

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
March 16, 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. 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: Rev. Jaron Green, Senior Pastor, Union Baptist Church

The City Manager's Task Force to Examine the Future of Public Safety in Cambridge met on March 9, 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 and introducing the presenter:

Rahsaan D. Hall, Esq of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts.

During his oral presentation, Rahsaan D. Hall, Esq. spoke to the cycles of trauma and violence; rehabilitation opposed to incarceration; the inequity of arrests and traffic stops; and the police reform bill and alternatives to policing.

Councillor Marc C. McGovern and Councilor E. Denise Simmons opened up the floor to a free discussion. Task Force members discussed everything from: qualified immunity to the disparity of arrest in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by race. The Commissioner finished by talking about the arrest data in Cambridge and how he's directing the department to correct it.

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

3/23/21:

- **Community Cohesion**, Dr. Robert Sampson, Harvard University
- **Boston Emergency Services Team**, Tasha Ferguson, LMHC - Director of Emergency Services Programs, Boston Medical Center External

4/7/21:

- Reimagining Community Safety - CAHOOTS - Tim Black, Director of Consulting at White Bird Clinic (External)
 - https://harvard.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJElduGvrTMsGtVSx_4q5ZhvVHJr51arMe1V

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 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.