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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

MARCH 11, 2024 5:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Canneth Lee, Sheila Niezgodski

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Council Present: Sharon McBride, Dr. Oliver Davis, Rachel Tomas Morgan, Karen L. White

Other Council Absent: Type

Others Present: Bianca L. Tirado, Elivet Quijada-Navarro, Danica Kulemeka, Matthew Neal, Bob Palmer

Presenters: None

Agenda: Bill No. 24-07 – Resolution Appointing the Initial Community Police Review Board Members

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<http://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=381054>

Committee Chair Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers called to order the Community Relations Committee meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Bill No. 24-07 – Resolution Appointing the Initial Community Police Review Board Members

Committee Chair Gooden-Rodgers requested a nomination from each district for the Citizen Police Review Board.

District One (1)	Sherria Williams
District One (2)	Komonique Thomas
District One (3)	Kelly Johnson
District One (4)	LuElla Webster
District One (5)	Dennis James Givens

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District One (6)	Clara Davis
At-Large District Five (5)	Joseph Adams
At-Large District Six (6)	Otis V. Davis
At-Large District Five (5)	Cheryl Ashe

Committee Chair Gooden-Rodgers opened the public hearing.

Logan Foster, 1138 College Street, South Bend IN 46628, requested that the nominations of former Councilmembers Henry Davis Jr. and Lori Hamann be considered.

Attorney Bob Palmer stated that if any of the Councilmembers have any objections to the list of nominees, they should voice those concerns.

Committee Vice Chair Canneth Lee asked if the nominations of former Councilmembers could be considered alternatives for the Citizen Police Review Board.

Committee Member Sheila Niezgodski stated that the ordinance does not permit alternatives, but that the nominations of former Councilmembers are noted in the resolution and were considered in the nomination process.

Councilmember Dr. Davis stated his appreciation for former Councilmember Valerie Schey, former Councilmember Henry Davis Jr., and former Councilmember Lori Hamann. Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that the meeting minutes detailing the history of the Citizen Police Review Board from 2014 is missing.

Council President Sharon McBride stated that the 2014 minutes are in the archives, but that information needs to be published.

Councilmember Dr. Davis stated that the 2014 meeting minutes need to be online.

Clerk Bianca L. Tirado stated that she is happy to work with Councilmember Dr. Davis on getting the 2014 meeting minutes published online.

Committee Member Sherry Bolden-Simpson stated that she is glad to see that all of the recommendations are listed in the resolution, and that in order to have been nominated they all must be fine citizens of the City of South Bend.

Attorney Palmer stated that the Full Council will have the opportunity to substitute names on the list before voting on the members of the Citizen Police Review Board.

Tiana Batiste-Waddell, 330 West Colfax Avenue, South Bend IN 46601, stated that she found it concerning that Committee Chair Gooden-Rodgers had trouble pronouncing Komonique Thomas's name, and that she would like to know the criteria used for making the nominee selections.

Committee Chair Gooden-Rodgers stated that she had trouble pronouncing Komonique Thomas's name because she has always known her nominee by her nickname, Koko.



Committee Member Bolden-Simpson motioned to send Bill No. 24-07 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Vice Chair Lee and carried by a vote of four (4) ayes.

Committee Chair Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers - <i>Aye</i>	Committee Vice Chair Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>
Committee Member Sherry Bolden-Simpson - <i>Aye</i>	Committee Member Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>

With no further business, Committee Chair Gooden-Rodgers adjourned the Community Relations Committee meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Committee Chair

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