Subcommittee to formally speak to CPAC.

Vice-Chair Harris said he did not mean that, but that subcommittees could talk about actions to take in between the approval of minutes.

Councilmember Hollifield said that action model would usurp the rules of the subcommittees by sending things on to CPAC. He asked if they would still need to approve subcommittee minutes before going to CPAC.

Discussion continued in this manner.

Chair Tamburrino explained how minutes for subcommittees worked. He used CAJM and Ms. Hardie's presence as an example of how the Executive Subcommittee would work.

He asked if there were any questions or comments. As there were none they moved on to the motion.

On a motion by Councilmember Saulnier seconded by Vice-Chair Harris, it was unanimously approved to create an Executive Subcommittee.

Chief Walker asked if CPD members would need to attend the Executive Subcommittee.

Chair Tamburrino said that they would not, but they would potentially be invited.

They continued to discuss the administrative responsibilities of the Executive Subcommittee.

Chief Walker said that there were different moving parts with regards to departmental organization, and that Captain Cretella would be the new Deputy Chief of Staff going forward.

Councilmember Grant went over highlights from the Policy Subcommittee meeting, the summary of which was included at the end of these minutes.

As there was no further discussion, they moved on to the next subcommittee report.

Councilmember Khan went over highlights from the Complaint Review Subcommittee meeting, the summary of which was included at the end of these minutes.

Chair Tamburrino asked if there were any questions.

Councilmember Krause asked for clarification about Item 6 on the unapproved minutes from the Complaint Review Subcommittee and what the CPD's position on requests to obtain incident files was.

Councilmember Khan said that they had had a discussion at the meeting about that, and the consensus was that if members of the subcommittee wanted to look further into complaints, they would be provided summaries of the incidents, but not full file access. The reasoning was that CPAC's role was as a citizen's advisory committee, and as citizens it was not their purview to have access to police files or reinvestigate something that had been closed by the department.

Chair Tamburrino said that he had gone over the guidelines with Mr. Ruemelin and the Complaint Review Subcommittee, and it was clear that City Council intended for CPAC to supervise in only an advisory capacity. They could ask to pull samples from the department's records for the purpose of statistical analysis. CPAC was not an oversight group.

Vice-Chair Harris read out part of CPAC's guidelines and said that there was language within about CPAC reviewing, which could be interpreted as being oversight. He continued reading the guidelines and what CPAC were not allowed to do.

Chair Tamburrino said that his perspective was that if there was confusion about the language present in the guidelines, they would need to submit a motion to request City Council for clarification and to fix them. CPAC would need to be involved with CPD incident reviews in real time, which would be unfair to officers who had already been cleared by the department.

Councilmember Krause clarified that they wanted to know the decisions behind departmental choices and why officers would be cleared. He wanted to know what CPD incident summaries consisted of.

Councilmember Khan said that they had not reached the point to ask for case summaries, and they were currently looking at statistical data.

Chair Tamburrino asked if CPAC wanted the subcommittee to ask for targeted incident summaries during their meeting with the CPD. If the subcommittee passed a motion to ask for a summary, they would go to CPAC, who would in turn need to pass a motion, and he would go to the CPD and ask on behalf of CPAC for the incident summary. He said that the CPAC chair was not allowed to read the summary in private and then disseminate information directly. An officer

of the department would bring the summary to him and would discuss the contents. He told Councilmember Krause to ask the department for a sample summary so that they would know what to expect.

Councilmember Krause said he just wanted to know what level of information they would receive and analyze.

Chair Tamburrino said that he believed it would be a heavily redacted report. They would get to see the channels the report went through, the administration involved, and what level of punishment the officer had received. He said that he learned this at the Citizen's Police Academy.

Chief Walker said that the Citizen's Police Academy was not designed to be light and fill time. It went through every facet of the department's functionality, including the complaint department. Members of the Complaint Review Subcommittee would benefit from attending the academy to further their education and effectiveness in their positions. He said that if they needed to do a review of the Professional Standards portion of the Citizen's Academy, they would do so.

Chair Tamburrino said that 80-90% of those present had attended the Citizen's Academy and they would ask questions. He said that no one had seriously asked for access to anything specifically, but asked if anyone at the meeting did.

Councilmember Khan said that no one on his subcommittee was asking for access to anything.

Chair Tamburrino asked if any subcommittee members had any pending subcommittee. As there were none, he told Mr. Ruemelin to direct any questions from subcommittee members back towards CPAC.

As there was no further discussion, they moved on to the next subcommittee report.

Councilmember Saulnier went over the report from the ERA Subcommittee, the summary of which was included at the end of the minutes.

Chair Tamburrino said that there were many good dash videos put together and suggested that Sergeant Gibson would put those videos on social media. He pointed to CAJM's social media presence as an example of how to publicize their own accomplishments or innovations. They needed to keep the social media feed current and updated with regularity.

Sergeant Gibson said that they could handle that, and it would be easy to put the dash videos on a repeat schedule.

Chair Tamburrino said that the ERA subcommittee would need the most social media presence to get information out to the public.

Councilmember Saulnier said they would have more information at the next meeting.

Chair Tamburrino said the subcommittee did public interest work, and it was important to use social media to promote their meetings to mitigate repeat questions from the public. The media

had reached out to him in the past because of the Complaint Subcommittee, and he had directed them to speak to Councilmember McIver as the subcommittee chair. They had asked him if the subcommittee meetings were recorded, and he had said that they were but were not published. Publishing them would require a FOIA. He asked Ms. Eidson who oversaw FOIA requests.

Ms. Eidson said the requests went through the CPD.

Chair Tamburrino said that instead of making members of the public go through FOIA to see their videos, the subcommittee could potentially have them and post them to social media.

Councilmember Saulnier asked Ms. Eidson if all of the recordings of their subcommittees were just held in CPD.

