

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

1:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order & Attendance Quorum

Alexcia Cox, subcommittee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Tiffany David then took participants' attendance for the meeting record and introduced Kayla Elson and Sazan Kerkukli, of Justice and Sustainability Associates. