

MEMORANDUM

Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. – McCloskey Conference Room (#135),
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana

~~A quorum of members was not present, and a sub-quorum discussion ensued. The discussion meeting was called to order~~ ~~began~~ at 4:04 pm.

Commission members present in person: Erin McNeil, Robert Freeman-Day, Kamala Brown-Sparks, Jason Michálek, Zero Rose, ~~Robert Freeman-Day~~ Sharon Wainshilbaum (arrived 4:08 pm)

Commission members absent: Tyler Shaffer, Todd Mullins

City staff present: Clerk Nicole Bolden

Members of the public Present: Khari Mkola (Adrian Thomas)

Cm. Michalek moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed by roll call vote (5-0, Wainshilbaum not yet present).

REPORTS

Commissioner Michálek, Wainshilbaum, and Rose gave reports.

Khari Mkola made a public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Bylaws

~~No official action taken. Commissioners discussed proposed bylaws in Packet. After discussion, members decided against voting on them as written.~~

Collaboration with City boards and officials

~~No official action taken.~~
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Commissioners discussed past efforts to collaborate with other City boards and commissions and expressed a desire to standardize communications between City boards and commissions. Clerk Bolden suggested contacting Jennifer Crossley, the Deputy Clerk of Communications and Outreach. No votes taken on this item.

Outreach and Community Engagement

~~No official action taken.~~

Commissioners discussed past outreach efforts with the wider community, including past committee efforts and standardized community engagement questions. Discussion only, no votes.

Housing advocacy concerns discussion

~~No official action taken.~~

Commissioners discussed news reports, Reddit thread, and abatement issue in local news. Discussion centered mental health in conjunction with stable housing and being able to keep housing. Discussed stigma of legal processes (like eviction) on being able to access housing. Discussed possibility of creating a special or standing housing committee.

Cm. Rose moved and it was seconded to form the Housing Committee. Roll call vote taken. Passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Memorandum prepared by Colleen Williamson, corrected by Ash Kulak

Note: this memorandum was amended by Ash Kulak to correct several errors. A quorum of seated members was actually present (6 of 8) in order to conduct business, so the memorandum was updated to reflect the business conducted.