



King County
Office of Law Enforcement Oversight
Citizens' Committee on Independent Oversight Meeting Summary

Friday, September 22, 2017
12:30 - 2:30PM
Chinook Building Conference Center, Room 124

Committee Members Present

- Honorable David Baker, Position 1, Co-Chair
- Liz Campbell, Position 11
- Mia Gregerson, Position 8
- Tamika Moss, Position 7

Committee Members Absent:

- Sili Savusa, Position 5, Co-Chair
- Abel Pacheco, Position 9
- Reverend Steve Baber, Position 4

King County Staff

- Toshiko Hasegawa, Communications Manager – Office of Law Enforcement Oversight
- Lacey Lawrence, Administrative Specialist – KCC & Office of Law Enforcement Oversight
- Matias Valenzuela, Director – Department of Equity & Social Justice
- Adrienne Wat, Senior Law Enforcement Analyst – Office of Law Enforcement Oversight

Public Observer

- Joe Nguyen, IT Analyst – Microsoft, prospective CAC applicant

1. **Welcome** The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Co-Chair Mayor Baker who amended the meeting agenda by moving the “Candidate Questionnaire” as the final topic of discussion in point IV, to be discussed in Executive Session.
2. **Let’s Connect.** Mayor Baker turned the floor over to Toshiko Hasegawa to guide meeting participants in an icebreaker exercise. Each person present took a turn saying something they did last summer that made them proud, as well as something to look forward to in the Fall.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The committee adopted the minutes from July 28, 2017 by acclamation.
4. **Updates**
 - **NACOLE Conference.** Liz Campbell gave a brief summary as sponsorship recipient. She stayed quite busy, found the sessions informative and recommended all committee members make an effort to attend in the future.
 - **Annual Report.** Toshiko Hasegawa mentioned the Annual Reports are published, have been shared with Councilmembers as well as each committee member via e-mail, and are okay to be shared widely.
 - **Summer Summary.** Toshiko gave an overview of the intern’s activity over the Summer, reporting:
 - i. Intern activities began June 17, 2017 and concluded August 19, 2017.
 - ii. 16 events in 8 different contract cities and several light rail stations, and included both incorporated and unincorporated parts of King County

- Burien, Carnation, Covington, Maple Valley, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Woodinville (they attempted Kenmore but when they arrived the whole operation was shut down because it was too hot.)
- iii. A total of 750 OLEO magnets & 510 ACLU Know-Your-Rights Bust Cards were dispersed
- iv. They made contact with a total of 1,135 encounters
- v. The interns provided the following feedback:

“While we’ve only begun to touch the surface, there’s much more to be done to make sure that OLEO is a well-known resource to all served by the Sheriff’s office. A strategy to increase OLEO’s ability to conduct outreach to communities in the future would be to officially partner and table at events. This will allow for a ‘base’ during events to return to and a single location for anyone who has questions or concerns.”

Toshiko thanked committee members of helping get community meetings on the calendar, and urged them to share knowledge of community events on an ongoing basis. OLEO has attended over 60 community meetings & events since Toshiko’s onboarding in March.

- **Candidate Questionnaire.** The committee entered executive session to discuss this topic at 1:14
5. **Nominations Update.** Toshiko reminded the members that the description & applications are in their inboxes to be dispersed to good candidates they have in mind. She thanked Mia and Tamika for their work creating these documents. She said they’d like to receive names for recommendations of appointees by September 29th, and mentioned that there are already 3 great candidates in the hopper. Joe Nguyen was recognized and made a brief introduction, citing his participation in organizing the Community-Led Public Forum responding the shooting of Tommy Le, and announced his intentions to apply to serve as a member of the committee. Toshiko compared the appointment process to a game of Sudoku, saying they’d have to see what names they have, where folks live, and what is available before making decisions about staggering appointments.
 6. **Contract City Annual Reports.** Liz and Tamika both made comment about the reports they read. Joe Nguyen, who does data analysis for Microsoft for a living, reviewed the SeaTac Annual Report while on the bus and made observations about data trends and inferences about resources. The committee had an in-depth discussion about whether or not to pursue conducting a qualitative analysis comparing the various contract city reports.
 - If they do something, make a statement of context for each city. Compare good things, not bad things.
 - Establish criteria for what to assess, recognize slighting of data and the complexity in the cases that patrols responded to.
 - Compare contracts in what types of resources officers have & the communities they’re asked to serve
 - Use numbers to help communities, be cognizant how data can paint a negative picture
 - Be mindful of where jails are placed: 3 jails are in So. Precinct, 0 in N. Precinct. Mayor Baker noted that North Precinct should have a jail.
 7. **Committee Opportunities for ESJ.** Matias Valenzuela made a power point presentation on the DESJ for the committee members. He explained that although Sheriff Urquhart and his Chief of Staff Chris Barringer serve on the County Inter-branch team, the Sheriff’s Office is not in compliance with reporting on what KCSO will do to comply with the County’s ESJ Strategic Plan, and the deadline to file that report is the end of October. He also explained KCSO does not participate in the ESJ survey. Tamika expressed disappointment that KCSO is not in compliance and suggested urging them to participate in the available ESJ trainings as well as the staff survey. Mia recommended against prescribing specific action items, but that the committee send a letter asking KCSO to share what they are doing to comply with the reporting on their ESJ work plan. Mia urged that the KCSO response best be made in writing, and warned against closed-door conversations between the CAC and the Sheriff. The committee voiced approval of sending a general letter along these lines to the Sheriff, and Toshiko committed to meeting with Matias to ensure such a letter would be supportive of ESJ’s goals.
 8. **Meeting adjourned at 2:30 sharp.**