Ms. Eidson said that there had never been requests to see a subcommittee recording before, and policy was to hold links to Zoom recording of the meetings.

Chair Tamburrino said that CPAC would like to have a social media channel to upload those recordings. They wanted to be able to show the public how their meetings functioned.

Councilmember Saulnier asked if CPAC meetings were being uploaded.

Ms. Eidson explained that CPAC meetings were being livestreamed to YouTube.

As there was no further discussion, they moved on to the next subcommittee.

Chair Tamburrino explained how important the Communication Subcommittee was for CPAC and public interest. He asked if anyone was interested in chairing the Communication Subcommittee.

He appointed Councilmember Hummel to be the chair of the Communication Subcommittee.

Chair Tamburrino asked if anyone had any questions or comments about the subcommittees. As there were none, they moved on to the next point on the agenda.

### **CPD Updates**

Ms. Eidson said that they would go over the ERA and OIA reports but could not go into too much detail about the OIA report as it was not finalized. She said she knew Ms. Hardie had specific questions regarding that, and that in the report the CPD went over all 72 recommendations from the CNA and 24 from the ERA. Their intention was to combine those suggestions while formulating their Strategic Plan. They would first discuss them with the Public Safety Committee and City Council, and then they would be able to discuss it with CAJM at their next meeting.

Chair Tamburrino asked if the CPD were looking at public forums to do that, or if they were going to channel it through City Council and then give to CPAC to facilitate it.



Ms. Eidson said that their current intention was to work with CPAC and get their advice on the best way to put the information out for the public.

Chair Tamburrino said that it would need to be a cross collaboration between the Communications and ERA subcommittees, and they could do a large Zoom meeting.

Councilmember Saulnier said they could also use different news stations.

Ms. Eidson said that the presentations received coverage, but she encouraged the councilmembers to bring people that they represented because the CPD would like to hear from them.

Councilmember Saulnier said that it was a positive step because he did not believe most departments were good at communicating positive information to the public.

Logan McVey arrived at 6:31 p.m.

Ms. Eidson welcomed Mr. McVey to the meeting.

Vice-Chair Harris asked when the CPD anticipated giving the presentation to the Public Safety Committee.

Ms. Eidson said that it had not yet been determined.

Chief Walker said that CPAC would receive that information when it was finalized.

Chair Tamburrino asked if there were any more questions.

Ms. Eidson said that they were still working on their action plan for the Smart Policing Grant, and they were working to get the release of the full \$800,000 grant. They had a draft that was a restatement of their application but there was more emphasis on the evaluation component. They were working with their research partner to fine-tune what they were going to do, how they were going to measure it, and how it made a difference, using rigid evaluation. They had met with their technical assistance provider earlier in the day and would receive feedback at some point. Once the CPD had the report, they would send it to the grant organization and hopefully move on to approval and the release of the grant funds. The money would allow them to begin their initiatives in earnest.

She said that there was a question at the ERA subcommittee about the availability of the CPD's new software and how interactive it would be. The software would not have functionality in a couple of months, but they would build up to it. CPAC would be called on to check the software's useability.

Vice-Chair Harris asked if the action plan was in the public domain.

Ms. Eidson said it was not, but the Bureau of Justice Administration might post it, and if it was, she would make CPAC aware of that.



Lieutenant Bailey said that the ERA and OIA reports were going to be sent to the Mayor's Office for final review before being published. If CPAC had any questions about it once it had been published, he was happy to answer them.

Chair Tamburrino asked if there were any questions.

He encouraged CPAC to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting to help supplement their knowledge about reports like the one being discussed. Public Safety Committee meetings often discussed items that would eventually be relevant to CPAC. He spoke at length about the importance of groups like CPAC for educating the community.

Councilmember Thomas asked Ms. Hardie if CPAC could have dates for CAJM meetings so that they could attend them.

Ms. Hardie said there was a large annual meeting on policing happening on April 15 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. She said that she had planned to connect with Councilmember Saulnier after the current meeting to figure out a way for CAJM and CPAC subcommittees to connect.

Chair Tamburrino said that CPAC members attending those meetings would be fulfilling their council charter and interests.

He asked if there were any questions. As there were none, they moved on to the next point.

Captain Bruder spoke about the new carry law in South Carolina that allowed individuals who otherwise were not prohibited from possessing a firearm to legally possess openly or concealed without training or a permit. He said that Mr. Ruemelin took the lead on how officers would respond to the new law. Officers had been trained to no longer view someone carrying a gun openly as a clue to criminality. As far as he was aware, there had not been any issues implementing those changes.

Chair Tamburrino asked if it was no longer a legal requirement for people with concealed weapons to declare their possession of one in the event of a motor vehicle stop.

Captain Bruder said that it was not.

Chair Tamburrino asked if the CPD had seen any issues develop because of the changes.

Chief Walker said that they had not. The department was still rolling out changes and education pertaining to the changes in the law. He had been informed that so far, the only city that had experienced any changes was Greenville, but there were no incidents in Charleston. He said that he had spoken to many people in Tennessee and Arizona, and they had had Constitutional Carry laws in place for a time and that they hadn't experienced any changes. He said that the most important thing for the CPD from a public safety standpoint was that they understood the legislature that had been signed.

Chair Tamburrino expressed interest in CPAC helping the CPD educate the public on the new law.

They discussed existing anxieties within law enforcement surrounding gun violence within the 13- to 19-year-old demographic, and how those were affected by the new carry law, and the public's anxiety about the new law.

Captain Bruder went over the upcoming CPD events, including the Bridge Run, Citizen's Police Academy, Wellness Day for the unhoused and those at risk of losing their housing, a game at the Charleston Battery, the Dragon Boat Race, Police Week Memorial Service, and the CPD Open House.

Vice-Chair Harris said that he wanted to highlight the Wellness Day event, as the department's handling of the unhoused was a major pressure they were asked to address by the ERA Report. He encouraged CPAC to attend to see what efforts the department had employed.

