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Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting, Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Vincent Cha arrived at 5:21pm.

Present: 7 - Patrick W. Heck; Brenda K. Konkel; Vincent Cha; Aisha S. Moe; Matthew W. Giesfeldt; Johnathan W.O. Delgado and Johnnie C. Milton, Jr.

Absent: 2 - Juliana R. Bennett and Brian Benford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moe made a motion to approve the March 8, 2023 minutes. Konkel seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals

1. [77088](#) Early Public Comment

There was no early public comment.

REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE MADISON FIRE DEPARTMENT

2. [77089](#) Report from the Madison Fire Department/CAREs Unit Update

Attachments: [CARES Update 4-1-2023.pptx](#)

Assistant Fire Chief Stedman referred committee members to the attached report for information. The Public Health Specialist recently resigned so there is a part-time replacement working on quarterly reports on call volume and trends. Weekend hours have not expanded yet due to a Journey Mental Health crisis worker resigning and until this position is filled the expansion of weekend hours is on hold. He will share an update when available.

There were further questions on CARE calls; trends, checking welfare, 911 Calls, and the increase in responses.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT FROM THE MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

3. [65747](#) For Information Only - Chief Barnes Quarterly Report

Attachments: [chiefUpdate20211stQtr.pdf](#)
[chiefUpdate20204thQtr.pdf](#)
[Quarterly Report 2021 2nd.pdf](#)
[Quarterly Report 2021 4th.pdf](#)
[chiefUpdate20221stQtr.pdf](#)
[Quarterly Report 2022 2nd.pdf](#)
[ChiefUpdate20223rdQuarter.pdf](#)

This was for information only.

4. [77090](#) Report from the Madison Police Department including information on recent gun violence and an update on the strategic plan.

Attachments: [04 2023 PSRC Meeting Notes.pdf](#)

Madison Police Captain Drescher shared information from the attached report.

Madison Police Chief Barnes inquired if the committee has a process when there is conflict between a Department Head and a member of the committee. Gisfeldt referred to the new Code of Conduct for committee members. It was then asked for Assistant City Attorney Kurtz's opinion on the process to discuss at this time or if it should be referred to another meeting with the open

meetings law. ACA Kurtz indicated she would speak with City Attorney Haas and will get back to the Chief regarding his concern. Gisfeldt shared that he would speak with Co-Chair Milton as well using the code of conduct for reference and also work with the City Attorney or Mayor's Office. This item could potentially be referred to the May meeting depending on feedback.

5. [76837](#) Repealing Section 25.28 and amending 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to remove the penalty of possession of certain weapons.

Attachments: [76837 Body](#)

Alder Heck made a motion to recommend approval of this repeal to the Common Council. Konkell seconded the motion. There was unanimous consent from the committee.

Konkell questioned the process on other ordinances that have not been used over the last couple of years and if this is something the committee should be looking at. Assistant City Attorney Kurtz indicated there is a review of ordinances but not to this level. If there is a request to repeal an ordinance the process would be to work with an Alder.

Gisfeldt indicated this may be an area where the committee would want to have further discussion on repeals and would place this on a future agenda for discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. [77091](#) A broader discussion on how to specify the roles and purpose of the PSRC and how to move forward

Attachments: [City Attorney memo with attachments 5.11.21 \(002\).pdf](#)
[Duties of the Public Safety Review Committee.pdf](#)
[Elected and Appointed Official Code of Conduct_shared 3-29-23.pdf](#)

The committee shared different thoughts on what they would like to see with the committee moving forward. The ordinance and its charge was discussed. The questions on the attached agenda was worked on a few years back and it was asked if those questions are still relevant. A suggestion was to work with the City Attorney on the questions to make sure they are properly formulated and to hear feedback to determine where the committee should go moving forward.

The committee ordinance was shared which indicates the committee has the authority to review long range goals and annual workplans for Police and Fire. It was questioned if the ordinance is still applicable to fit into the charge of the committee as the ordinance was written so long ago. Another task of the committee is to provide input and recommendations to the Council and the Mayor's Office.

A few ideas suggested was to have a special strategic planning session with committee members and/or to include police and fire to hear their long range goals. Another suggestion was to have a joint meeting with the Police and Fire Commission and the Civilian Oversight Board to understand roles.

Gisfeldt indicated now that he has heard comments from committee members he would have a discussion with Co-Chair Milton on the next steps. This agenda item would be added to a future meeting for further discussion to works towards the committees goals.

REPORTS

7. [77092](#) Report from the PSRC Co-Chairs

Gisfeldt reminded committee members to look over the code of conduct and ethical requirements that was sent to committee members to acknowledge the receipt of the code of conduct.

8. [77093](#) Report from Alders

Recognition was given to Alder Heck who served on the PSRC for the last four years. He chose to not re-elect and this will be his last meeting.

9. [77094](#) Report from Budget Subcommittee

Moe indicated there was nothing to report at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Konkel made a motion to adjourn. Alder Heck seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.