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 23, 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  
Christina Giacobbe, Director of Emergency Communications and 911  
Rev. Jaron Green, Senior Pastor, Union Baptist Church  
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:  
Sam Gebru, Cambridge Resident, Black Economic Council of Massachusetts  
Rev. Irene Monroe, Cambridge Resident

The City Manager’s Task Force to Examine the Future of Public Safety in Cambridge met on February 23, 2021 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. The meeting began with Councillor Marc C. McGovern, Councilor E. Denise Simmons, Police Commissioner Branville G. Bard, and City Manager Louis A. DePasquale welcoming the Task Force members.

Councillor Marc C. McGovern and Councilor E. Denise Simmons led a conversation around which groups, organizations, and subject matter experts to invite to present to the Task Force. Members weighed in with suggestions and discussed the importance of having a diversity of thought.

The group discussed next steps and added upcoming presentations to the calendar:

3/2/21:  
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)  
- Domestic and Gender Based Violence Prevention Initiative  
- Transition House  
- On the Rise, Inc.
3/9/21:
- Community Cohesion, Dr. Robert Sampson, Harvard University
- Restorative Justice, Chandra Banks, Ed.M.

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

The next Task Force meeting was set for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.