Chair Tamburrino encouraged people to attend the open house.

### **Old Business**

Chair Tamburrino asked if there was any old business that needed to be addressed.

As there was none, they moved on to addressing new business.

### **New Business**

Councilmember Saulnier said that the CPAC subcommittees were essentially looking for data, but the data already existed within the CPD video archives. To save work for CPAC, he did not want information or reporting to be duplicated. That being said, they would not know if they had asked for a duplication. He asked if there was someone in CPAC who could sit down with the CPD's data people and ask what the best way to report their data was.

Chair Tamburrino said that the answer could be a vague case-by-case basis.

Councilmember Saulnier asked about a software tool to use in this regard.

Chair Tamburrino said that software was more complicated than that. He said that the best thing to do would be to speak to Captain Bruder or someone related and continue their education about the department and networking within the field. The liaison channels between CPAC and the department existed for a reason. CPAC would receive a copy of the department's organization chart, and they would use that to learn who to take specific questions to.

Councilmember Saulnier said that the subcommittees would ask for more data.

Chair Tamburrino said that it was important for the subcommittees to meet with their department representatives. If they wanted data, they needed to meet with the representative who would give them accurate answers about what would be possible for them to receive from the department. CPAC and the CPD needed to work together.

Captain Bruder said that most of the department's systems and data were based on facilitated processes and not to answer questions that people might have in the moment. He recommended they not get bogged down in the data, think about what questions the subcommittees wanted answered, and then present those questions to the department so they could begin the process of combing through data in reverse. The Post & Courier had asked the department how many people they had stop-searched each year. The department had not been recording that data, so they had begun to collect that data in response. If the subcommittees had data questions similar to the Post & Courier, the department might not have that data and would potentially need to begin collecting it.

Chair Tamburrino said the other piece of new business was Councilmember Hollifield introducing himself.

Councilmember Hollifield introduced himself and gave an overview of his background.

Chair Tamburrino asked him what his primary area of interest was.

Councilmember Hollifield asked what ERA stood for.

Ms. Eidson said that it was an acronym for External Review Assessment. She briefly gave a summary of the ERA for Councilmember Hollifield and how CPAC was addressing it. She told him that she could get him copies of the information.

Councilmember Hollifield said that everything was interesting to him, but nothing had jumped out yet and he wanted to learn more before he made a commitment to a committee.

Chair Tamburrino encouraged him to participate in each of the subcommittees to get a feel for them. He spoke more about why the ERA was important to CPAC and the CPD and why CPAC had created a subcommittee for it.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, CPAC adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Mae-Lee Colwell

Clerk of Council's Office

## **CPAC Meeting 4/4/2024 – Citizen Participation**

These are Comments and Requests respectfully made on April 4, 2024 from CAJM. Please enter these into the official CPAC record.

First, I want to express our enthusiasm for the establishment of CPAC's ER&A Subcommittee. We see this as an important step forward in leadership by CPAC, with the potential to positively impact future policing in Charleston. CAJM is eager to be a resource to CPAC and the ERA committee, as well as to continue being an active partner in enabling a more equitable, peaceful, and safe city via a transparent and equitable Police department. The impressive turnout of almost 300 citizens at the January 35<sup>th</sup> Public Forum is a testament to the community's interest in this aspiration.

- Going forward, there are 3 imminent projects we ask for specific information:

### **1. CPD's Response to the ERA Report**

- a. What is the timing for the comprehensive response and action plan?
- b. Will there be specific plans to understand and address outstanding racial disparities in motor vehicle stops s.a searches, "pretext stops", and arrests?
- c. How and when will CPD/CPAC inform and engage the public on this report??
- d. What is in place/needs to be in place to ensure ongoing transparency in monitoring the department's progress on addressing the report's recommendations, specifically on the racial disparities?

### **2. CPD's 2023 Report**

1. When will the 2023 report be complete?
2. Will/How will CPD communicate and engage the public on the findings and data?
3. How will CPD utilize these data?

### **3. CPD Strategic Plan**

- a) What is the timeline for this project ?
- b) How will CPD/CPAC engage the public in the development of the plan to ensure their input and transparency?
- c) How will the ER&A findings and recommendations be incorporated into the Strategic plan?

d) How will CPAC/CPD communicate progress on the strategic plan to the public?

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Suzanne Hardie

4.4.2024

## **CPAC Meeting 4/4/2024 – Citizen Participation Innovate Submissions**

1. It is important to note this a appointed group under the past Administration with relationship with City of Charleston Police Department and did not recommend under the Administrative Procedure Act Notice Procedure Effective Date and Judicial Review by allowing public Comments at the Public Safety Committee a assembly of the City of Charleston Council. Why? Based upon the exact and facts the City of Charleston Police Department has deplorable statistical abstracts as it relates to identifying policies and practices at issues to establish disparities to establish causation to establish adverse effects. How this appointed City of Charleston Assembly would ask? South Carolina is 42 in Education and has been in the 40% percentile in Education for 50 years with 36 in public health meaning mental and physical care coupled with over 30% of household income on housing many by default are At Risked to be Unhoused Unhoused Chronically Unhoused according to the Department of Agriculture. How can you observe surveil and arrest without considering these dire statistical abstracts when recommendation to our honorable men and women in law enforcement ? Who am I to make such statements? I was on the Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals from 1999 2006 under the South Carolina Planning and Enabling Act dealing with Public Safety Public Health and Growth. It is also important to note that over 3,400 person in the United States have been wrongfully prosecuted for they did not commit mostly poor and working poor African American Males coupled with 50% of homicides in the African American Community go unsolved a recipe for confusion for it's own sake by publicly corrupt officials do to 13 Sheriff office or more that violated state or federal law or both. How can Ninth Judicial Circuit guarantee equal protection and due process without a resident Circuit Judge based upon Scarlett Wilson citing delays in Justice or injustice without Administration and Enforcement of the South Carolina Judiciary Based on the facts mentioned. I made a South Carolina Freedom of Information Act request regarding the Commission on Law Enforcement Agencies Inc reaccreditation City of Charleston Police Department my public Comments regarding Title VI retaliation for filing a Department of Justice complaint after both my Bike and car was apart of two incidents with Identity Theft as a result of a police report exposing my social security number and EIN number Internal Revenue Service on False Police Report mentioned on the Ninth Judicial Circuit Clerk Judicial Website as a Domestic Abusers in error South Carolina Department of Revenue express City of Charleston Police Department and Charleston County Sheriff office under Civil Forfeiture laws allow police to seize person or property or other property without arrest or conviction. It was the US Secret Service Agent that

