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Meeting Minutes - Approved ALDER WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP LOGISTICS & OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR MPD INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT

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

Monday, July 27, 2020

12:30 PM

Via virtual meeting

Note: Quorum of the Common Council may be present at this meeting
***You must register before your item is considered by the Workgroup.**

The 7/27/2020 meeting can be viewed here:

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 PM

Present: 3 - Shiva Bidar; Rebecca Kemble and Donna V. Moreland

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bidar, seconded by Kemble, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

1. [61484](#) PUBLIC COMMENT 7/27/2020 MEETING OF ALDER WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP LOGISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR MPD INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT

One registrant spoke, recommending that the committee review the MPD Ad Hoc recommendation language regarding the Civilian Oversight Board composition and consider changing the draft ordinance to reflect it in terms of the diversity of lived experience of 25%-40% of the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [61485](#) Discussion of any public feedback on committee webpage

One registrant spoke on the webpage. She requested that the page be optimized for viewing from a cell phone, including highlighting the link to the committee email address so it is easily identifiable as a link.

3. [61172](#) Staff update on progress of ordinance draft

The committee continued discussion on the draft ordinance creating the Civilian Oversight Board and Office of the Independent Monitor. They discussed the location of the ordinance in the larger Code of Ordinances, the definition of "relative" or "immediate family", the creation of a reference list of legal council for complainant, and the definition of "high-ranking officer".

City Attorney Haas raised the legal issue of whether the Civilian Oversight Board or Independent Monitor can be given the authority to have unfettered access to MPD documents without having to go through the public records request process as members of the public per state statute. Greg Gelembuik stated that the Seattle ordinance includes some language that gives the Monitor authority to access internal police department documents by placing them in the police department for this purpose only. The committee discussed the nuances of open records law and access to internal documents.

The committee went on to discuss the need to finalize a process for the selection of the Civilian Oversight Board. Alder Kemble suggested selecting a group of 20-25 community organizations and ask them to collectively decide on which the thirteen (13) nominating organizations will be.

Alder Kemble excused herself at 1:59 PM. Quorum was still retained, so the committee continued discussion of the draft ordinance and requested that ACA Paulsen reach out to MPD to find out which internal databases they use. Greg Gelembuik suggested that the ordinance include language about access to computer systems. ACA Paulsen raise the issue of access in terms of contracts for various databases.

The committee then reviewed the options for the COB composition that ACA Strange provided, and expressed preference for Option A in the memo that he distributed. A registrant expressed concern about the idea to convene community organizations to decide amongst themselves who the designated set of nominating organizations would be.

The committee then discussed the process and timeline for introducing the ordinance to the Common Council and agreed that the ordinance would be referred to the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Public Safety Review Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Common Council Executive Committee, with CCEC as the lead referral.

4. [61486](#) Discussion of draft budget resolution

No discussion on this item except to request that Finance Department Director Schmiedicke return on 7/29/2020 when they plan to finalize this item.

5. [61456](#) Development of Independent Monitor job description and job posting

The committee discussed the position description for the Independent Monitor that Alder Kemble had provided feedback on. Human Resources Director Harper Donahue suggested putting the position description and the job posting through the City's equitable hiring tool and agreed to craft an email explaining the process and requesting participation by nomination of 3-5 community members to participate in the process. The committee discussed the language regarding the minimum number of years of higher education for the position.

6. [61455](#) Development of designated set of community organizations from which to solicit nominations for Civilian Oversight Board and establishing a timeline for solicitation of nominations

This topic was tabled to be take up again at the 7/29/2020 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bidar, seconded by Moreland, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

- [61152](#) Documents related to the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics & Operational Details of MPD Civilian Oversight