



City of Bloomington

NOTICE

Thursday, 20 March 2025 at 4 p.m.

Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission Regular Session

This meeting will be held in the Allison Conference Room (Suite 225, City Hall, 401 N. Morton St) and may also be accessed electronically via Zoom (see information below).

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As a quorum of this Commission or its committees may be present, this gathering constitutes a meeting under the Indiana Open Door Law (I.C. § 5-14-1.5). For that reason, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

Meeting Agenda

Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Allison Conference Room (#225), Showers Building, 401 N. Morton Street

The public may also access the meeting at the following link:

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- I. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDA/MINUTES
- III. REPORTS (if any) (*expected motion to limit total time for reports*)
 - A. Co-Chairs
 - B. Individual Members
 - C. Committees
 - D. Staff
 - E. Public / Public Comment
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion of Draft Bylaws
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Re-Reading and Discussion of CAPS Mission Statement
 - i. Discussion of [Ordinance 20-20](#) Section 3, establishing Bloomington Municipal Code Section 2.12.120
Section 2.12.120 of the Bloomington Municipal Code "Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission"(a) Establishment and Purpose. There shall be established a Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission ("Commission"), which shall:
 - (1) perform research and gather data on the perceptions and preferences about public safety from community members, with specific focus on perceptions and preference data gathered from minority community members, individuals who are disabled, and other often marginalized community members; and
 - (2) research evidence-based alternatives to traditional policing; and
 - (3) identify best practices in public safety globally and evaluate the efficacy of such practices for implementation in Bloomington.
 - (4) make recommendations to the Common Council, the Board of Public Safety, and/or the Mayor or the Mayor's designee on policies and programs that enhance public safety for all community members.
 - ii. Discussion of [Memorandum](#) of first CAPS meeting, May 14, 2021
"Part of the hard work of this group will be to closely examine various ways to approach public safety and figure out what approaches might work best for our community. Starting out, there are no foregone conclusions about what is best. The goal of the group is to "increase the safety of all Bloomington community members, especially those often marginalized due to race, disability, gender, sexual identity, or sexual orientation" through data-driven research about improving public safety by means other than traditional policing."

"According to Ordinance 20-20, the CAPS Commission serves as an advisory body to the Bloomington Common Council and shall:

- Gather data about perceptions and preferences regarding public safety, specifically from groups of individuals that do not fall into the majority racial and economically advantaged demographics, as well as marginalized populations, of Bloomington.
- Research evidence-based approaches to public safety other than traditional policing, including but not limited to the establishment of an alternate crisis response phone number, investments in mental health care, addiction treatment, community centers, or job training (among other areas) to mitigate the causes of crime, and other innovative approaches.
- Explore best practices in socially and racially just public safety measures in cities across the US and worldwide, and to examine which ideas may best be implemented in Bloomington.
- Make recommendations to the Bloomington Common Council and the Mayor's administration on policies and programs that enhance public safety for all community members.
- Promote a broader view of public safety through education and outreach programs.
- To provide an annual report of its activities to the Common Council, Mayor and the public.

B. Propose a Pause in Sub-Committees

- i. Propose a working meeting to return to mission and move forward in line with it.
- ii. Schedule work session of "on-boarding" with Deputy Clerk of Communications & Outreach Crossley

VI. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

CAPS Commission Goals and Purpose:

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Research evidence-based alternatives to traditional policing

Identify best practices in public safety globally and evaluate the efficacy of such practices for implementation in Bloomington.

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Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission Bylaws

ARTICLE I.

Members.

Section 1. Appointment. Appointment to the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission ("Commission") shall be governed by Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC) § 2.12.120(c) or its successors. BMC § 2.08.020(5) or its successors shall govern the filling of vacancies.

Section 2. Qualifications. Commission members must meet the qualification criteria delineated in BMC § 2.12.120(d) or its successors. Members are *encouraged* to attend regular monthly meetings and contribute to programs and projects of the Commission.

Section 3. Attendance. BMC § 2.08.020(4) or its successors govern attendance requirements. Members shall give prior notice to the Chairperson or the Council Office Liaison if they are unable to attend a regular or special meeting.