spoke and support the policies and practices of the City of Charleston Police Department he should have looked at the audit and maybe he would have not been so supportive of the Administration and Enforcement of the State and Federal laws. Commission on Law Enforcement Agencies Inc used the Charleston County Municipal court and I am deserving of a response to insure all my constitutional rights involved was not violated.

*by Anthony Bryant , 2123 Courtland Avenue Charleston SC 29403 03/29/24 9:38:15 PM*

2. It was brought to my attention that my has been well received over the years by local county state and federal law enforcement. For the record I have made public Comments regarding the highest and best use of taxation credit and the Commerce Clause since the early 1990s before Social Media platform broadcast of Council meeting when Mayor Joseph P Riley Jr was in his political prime and manifesting his vision to the world 🌐🌐 🌐 all I was a major critic of his vision approval process the financial arrangements and construction of this world 🌐🌐 class City I always respect his method of respecting those that dissent against said program and activities mentioned. Unfortunately times have changed and I must change with it the of Charleston Police Department Multi jurisdictional Task Force is flawed it provides for a blanketed assertion that African American Males in low to moderate income census tracts are all criminal until verified by the fact finders once found to be a Citizen of the United States after being detained arrested without cause or in error under US Magistrate rule 73 authority of US Magistrate to seize person or property or both again with 13 Sheriff office that violated state or federal laws or both. After filing Department of Agriculture and Department of Commerce public Comments to the South Carolina Department of Commerce about Economic Solutions Grants and US Army Corps of Engineers public Comments regarding Boeing Corporation and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control during Governor Nikki Haley tenure a Bryan Kellet served a warrant on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety and/or South Carolina State Troopers in 1989 but the ticket was disputed regarding the legal ownership and Tag number it express the wrong middle name and State of New Jersey a \$40.00 pay to the Charleston County Clerk of Court that could have led to extradition in error if I had resist the United States Marshall Service or any law enforcement officer would have exposed my person to justifiable use of force. In addition to Charleston County Consolidated schools district mentioned personal property and Motley Rice mentioned personal pictures as a former Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals from 1999 2006 I voted on Telecommunications Towers nothing can be deleted from a computer as a result of Identity Theft cause by the social security number and EIN number Internal Revenue Service as a result of Charleston Consolidated schools district former employee claiming I was a Domestic Abusers and Internet Crimes Against Children under 18 USC 3103 a b Warrants By Telephone or Other Reliable Electronic Means Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act Title I Protecting Children Title II Deleting Online Predator Title III Children List Brokers so on August 6 2010 my incident report written by a City of Charleston Police Officer now Charleston County Sheriff



officer did not respond back to me regarding my Volvo that I paid for cash not knowing the South Carolina Department of Revenue exposing my social security number and EIN number Internal Revenue Service express Civil Forfeiture laws allow police to seize person or Other Reliable without arrest or conviction. In 2015 I was riding my bike on Rutledge Avenue and Peachtree Street Peninsula of Charleston and was hit by a Truck both of my claim was not respected by South Carolina Department of Insurance State Farm Insurance and USAA not that South Carolina Law Enforcement Division as well as the City of Charleston Police Department and US Secret Service are members of the Commission on Law and Division. In which I made public Comments regarding reaccreditation of the City of Charleston Police Department to Commission on Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. never to receive transcript or video of the meeting held at Lockwood Boulevard Charleston County Municipal court. Bryant Group Inc has not been able to conduct business license in the City of Charleston I demand a protest of paying my business license fee to be observed surveil in the City of Charleston we're I I was born and reared.

*by Anthony Bryant , 2123 Courtland Avenue Charleston SC 29403 03/30/24 2:30:10 PM*

3. On April 1 2024 I sent US Mail from US Post Office Box at East Bay Street Charleston SC 29401 Bryant Group Inc 14039 Business Identity Theft Affidavit Department of Treasury. As a result of calling Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service 1-844-545-5640 at 4400 Leeds Avenue Ste 270 North Charleston SC 29405 . It is important to note that Form 15006 was signed after field Officer V0007 30240 review following documents Anthony G Bryant v Executive Office for United States Attorneys Supreme Court of the United States Office of the Clerk Washington DC 20-8027 letter dated May 14 2021 to Anthony G Bryant 2123 Courtland Avenue Charleston SC 29403 attached Supreme Court of the United States Solicitor General of the United States Supreme Court of the United States to Anthony G Bryant 2123 Courtland Avenue Charleston SC 29403 the next documents Review by the Internal Revenue Service Field Officer was the following State of South Carolina Corporate Registration Filing Form SC 1070L Bryant Group Inc 2123 Courtland Avenue Charleston SC 29403 South Carolina Corporate Filing Number and last four digits of the EIN number Internal Revenue Service next documents Department of Justice Inspector General Act April 12 2021 to Anthony G Bryant 2123 Courtland Avenue Charleston SC 29403 and the last documents was a document I gave to you Honorable Mayor William Cogswell at the March 26 2024 City of Charleston Council meeting case number 13-00483 The Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Freedom of Information and Privacy Act under the Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 Qualified Immunity under the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946 Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Information System and Investigate Reporting Filing System.

