



Common ground. Common good.

AGENDA

Saint Paul Community-First Public Safety Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Proposed outcomes for this meeting

- State commission charge and proposed goals.
- Small group time.
- Understand City of Saint Paul and Mayor Carters public safety initiatives and how the Community First-Public Safety Commission ties into that work.
- Approval of December 16, 2020 Commission minutes.
- Reach consensus on Guiding Principles.
- Receive information on priority 4 and priority 5 calls, understanding of how Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) works with the Saint Paul Police Department and Saint Paul Fire Department.
- Understanding of current initiatives through the Saint Paul Police Department and response protocol for priority 4 and priority 5 calls.
- Discuss future subcommittees.
- Time for questions.

9:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

1. Opening

- a. Committee charge and proposed goals for committee work
John Marshall and Acooa Ellis, Co-Chair
 - Develop alternative first response options to priority 4 and priority 5 calls for service.
 - Recommend approaches for ongoing community involvement in the City's community-first public safety framework.
 - Consideration of the creation of a city staffed office to drive and integrate community-first public safety initiatives and strategies i.e. office of violence prevention.
 - Make recommendations based on these findings and conclusions.
- b. Approve Minutes
Acooa Ellis, Co-Chair
- c. Mindfulness Moment
Amanda Koonjbeharry
Director of Public Policy, Citizens League
- d. Chat and Connect (small groups)
John Marshall, Co-Chair
- e. Remarks on Community First Public Safety Work
Mayor Carter
- f. Guiding Principles
Kate Cimino
Executive Director, Citizens League
- g. Community Report
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10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

1. Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1. Presentation from Emergency Communications Center and Saint Paul Police Department
 - Nancie Pass, Director, Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center (ECC)
 - Deputy Chief Matt Toupal, Saint Paul Police Department Operations Division

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

1. Subcommittee Introductions

Kate Cimino
Executive Director, Citizens League

11:45 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

1. Evaluation Feedback

Amanda Koonjbeharry
Director of Public Policy, Citizens League

11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Acoa Ellis and John Marshall, Co-Chairs

1. Questions
2. Adjourn and Next Steps

Speaker Bios

Nancie Pass (she/her/hers), Director at Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center

“Nancie has 29 years working in 9-1-1 public safety. She has been with Ramsey County since July 2010. Prior to Ramsey County, she worked at the Carver County Sheriff’s Office (1992-2010), working in the titles of part time dispatcher, dispatcher, supervisor and manager.”

Deputy Chief Matt Toupal, Saint Paul Police Department Operations Division

“Matt Toupal has been a member of the St. Paul Police Department for 32 years. He worked 10 ½ years as a patrol officer before being promoted to sergeant where he spent time as a patrol supervisor and as an investigator. As a Commander he supervised a districts investigation unit as well as Patrol. For the past 4 ½ years he has been the Operations Chief overseeing the three police districts in our City.”

Upcoming Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (link to come)

CITIZENS LEAGUE
Governing Document



Mission

The Citizens League is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that seeks to empower people to engage in civic life and public policy, to make Minnesota a better place to live and work for everyone.

Vision

Through our work:

- Minnesotans of all backgrounds, parties and ideologies are engaged, inspired and empowered to take an active role in public policymaking, fueling Minnesota's ability to implement innovative and effective policy solutions.
- The Citizens League is a relevant and respected policy resource and a trusted convener, focused on solving current and future problems, building civic capacity, and earning the ongoing support of our Minnesota community.

Operating Guidelines

The Citizens League is unique in *how* we approach policymaking. We:

- **Believe public policy happens everywhere, not just in government institutions and the public sector.** "Public policy" happens at the Capitol and in government chambers, and also in businesses, nonprofits, communities, congregations and families. The most important public policy issues of our day have a role for all types of institutions and individuals.
- **Bring diverse perspectives and people together.** We know that engaging people across ideology, background, race & ethnicity, geography, sectors and parties produces better solutions. We work with Minnesotans from a wide variety of communities and sectors to understand important public policy issues and identify the roles each stakeholder has in contributing to solutions. We believe there is positive societal value in creating and sustaining connections across differences.
- **Seek insights from research, data, and lived experiences of individuals and communities to inform our programming and our policy recommendations.** The Citizens League seeks out rigorous research and diverse, trusted sources of information to inform our work. We seek ways to center the lived experiences of those most impacted by public policies, who are vital partners in defining the problem and crafting sustainable solutions. We recognize that everyone has a lens or a perspective they bring to policy work, and we seek to honor these perspectives.
- **Acknowledge that there is a historical context to all policies, systems and structures, which invite new approaches to move forward.** Not all groups or people have been part of designing existing policy; both intentionally and unintentionally, people most impacted by issues have often been absent from the problem-solving table. The Citizens League recognizes this context (including how it has shaped our own organization's history), and we continually seek deeper engagement to create innovative and impactful policy solutions.
- **Operate with transparency and humility.** We aim to use a process and practices that build trust among all stakeholders, so that our outcomes and policy recommendations are similarly rooted in trust. Our staff and board commit to continually learning and growing in our work.

- **Advance policy solutions in collaboration with a broad base of support.** We aim to build coalitions and networks to move good ideas forward, even in a fractured political and policy landscape. The Citizens League balances policy idealism with political pragmatism – exploring bold and innovative ideas, and identifying achievable actions with the most meaningful impact.
- **Disseminate policy information and programming in ways that are accessible to a broad range of stakeholders.** Our work connects systemic policy issues to the real stories of Minnesotans impacted by these policies. We strive to make our work as accessible as possible to people across income level, geography, race and ethnicity, and ability.
- **Recognize the tension and impossibility inherent in the very concept of finding a singular solution that serves all people.** However, we will always strive to welcome, acknowledge, and respect discussions that bring to light important nuances to policy conversations.

Last updated December 9, 2020, pending board review

SAINT PAUL COMMUNITY-FIRST PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are scheduled from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and will be held virtually.

Meeting #1: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Meeting #2: Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Meeting #3: Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Meeting #4: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Meeting #5: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Meeting #6: Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Meeting #7: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Meeting #8: Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Meeting #9: Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Meeting #10: Wednesday, April 21, 2021