



## City of Tacoma

# Community's Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

6:00 p.m.

**The CPAC is comprised of Chair Allen McKenzie, Vice-Chair Louis Cooper, and Committee Members Angela Mealing, Ralette Churchill, Esther Evans, Adrienne Jones, John Bordon, and Tracy Jones**

**Members Present:** Adrienne Jones, Angela Mealing, Louis Cooper, Allen McKenzie, John Borden

**Members Absent:** Esther Evans, Tracy Jones, Ralette Churchwell

**Staff and Liaisons Present:** Council Liaison Mayor Victoria Woodards, Executive Liaison Sonja Hallum, Lieutenant Jeffrey Katz, TPD Assistant Chief C. Karl, CPAC Staff Liaison Ted Richardson

**Staff Absent:** Staff Liaison Ted Richardson

### Call to Order

Called to order by Chair Allen McKenzie at 6:04 pm

### Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the agenda for the CPAC meeting held on November 6, 2024

Passed at 6:06 pm

### Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2024 CPAC meeting.

Motion passed at 6:07

## City Reports

### **City Manager's Office**

- 6:07 – No reports

### **Tacoma Police Department**

- 6:08 – Availability of ride-a-longs. Lt. Katz happy to set that up for CPAC members if interested.

## Presentations and Discussions

### **TPD Turkey Giveaway Event**

- 6:09pm – CPAC members interested in volunteering at any of the upcoming TPD Turkey Giveaway events should contact Bervin at bsmith7@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 290-9238
- Three locations where there will be a whole frozen turkeys and sides:
- Eastside Community Center (Drive Thru Only)
  - Location: 1721 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Date: Saturday, November 23
  - Time: 10 AM – 1 PM
  - Contact: Pastor Mitchell @ (253) 472-1147
- People's Community Center (Drive Thru Only)
  - Location: 1602 Martin Luther King Jr Way
  - Date: Monday, November 25
  - Time: 6 PM – 8 PM
  - Contact: Bishop White @ (253) 272-1900
- Tacoma Dome (Drive Thru Only)
  - Location: 2727 East D Street
  - Date: Tuesday, November 19
  - Time: 11 AM – 2 PM
  - Contact: CEM Bervin Smith @ (253) 290-9238 Turkey Giveaway contact TPD's Community
- Another three locations that will serve hot meals.

#### **Bethlehem Baptist Church**

Location: 4818 East Portland Avenue Tacoma, WA 98404  
Date: Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)  
Time: 10 AM to 2 PM  
Contact: Vanessa Ellis, (253) 241-3540

#### **9th Annual Set the Table Thanksgiving Feed**

Location: 2102 South M Street Tacoma, WA 98405 (The Vision Center)  
Date: Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)  
Time: 11 AM to 4 PM  
Contact: Brenda Wraggs, [bwraggs253@yahoo.com](mailto:bwraggs253@yahoo.com)

#### **9th Annual Thanksgiving Feed (Hosted by Tibbitts @ Fernhill)**

Location: 2401 South Orchard Street Tacoma, WA 98466  
Date: Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)  
Time: 11 AM to 2 PM

\*RSVP required for Tibbitts location: email [Tibbitts2024@gmail.com](mailto:Tibbitts2024@gmail.com), you will receive a confirmation reply email. \*\*If you need delivery, please put address in email. Drop off between 11 AM and 2PM only.

## Recruitment of New Members

- 6:18pm – Allen and the Mayor explained that there was not enough diversity in the applicant pool and the City is reopening the application pool.

## Complaint Review

- 23COM-0123: Incident was entered into vehicle habitation tracker twice, motor home continued to be moved around city and kept getting nuisance sticker. Lt. Katz explained Outreach Tracker, document used by TPD and HEAL team when a complaint is received about a nuisance vehicle but that is being used as a domicile. The preference is to offer outreach prior to taking any punitive measures.
- 23COM-0127: Vehicle was being used as domicile, person had expired tabs, didn't want their vehicle towed, department didn't want to tow it either.
- 23COM-0128: Allegation officer failed to be courteous. BWC footage partially substantiated complaint, but not fully, complainant didn't follow through. Chief signed off on complaint and Elizabeth signed off on it very soon after, CPAC pleased with this.
- 23COM-0129: Alleged an officer was reckless driving, but didn't have a video. They sent the link for him to upload the link, it expired, question if they should've tried harder. No policy that investigating supervisor should have done anything differently.
  - Allen asked if there is a statute of limitations for complaint investigations. There isn't, it just may be more difficult as memories may have faded and evidence might be less. Other agencies do have policies such as this.
- 23COM-0130: Friends concerned police didn't do enough to prevent other friend from committing suicide, she thankfully didn't complete. Very difficult call for officers dealing with individuals' rights while also trying to protect them for completing suicide.
- 23COM-0131: Neighbor with a gun.
- 23COM-0132: Allegation of discrimination by someone who got thrown out of a bar unfairly. She felt the officers were discriminating against her because of her age, race, and because she was intoxicated. Lt. Katz explained that the allegations were unfounded after a lengthy investigation, but this type of allegation still needs to be taken very seriously.
- 23COM-0133: Louis asked even if a DUI wasn't warranted, what might they have done after they walked away, was it in the officer's best judgement to let them walk away? Lt. Katz explained that without probable cause the officer couldn't do anything but let the person walk away.
- 23COM-0122: Minimal discussion
- 23COM-0125: Inappropriate use of emergency lights. Dashcam footage didn't prove or disprove allegations and officer denied them. The incident occurred in Thurston County, committee is surprised that they were able to pull someone over and chose to do so.
- Allen explained that starting with this complaint that community member names won't be in complaints so that they aren't public record.
- 23COM-0137: Officer was dismissive of a community member who said she was a victim of an international sex trafficking organization. A recording of this call would have been useful.
- 23COM-0138: Sustained for sloppy collection of personal property. Investigating supervisor already spoke with complainant and told her to file a claim for damages, Allen asked about how easy it is to actually file a claim for damages and if it's easy to estimate values correctly.

- 23COM-0142: Officers failed to adequately investigate a DV case was unfounded. Allegations were actually made by the wrongdoer. Call was captured on BWC, which in this case proved helpful.

#### **Public Comment**

- 7:40pm – Barb Church asked about ShotSpotter, provided public comment last month. Only heard about it two days prior to TPD event before they went to event. Tried to connect with other community members, researchers, and people with lived experience to help understand ShotSpotter. Event is at Evergreen Tacoma from 1-3pm this Sunday 11/10.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **Policy Subcommittee**

- 7:44 – John shared that the committee had reviewed Automated License Plate Reader and Service Animal draft policies recently, but that they currently have no others to review.
- John also asked for an updated on “excited delirium.” Lt. Katz suggested CPAC provide a written recommendation.

#### **Outreach Subcommittee**

- 7:52 – Last month met with Sonja, got to know her, talked about money that is coming

#### **Oversight Subcommittee**

- 7:53 – Nothing to report.

#### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- November 8, Special Council Meeting at 10am to discuss election results and City budget
- December 17, Study Session noon – Alternative Response

#### **Other Items of Interest**

#### **Adjournment**

Motion passed at 8:00 pm

*Allen McKenzie*

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*Ted Richardson*

Ted Richardson, Staff Liaison