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4. Valerie Renken with the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs called about C24 -01356 Peddle and Charleston Auto Parts as the South Carolina Insurance Commission regarding State Farm Insurance and South Carolina Department of Revenue exposing my social security number and EIN number Internal Revenue Service as a result of Four City of Charleston Police Reports. In addition to South Carolina Department of Revenue Tax Advocate providing Notice of Civil Forfeiture laws allow police to seize cash home or Other property. Since the Federal Bureau of Investigation worked with the City of Charleston Police Department and in 2010 under Office on Violence Against Women STREET and Community Oriented Policing during that period of time my name and business had to refer to law enforcement Why? Because under Title VI a person cannot be retaliated for filing a complaint against a recipient of Federal Financial assistance. The Federal Bureau of Investigation can only review USC 241 and 242 Color of the Law for example False Police Report that exposed social security number EIN number Internal Revenue Service Qualified Immunity on the Identity theft Affidavit express by the Internal Revenue Service a person can be wrongfully prosecuted for a crime they did not commit. I have been a public policy activist for decades more specifically the Eighth Amendment since African American make 15% of the total United States Population according to 2022 data unfortunately make up 39% of the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a Informa pauperis litigant in Anthony G Bryant v Federal Bureau of Investigation Anthony G Bryant v Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Anthony G Bryant v Drug Enforcement Administration Anthony G Bryant v South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Anthony G Bryant v South Carolina Department of Corrections to insure the Equal Protection and Due Process Clause for all and the fully funding of local county state and federal budget to insure balance of all the unintended consequences as a result of the so called War Drugs that method was used for decades to dehumanize the masses of US Citizen by simply being born and reared in these census tracts. Anthony G Bryant v AT&T Cricket Wireless and META Corporation Facebook Instagram O Connell v Mason Order by US Senior Judge Bryan Harwell covering Charleston Columbia Orangeburg Rock Hill Aiken SC under O Connell v Mason Supreme Court of the United States express vexation towards the methods of the Judicial Branch which I Objected US Magistrate Shiva Hodges refer by Judge Joseph Dawson III express Graham v Riddle frivolous lawsuit about a inmate in the United States Courts of Appeals For Fourth Amendment Richmond VA covering South Carolina North Carolina Maryland Virginia and West Virginia the inmate lawsuit regarding FOOD since I am a brunt of jokes with your rank and file. Under the Biden Administration the Federal Bureau of Prison have issues a social media ban on Facebook Tik Tok and Instagram X in Federal Bureau of Prison in addition to the South Carolina Department of Corrections throwing Bryant Group Inc in the mix based upon the fact that as a Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals from 1999 2006 all Telecommunications Towers are under the South Carolina Planning and Enabling Act regarding his Prison Cell phone issues and that many of the Countries were South Carolina Department of Corrections are located did not have a effective Comprehensive Planning and of

ineffective land use policies to mitigate the problem and worst South Carolina Department of Corrections public officials violation of South Carolina Ethics Government Accountability and Campaign Reform Act at best.

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5. April 4 2024 is a very sad day in the history of African American in the United States as of recent important to non African Americans. As a native Charlestonians in specifically vibe and style I would be remiss to make this April 4 2024 day respectful and plain. Did Anthony G Bryant have a just grievance? Did Anthony G Bryant use all forms of normal means to eliminate the problem by petition negotiation and appropriate appeals to authorities? Did Anthony G Bryant identify policies and practices at issues that made channels useless and forcibly closed and attempted to maintain a since of responsible and respectful discussion within the rules of decorum?? Did Anthony G Bryant work for a clear program to relieve injustice without inflicting injustice upon others and is his recommendation reasonable and grounded in best tradition of Society all the Best to Honorable Chito Walker our Police Chief and his staff despite all I have always held him the highest esteem and all on City of Charleston Advisory committee and City of Charleston Public Safety Committee.

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6. I Anthony G Bryant give notice to the City of Charleston Police Department regarding South State Bank Computer Hack impact upon my social security number again the Internal Revenue Service experience under Identity Theft a person can be wrongfully prosecuted for a crime they did not commit South State Bank Mobile PayPal META Zelle and CashApp are all the observation surveillance and arrest of the South Carolina Attorney General Office Al Wilson he should be aware in the public interest along with the South Carolina Department of Revenue exposing my social security number and EIN number Internal Revenue Service in which Atlanta Georgia Region Four US Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation has not given a final report regarding the impact of the Hack and impact on Bryant Group Inc Corporate Compliance Certification along with the inept South Carolina Security of State Mark Hammond and Federal Trade Commission. Anthony G Bryant Notice AT&T has been hacked another cyber security issues to all that is a customer of Cricket Wireless and META Corporation Facebook Instagram Anthony G Bryant v AT &T Cricket Wireless and META Corporation Facebook Instagram O Connell v Mason Supreme Court of the United States and Graham v Riddle frivolous inmate lawsuit by US Senior Judge Bryan Harwell covering Charleston Columbia Orangeburg Rock Hill Aiken SC Rule 73 authority of US Magistrate Shiva Hodges referred by Joseph Dawson III Order and Opinion Objected by Anthony G

Bryant Pro Se informa pauperis litigant in the United States District Court of South Carolina at 85 Broad Street Charleston SC 29401 under Administration and Enforcement of the United States Marshall Service for I Anthony G Bryant Appeal as a Pro Se informa pauperis litigant in the United States Courts of Appeals For Fourth Circuit Richmond VA Clerk granted my in forma pauperis litigant status covering South Carolina North Carolina Maryland Virginia and West Virginia by default 18 USC 3103 a b Warrants By Telephone or Other Reliable Electronic Means 18 USC 2705 and Seizure Warrant according to the South Carolina Department of Revenue citing the City of Charleston and Charleston County Civil Forfeiture laws allow police to seize cash home cars and other property without arrest or conviction. Anytime a person or group struggles properly and justly for his or her or the groups own right they enlarge the rights of all.