Section 4. Removal of Members - A member may be removed for cause pursuant to BMC § 2.08.20(4)

Section. 4. Resignation. Resignation shall be communicated to the Chairperson and/or the Office of the Bloomington Common Council. Resulting vacancy shall be filled according to the mechanism prescribed in BMC § 2.08.020(5).

ARTICLE II.

Facilitators

Section 1. Positions. Facilitators of the Commission can include but not be limited to the Lead Facilitator, the Supporting Facilitator, the Recorder, and/or whatever the Commission determines best carries out the functioning of the Commission. The Common Council Office staff liaison to the Commission is not a member of the Commission. The duty of the Commission to elect appropriate officers and/or facilitators, including a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary, shall be governed by BMC § 2.08.020.

Section 2. Eligibility. All officers shall be members of the Commission; no member shall hold more than one office at a time; and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The chairperson shall have been a member for at least six months prior to becoming chairperson.

Section 3. Election. All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority of the current membership of the Commission.

Section 4. Term. Officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. Officers shall deliver to their successors all accounts, papers, records, and other commission property within two weeks of their expired term.

Section 5. Removal. An officer may be removed for cause, provided a member or members of the commission submit(s) a signed statement outlining the charges to the Commission and, following the proper procedure, cause is established. Proper procedure requires distribution of the statement to all Commission members. The officer in question shall have the opportunity to submit a written response within ten days of receipt of the stated causes. The decision to remove for cause will be made by majority vote at the next scheduled meeting. Removal from office is not a vote for dismissal from the Commission.

Section 6. Vacancies. If an officer position becomes vacant, the term shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting. If the officer resigns from the office giving advance notice, the election shall take place at the next regular meeting after the resignation is submitted.

Section 7. Chairperson duties. The chairperson shall prepare an agenda for all meetings, preside over all meetings (except when she/he designates another person, or the Vice Chair). The chairperson shall appoint a nominating committee prior to the annual election of officers. The chairperson shall prepare and distribute an annual report of the previous year's activities.

Section 8. Vice Chairperson duties. The vice chairperson shall serve as the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. The vice chairperson shall perform all duties that may be delegated by the chairperson. The vice chairperson shall aid the chairperson on request. The vice chairperson shall perform other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary procedure adopted by the Commission.

Section 9. Secretary duties. In addition to the duties stated in BMC § 2.08.020(10) or its successors, the elected secretary shall be responsible for overseeing and maintaining the minutes of all meetings and handling correspondence of the Commission. The secretary shall ensure that copies of all minutes, committee reports, etc. are kept on file in the Community and Family Resources Department of the City of Bloomington.

ARTICLE III.

Meetings.

Section 1. Regular meetings. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held monthly.

Section 2. Annual meetings. The regular meeting in April shall be known as the annual meeting. The purpose of said meeting shall be to elect officers and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3. Special meetings. BMC § 2.08.020 (II) or its successors govern the requirements for calling special meetings. Notice of special meetings must be given in advance and the purpose of a special meeting shall be set forth in the notice thereof.

Section 4. Notice. Notice of each regular meeting shall be conveyed to Commission members before each meeting and shall include the agenda.

Section 5. Quorum. BMC § 2.08.020(7) or its successors govern quorum requirements.

Section 6. Votes. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. All business of the Commission shall be conducted by majority vote of those present except where otherwise specified in these bylaws.

ARTICLE IV.

Parliamentary Procedure.

BMC § 2.08.020(8) or its successors governs parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE V.

Amendment of Bylaws.

Amendments shall be discussed at the regular meeting immediately prior to the meeting in which the vote is taken on the proposed amendment. Notice of such a meeting shall be given to all members not less than 14 days before such meeting. New rules, regulations, or guidelines may be adopted by the Commission by majority vote.

ARTICLE VI.

Commission Purpose, Duties.

Section 1. Establishment. The establishment and purpose of the Commission shall be governed by BMC §§ 2.12.120(a)(1)-(4).

Section 2. Duties. The Commissions powers and duties are governed and prescribed by BMC §§ 2.12.120(1)-(2).