

## **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.