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**Citizen Police Advisory Council Complaints Review Subcommittee  
Scheduled March18, 2024- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Meeting Minutes & Written Summary**

**1. Call to Order:**

Attendees: Harrison McIver, Jamie Khan, Doris Grant, Thomas Hummel, Sara Mack, David Saulnier, Lilliana Taylor, Imogene Thomas, Jillian Edison, Capt. Anthony Cretella, Lt. Thomas Bailey & Steve Ruemelin  
The meeting began at 5:00pm and ended at 5:50 pm.

**2. Roll call- Subcommittee Members:**

Harrison McIver, Chair, Jamie Khan & Phillip Lucier (excused absence)

**3. Citizen Participation**

None

**4. Open Remarks:** Chairperson McIver opened the meeting expressing hope that the Subcommittee could move beyond some preliminary issues for the Subcommittee in concert with the CPD to “promote transparency” and at the same time, “improve the relationship between CPD and the community.” To achieve this, he expressed the desire to have open communication, build trust so that the community, as we do, recognizes that we have a very good CPD.

5. The charge and role of the Complaints Review Subcommittee (CRS) as per CPAC Guidelines (approved by the Charleston City Council) were included as a part of the published agenda for emphasis and guidance to both CPAC and CPD.

6. Turning to Agenda Item #6, Steve Ruemelin, CPD legal counsel, apologized for the delay in providing CPD's response. Then, he gave a detailed explanation and response to the four CPAC- approved Complaints Subcommittee Operations Procedures (OPs). Both are attached on a single page to this document. In the end, Mr. Ruemelin reaffirmed CPD's position that **no files**-only summaries of closed cases sustained would be made available for CPAC to review. He clarified that only external, not internal complaints, were subject to the Subcommittee 's authority. [The Chair's following comments were not shared during the meeting but are here for the purpose of achieving consensus and understanding as we move forward under the CPAC Guidelines as approved by the City Council. McIver states, while a reading of the CPAC Guidelines could support CPD's interpretation reflected in response 1-3 from CPD. However, CPD's response #4 appears to discount the following language reflected in the Guidelines, which reads: ***"All documents provided shall be in accord with the provisions of the SC Freedom of Information Act. The CPD liaison will provide a copy of the file to the Chairperson and brief them on applicable CPD policy and process used to reach decisions. After the review, the Chairperson will report back to the Advisory Council. If the Advisory Council determines further review is warranted, the Chief of Police may direct the Office of Professional Standards to revisit the case. The Advisory Council may forward the decision of the Chief of Police to the Mayor for further review."***]

Hopefully, Mr. Ruemelin will provide an explanation during the CPAC meeting. Member Khan asked if Mr. Ruemelin planned to ask the City Council for revisions to the Guidelines. He indicated no plans at this time.

7. Under Agenda Item #7, Lt. Thomas Bailey of OIA, announced that he would serve as liaison to the Subcommittee. He explained the complaint Intake process at CPD and the difference between Class A & B complaints, indicating that Class A Complaints were more serious and gave examples of the same. He continued, Class B complaints were less serious, providing examples as well. Attached are three charts, Lt Bailey provided, that cover the period 2021-2023. He provided a detailed explanation regarding them. CPD's position is that CPAC could requests statistical data on closed cases that are sustained stemming from citizen complaints against police officers,

to identify trends and patterns to recommend policy, procedure, and training. Lt. Bailey displayed the Professional Standards Dashboard, to explain the two pages, page 1- "Investigation" and page 2 – Allegations, covering the period 1/3/2020 through 12/27/2023. After explaining the "Dashboard" the Subcommittee was informed that the statistics included both internal and external complaints and CPD does not separate them at this time. The "Dashboard" also captures officers' compliments. Prior to the meeting, McIver forwarded to Capt. Cretella, Subcommittee members and others several questions relating to the "Dashboard ". McIver shared that they were not timely submitted for OIA to respond. However, given CPD's position that only external sustained complaints were within the purview of CPAC and no distinction between the external and internal complaints on the "Dashboard," Lt. Bailey limited his response to one minor question from the questions submitted. Council Member David Saulnier inquired if CPD benchmarks other police departments around the country. CPD responded that it does not.

8. Capt. Cretella stated that the OIA Annual Report was in draft form, under review, and will be presented at the end of the first quarter.

9. McIver announced he is likely to schedule quarterly or semi – annual meetings of the Subcommittee.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

## **CPAC COMPLAINT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE OPERATING PROCEDURES**

**Approved by CPAC October 5, 2023**

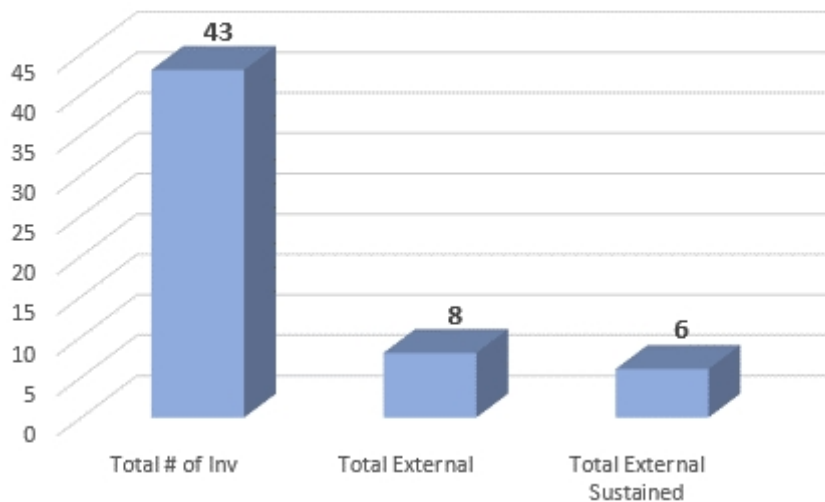
CPAC Complaint Review Subcommittee (CRS) proposes the following:

