

City of Boulder

Police Oversight Task Force Meeting Notes

10/24/2019

(Absent: Nami, Madelyn, Christian, Sheila, Sophia, James)

Administrative Update – Task Force wrap-up celebration will take place the evening of November 14.

Task Force members shared their favorite academic subject or class.

Task Force members discussed their reflections of the council study session on October 10.

- Members felt the council discussion and final decision shifted as a direct result of PD staff member comments.
- Members observed different power dynamics and body language in the room when the Task Force was presenting and when PD staff were presenting.
- There remains fear within the PD and the community—fear of change, fear that meaningful change will not happen, and fear that the community will not be heard.

Task Force members reviewed Ordinance 8361.

- Section 9 is a key section because it outlines the task of the implementation committee.

Task Force members reviewed the letter sent to council by the NAACP and discussed each of the recommendations.

- Police Oversight Panel: Based on the concern raised about the role of having non-voting city staff members of the police oversight panel, the Task Force would like to clarify their intent for staff to serve as liaisons, subject matter experts, and administrative support, but not members of the panel itself. The Task Force agreed this detail can be clarified through the implementation committee process.
- Police Oversight Implementation Committee: The Task Force is supportive of the NAACP recommended makeup of the implementation committee, and believes the recommendation to be consistent with city staff's recommendation as well.
- Police Oversight Selection Committee: The Task Force discussed that the implementation committee will continue to define the composition and process of the selection committee and will ensure that NAACP feedback is further considered in that process.
- Complaint Classifications: The Task Force believes the recommendation for a public hearing on the implementation committee's recommendations is consistent with the existing plan for next steps.
- Final Decisions: The Task Force remains committed to its recommendations for final decision making as described in the ordinance. This is based on the discussions and deliberations of the last several months, as well as what is legally and operationally viable given the current BPOA contract.

- Based on this discussion, the Task Force decided to provide a direct response to the letter to council from the NAACP. This response will be a cover email with the inclusion of these notes, and an acknowledgement of the nearly two hours spent in discussion regarding the recommendations and how to approach a response.

Task Force reviewed the draft City Council PowerPoint presentation for the October 29 council meeting. Task Force designated Todd as the speaker.

Task force discussed the formation and work of the implementation committee. Members who wish to continue are: Carlene and Pam for PD, Sophia, John, Mike, Todd, Shawn Rae, Michelle D., Michele S., Christian. (Madelyn, Sheila, and James will be contacted regarding their interest because they were not able to attend the meeting.)