

Special Bombing Review Commission
April 2021 Meeting
Howard Office Building, 700 2nd Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37210
Sonny West Conference Room
April 27, 2021 at 10:00am CT

Meeting Minutes

Convener: Paul Summers, Chair

Recorder: Margie Quin, Secretary, Kendra Loney

Present:

Jamie Hollin
Andres Martinez
Margie Quin
Lashaun Oliver
Paul Summers
Darrell Talbert
Mario Avila
Jennifer Gamble
Brenda Sanderson

Guests:

John Buntin, Office of the Mayor
William Swann, Director Chief of Nashville Fire Department, OEM
Cynthia Gross, Assistant Metropolitan Attorney, Department of Law

Agenda & Notes:

1. Call to order and welcome - Chairman Summers called meeting to order @ 10:00 a.m.
2. Invocation by Chairman Summers
3. Pledge of allegiance lead by Mario Avila
4. Approval of agenda
 - Members Moved and seconded – unanimous vote
5. Approval of minutes of March 2021 meeting
 - Members moved and seconded – unanimous vote
6. Welcome and introduction of guests - Chairman Summers

- Commission members introduced themselves and shared their contribution to the Commission's work
- Cindy Gross named attorney for the Commission

7. Ratification of/or confirmation of position of Chair

- Moved and seconded to ratify the election of Paul Summers as the chairman of the Commission – unanimous vote.
- Decided to have meetings on the last Tuesday of every month at the Howard School Building in the Sonny West Conference Room.
 - Unanimous vote to ratify the meeting times and places.
- Cindy Gross addressed the Commission:
 - She will attend all meetings;
 - The Commission is subject to the Open Meetings Act;
 - The Commission was created by the Metropolitan Council by legislation;
 - Only discuss Commission items during the meetings, not by email or otherwise;
 - Documents and meeting minutes will be published along with the agenda;
 - Minutes will be turned into the Metro Clerk's office and will be a public document;
 - Robert's Rules do apply to the Commission and should be guided by the Council's ordinance;
 - The purpose is to review and investigate the bombing; recommend policy changes to reduce the chance of another bombing;
 - Commission will look at the bombing itself and response.
 - Public Records Act – written communications, reports, agendas, minutes, documents we consider are all public record – there are some exceptions; contingency plans may be considered confidential.
- Question about subpoena power – Ms Gross advised the Commission can subpoena persons and documents and compel testimony.
- Question from Chairman Summers regarding Commission work being done outside this Commission;
 - Chief Swann responded: put together information that will enable Commission members to see all AAR's filed by LEO's and facilitate the representatives from different response agencies testimony to the Commission;
 - Some information may be confidential;
 - Very pleased with the committee's diverse makeup, Nashville is a melting pot with various organizations and the Commission reflects that diversity;
 - The Commission will have the timeline from each agency detailing their response.
 - By June, the Commission should have some AAR's to review;
 - By July, the Commission should have all the AAR's from responding agencies;
- Question by Chairman Summers to Chief Swan: Please give an example of an AAR from one of the responding agencies;
 - Chief Swann responded that the close relationships with partner agencies made the response seamless and coordinated;
- Question from Chairman to Chief Swann regarding access to the AAR from Federal responding agencies;

- Chief Swann advised that federal agencies will supply some type of AAR to the Commission.
 - Kendra Loney, Fire Dept personnel testified as to the agencies we have requested and stated that the Commission should have the list prior to the May meeting.
8. Approval of position of Secretary and election
- Members moved to create the position of recording secretary which was seconded, and passed by unanimous vote;
 - Motion to nominate Margie Quin as the Recording Secretary which was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.
9. Approval of position of Vice Chair and election
- Moved and seconded to create the vice chair position, passed by unanimous vote;
 - Motion to nominate Jamie Hollin and which was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.
10. Report from Cynthia Gross, Esq., Metro Law Department
- See above.
11. Report and overview of bombing from Chief William Swann
- See above.
12. Discussion of next meeting and future agenda
- Question from Margie Quin regarding the availability of agency recommendations as part of the AAR;
 - Chief Swann advised they should include those;
 - Question from Darryl Talbert to Chief Swann, requested slides depicting timelines
 - Chief Swann advised that his department would put together what they know right now and present to the Commission at the May Meeting.
 - Vice Chair Hollin asked Chief Swann to report what they know now;
 - Chief Swann responded that they would present in May what they had to report at that time.
13. Set date of next meeting
- May 25th @ 10:00 a.m.
14. Adjourn - Chairman Summers
- Adjourned @ 11:11 a.m.

Follow up Items:

- Post the Meeting according to the Open Meetings Act one week prior to the May meeting
- File the March minutes with the Davidson County Clerk's Office

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Paul Summers, Chair