- 1) The CRS will meet quarterly or at least semi-annually with the OIA ( its Liaison to CPAC) regarding citizen complaints against Charleston Police Dept. (CPD) unless there is a compelling need for a specially called meeting. (The later would occur upon the request of OIA or at the instance of the Subcommittee Chair by and through CPAC Chair provided circumstances warrant a special meeting.)
- 2) In advance of such a meeting and with sufficient time to review and analyze, the OIA will be asked to provide an intermitent update on statistical data on citizen's police complaints and the nature of citizens' complaints.
- 3) Given the information/data provided, the Subcommittee Chair may request the CPAC Chair during a CPAC meeting to request a copy or copies of the cases and documents (files if appropriate) for further review.
- 4) At the request of OIA, the Subcommittee may entertain, review and provide comments/suggestions to proposed policies and training curriculum modifications occasioned by citizen complaints.

## CPD Response to Complaints Subcommittee

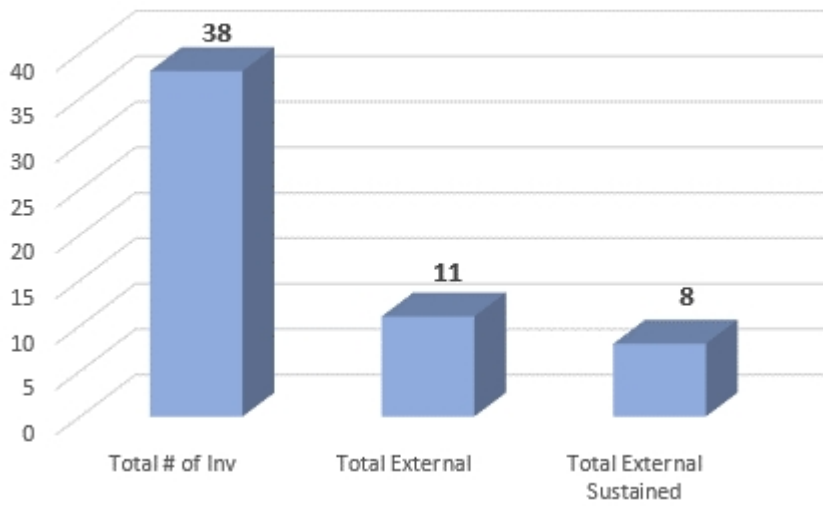
1. Upon CPAC's request, CPD will provide statistical data on closed, sustained cases stemming from external citizen complaints against police officers.
2. Upon CPAC's request, CPD will provide summaries of closed, sustained cases stemming from external citizen complaints.
3. Statistical data and summaries are provided for purposes of identifying trends and patterns so that CPAC may make recommendations regarding policy, procedure, and training where appropriate.
4. CPD will not be providing files for review or revisiting closed investigations.

**2021 Investigations**



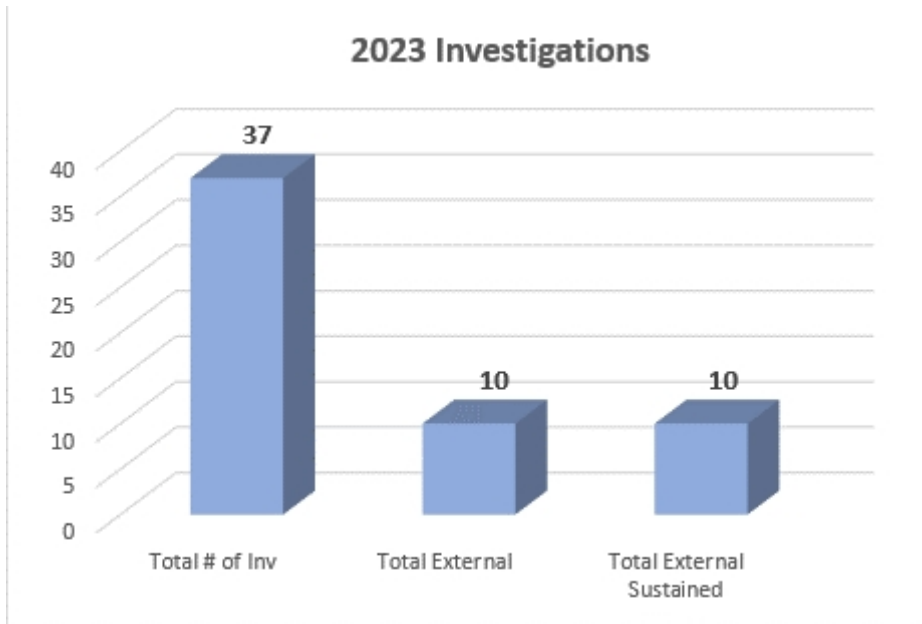
#	Allegation	# of Officers
1	Improper Identification	1
	Conduct Unbecoming	
2	Improper Records Check	1
3	Failure to Use BWC	1
4	Handling of individuals who consume narcotics	3
	Failure to Use BWC	
	Failure to Use BWC	
5	Conduct Unbecoming	1
6	Dispatch and Radio Violations	1
	Failure to Use BWC	

### 2022 Investigations



#	Allegation	# of Officers
1	Courtesy and Customer Service	1
2	Courtesy and Customer Service	1
3	Improper Evidence / Property Handling Improper Evidence / Property Handling	2
4	Conduct Unbecoming	1
5	Failure to Use BWC Improper Identification / Disengagement Inadequate Investigation / Job Task Performance	3
6	Courtesy and Customer Service	1
7	Improper Evidence / Property Handling	1
8	Improper Stop / Detention / Arrest	1





