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Meeting Minutes - Approved BODY-WORN CAMERA FEASIBILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, July 16, 2020

5:30 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 committee.

Watch a recording of the 7/16/2020 meeting here:

<https://media.cityofmadison.com/Mediasite/Showcase/madison-city-channel/Presentation/756ac72aea1c4fe6821faa925a2a83851d>

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Charles Myadze; Luke B. Schieve; Veronica Figueroa; Tom Brown; Keith A. Findley; Gregory W. Gelembiuk and Kim M. Jorgensen

Excused: 2 - Jacquelyn Hunt and Matthew W. Braunginn

Others present: City Attorney Haas, MPD Captain Brian Austin, presenter Jacquelyn Boggess.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by consent

3. [61344](#) PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE 7/16/2020 MEETING OF THE BODY-WORN CAMERA FEASIBILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

No registrants for public comment

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

5. [61346](#) Presentation on work and findings of previous body-worn cameras committee

Jacquelyn Boggess presented to the committee on the results of her 2015 focus groups with community members on the topic of body-worn cameras. Materials attached in Legistar file. Boggess discussed her findings, including concerns of officer manipulation of camera data, cameras providing a false sense of security, and privacy issues. She indicated that her respondents did not tend to express strong feelings for or against body-worn cameras themselves. Rather, they discussed their concerns, including those listed above, as well as mistrust, fear, and frustration with racial profiling and discrimination by the police.

The committee discussed ways of checking in with community organizations and community members that had been involved in the 2015 body-worn camera discussions. Committee agreed to invite the organizations listed in the 2015 study to speak with the committee and directed staff to invite the organizations. The committee also discussed additional groups they could reach out to, including groups of parents.

The committee discussed the issue of trust and the MPD Amigos en Azul program.

Tom Brown and Veronica Figueroa, who were members of the 2015 body-worn camera committee, discussed some of the issues that went into their decisions on that body.

The committee discussed the issue of the policies and procedures accompanying any adoption of body-worn cameras by the Madison Police Department, including the question of which policies would be adopted, and whether adopted policies would be followed. Charles Myadze requested information from MPD on the number of complaints filed internally by officers against other officers. The committee discussed the issue of accountability.

6. [61379](#) Discussion Questions on Body-Worn Cameras

The committee discussed the questions provided by Luke Schieve. Greg Gelembuik suggesting adding a list of pros and cons. Cons: privacy, open records requests, potential of more charges and convictions. Pros: accountability. Luke Schieve agreed to be the keeper of the list of questions to consider as the committee continues its work.

7. [61345](#) Preliminary discussion of social science and legal research literature

The committee discussed a process for reading and discussing the list of articles on body-worn camera research. They decided to group into groups of 2-3 people. Each group would read and prepare to speak on a subset of articles. The committee directed staff to create groups and assign articles to each group. The groups plan to discuss their assigned articles at future meetings.

8. [61347](#) Discussion of community organizations to invite to present to the committee

The committee directed staff to email the groups mentioned in the 2015 focus groups report, inviting them to come to speak to the committee, schedule the visits in the first half of the meeting time, with 15 minute time slots. The committee discussed wanting to be sure to invite both organization leadership and staff directly involved with community members, such as case management. The committee would like the presenters to discuss their perspectives on body-worn cameras, concerns they may have, and what kinds of policies they think should be put into place if they were to be adopted.

9. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

7/30/2020 @ 5:30PM

8/13/2020 @ 5:30PM

8/27/2020 @ 5:30PM

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Schieve, seconded by Figueroa, to Adjourn The motion passed by consent.

- [61164](#) Documents for the Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee