

CHAIR REPORT  
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This report begins with the PCOC's Forum on Body Cameras, which was held on May 14, 2016. The accommodations and space we used were wonderful and we thanked the Civil Rights Commission as well as the Advocates for Human Rights for setting up the space. While we did more advertising than for other events, turn out was not robust. About 25 people attended, most were citizens who are supportive advocates on this issue. In addition, CM Palmisano and CM Gordon also attended and both spoke. That was great. On May 18 the Public Safety Committee heard the MPD make a very brief follow-up report on the meetings they held with several communities that NCR set up. On June 8 the MPD presented a second draft of their proposed body camera policy to the Public Safety Commission, stating that it is still under revision and remains a living document. Chair Brown and Vice-Chair Singleton have met with Chief Harteau and DC Arrondando to discuss changes to the proposed policy. I assume that will be part of Chair Brown's report tonight so I refer further details to her.

I was unable to attend the Civil Rights Commission's last meeting but did send them a letter to again thank them all for the support they've given us. On May 17 the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct held an open house. I stopped by for a brief time. Likewise there were open houses at the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Precincts on May 18. I was only able to make one of those events. I urge my fellow commissioners to go to open houses, if more are held, because it is very casual and a good way to meet officers and

community members and facilitate conversations between those groups.

On May 21 Commissioner Buss and I attended a discussion about the National Initiative put on at the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct. A lot of people attended, asking so many questions that Glenn Burt ran out of time to finish his presentation. It is an indication that the community is very interested in the MPD's Implicit Bias training. We need to keep following this issue closely. I met with Commander Schoenberger on June 13 and we discussed the National Initiative training for officers and recruits and also new training he received in NYC on de-escalation techniques.

My work on the Mental Health/Co-responder Pilot Program continues. While this project is technically under the P & P Committee, I do a great deal of outreach in talking to county and city people who are involved in this project. I've been a part of several meetings and we have an important meeting coming up June 22 in the evening. I applaud the St Paul PD for being way ahead of us in setting up a co-responder program, and it shows we're on the right track. This is a very important issue.

We have many Open Streets events to attend between now and October. The event has a great website and I have also put the dates onto our shared Calendar. Pretty please, I need all the commissioners to attend at least one of these events. Don't make me hound you.

Respectfully submitted,  
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