#	Allegation	# of Officers
1	Failure to Attend Court Courtesy and Customer Service	1
2	Off-Duty Employment Violations	1
3	Improper Evidence / Property Handling	1
4	Conduct Unbecoming Improper Vehicle Operation	1
5	Conduct Unbecoming	1
6	Courtesy and Customer Service Failure to Take Report / Improper Documentation	1
7	Failure to Act or Render Assistance	1
8	Off-Duty Employment Violations	1
9	Conduct Unbecoming	1
10	Attention to Duty	1

Citizen's Police Advisory Council  
Policy Subcommittee Meeting  
March 7, 2024

## Meeting Summary

### Call to Order

**Attending:** Subcommittee Chair Doris Grant; CPAC Members-Fielding, Harris, Hollifield, Hummel, McIver, Krause, Lucier, Mack, McIver, Taylor, Thomas; CPD Staff- Captain Cretella, Captain Bruder, Jillian Edison, Ruemelin

**Citizen Participation:** None

**Minutes:** Subcommittee Chair Grant introduced 16 January 2024, Policy Subcommittee Meeting Summary that was presented at the last full CPAC meeting.

**Identify Subcommittee Members:** Council members Feilding, Harris and Krause have volunteered to serve as members of the Policy Subcommittee.

**Ranking of 2024 Policies Remaining for Review:** General Orders # 8,28,25,27,35,36 and 10 are the remaining policies tasked for review by the Policy Subcommittee.

- GO-10 from this list is reviewed annually and was last reviewed in 2021. According to Captain Cretella, no changes have been made to the policy, however there will be a Spanish version produced.
- The committee was reminded that GO-30 from the 2023 Review List is still pending review.

**Review of GO-30:** Captain Bruder provided an overview of GO-30, Authority to Exercise Alternatives to Arrest, which outlines what actions officers may use as alternatives to arrest. In his discussion he stated that he is using a couple versions of this policy including the CELEA policy as he make updates the current policy. He has identified the following sections that will be removed from the policy.

- 30.2 will be removed with the listed charges being included in another section.
- 30.4 will be removed due to it being included in other sections of this policy.
- 30.5 – Most of the "Guidance" section of this policy will be removed.
- Updates and changes to the policy are ongoing and will be incorporated into the and will be provided to the Policy Subcommittee for comments once it has filtered through the established Policy Review Process.

**CPD Response to GO-81 and GO-82:** Captain Cretella discussed the department's response to "Comments and Recommendations" that were made to these General Orders by the Policy Subcommittee. In his discussion he informed the subcommittee that:

- GO-81 three of the nine recommendations to the policy were accepted and adopted.
- GO-82 five of the twenty recommendations to the policy were accepted and adopted.
- There are several recommendations that were not considered because it dealt with departmental internal processes that are sensitive in nature to officers performing duties and not made available to the public.
- A clarification was provided on a "General Order" that provides broad information on process and operating procedure versus a "Field Guide" that provides detailed protocol and guidance on specific police actions that may be sensitive in nature. CPD has 80+ General Orders and 20+ Field Guides.
- There was a discussion on should the department be looking in detail at policies to determine if multiple policies are possibly duplicated or even conflicting that cause confusion and may contribute to disparities in procedures and possibly affect data reporting.

**Departmental Policy Updates:** None

**Meeting Adjourned**

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Citizen's Police Advisory Council

External Review and Assessment Subcommittee

March 21, 2024 | 3:00pm-4:00pm

**Meeting Minutes and Written Summary**

Call to Order

Attendees: David Saulnier, Thuane Fielding, Jerry Harris, Joe Krause, Harrison McIver, Jillian Eidson, Doris Grant, Steve Ruemelin

Meeting began at 3:00pm and ended at 3:58pm

1. Roll Call – Introduced ERA Subcommittee Members
  - a. David Saulnier – Chair
  - b. Thuane Fielding

- c. Jerry Harris
  - d. Joe Krause
- 2. Citizen Participation - none
- 3. General Housekeeping and Identify Purpose of ERA Subcommittee
  - a. The Chair started by thanking the CPD for their participation, efforts and reporting related to the ERA.
  - b. The subcommittee agreed that a quorum will be a simple majority – at this time that means 3 out of 4 members.
  - c. The subcommittee agreed that the initial frequency of meetings shall be monthly.
  - d. The Chair stated that the ERA subcommittee's purpose should be to take steps necessary to ensure ERA Recommendations regarding CPAC items are properly vetted and discussed by the subcommittee and then the subcommittee should put in place a means to take action.
- 4. General Discussion about ER&A
  - a. CPAC is mentioned in 7 Recommendations. Members discussed each item (CNA Recommendations - 2.3, 32.1, 32.2, 32.3, 33.3, ERA Recommendations 4, 17)
  - b. Significant discussion around who should "own" each recommendation. Many recommendations have a similar theme - "community involvement, feedback and reporting".
  - c. Discussion ensued regarding "IF" this subcommittee should provide any oversight, or obtain updates and reporting, regarding the remaining items mentioned in the ERA that are assumed to be the responsibility of the CPD.
- 5. The subcommittee identified a few potential needs:
  - a. More community input from leaders. Can the CPD connect CPAC with some of those leaders?
  - b. More ability to provide reporting and updates to the community.
  - c. The subcommittee members want to better understand the data currently available for traffic stops. Can some reporting be done at this time that resembles Use of Force reporting. It is understood that such reporting might not be perfect, but it could serve as stop gap reporting until some of the expected grant money can be used to enhance CPD data/reporting.
  - d. Can CPD provide a "CPD data contact" that can spend some time with subcommittee members.
  - e. ERA Subcommittee will need to further discuss some ERA items with CPAC as we believe some may be best handled by CPAC or another subcommittee.
  - f. The subcommittee will ask CPAC to further define the subcommittee's role and scope.
- 6. Path Forward – Discuss first meeting and potential needs with CPAC members and CPD attendees at the next CPAC meeting on April 4, 2024.
- 7. Adjournment