

**The City Manager's Task Force to Examine the Future of Public Safety in Cambridge**

*Co-Chairs: Councillor Marc C. McGovern and Councillor E. Denise Simmons*

February 2, 2021 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Denise Simmons, Co-Chair  
Councillor Marc McGovern, Co-Chair  
Imam Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Muslim Chaplain at Harvard University  
Ty Belliti, My Brother's Keeper  
Chandra Banks, Ed.M, Cambridge Resident/CPS Conflict Mediator  
Dr. Branville Bard, Cambridge Police Commissioner  
Brian Corr, Cambridge Peace Commission/Police Review Advisory Board  
Loren Crow, Cambridge Resident and Management Consultant  
Louie DePasquale, Cambridge City Manager  
Leo Gayne, East Cambridge Savings Bank  
Sam Gebru, Cambridge Resident, Black Economic Council of Massachusetts  
Christina Giacobbe, Director of Emergency Communications and 911  
Rev. Jaron Green, Senior Pastor, Union Baptist Church  
Rev. Ireene Monroe, Cambridge Resident  
Cathy Pemberton, LICSW, Camb. Resident, Healthcare/Wellness Consultant/  
System Navigation Specialist  
Christopher Schmidt, Cambridge Resident  
Dr. Rae Simpson, Cambridge Resident/mental health advocate/NAMI  
Tina-Marie Johnson, Cambridge resident/Cambridge Youth Council Facilitator  
Queen-Cheyenne Wade, The Black Response  
Rev. Ellis Washington, St. Paul AME Church

Absent: None

The City Manager's Task Force to Examine the Future of Public Safety in Cambridge met on February 2, 2021 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. The meeting began with introductions from Councillor Marc C. McGovern, Councilor E. Denise Simmons, Police Commissioner Branville G. Bard, and City Manager Louis A. DePasquale and all the members of the Task Force.

The group proceeded to review the Task Force's charge:

*To Examine ways to limit the Police Response to calls for service without diminishing Public Safety or Community Safety, while increasing Community Cohesion to include restorative processes.*

Councillor Marc C. McGovern and Councilor E. Denise Simmons continued by outlining key issues that must be addressed in order to ensure that deliverables meet the charge, including mental health alternatives for the Budget FY'22, other alternative responses, critical documents or outputs that the taskforce must create to meet its charge, and producing a final report.

The group spent the remainder of the time agreeing to a schedule and outlining operating logistics (meeting schedule, time and frequency, how will information about each meeting be distributed, internally and externally, etc.)

The meeting concluded with questions from Task Force members regarding future dates and meetings. After closing remarks, Councillor McGovern and Councilor Simmons adjourned the meeting.

The next Task Force meeting was set for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 but was postponed – due to a conflicting joint meeting with the City Council and the Committee – until February 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.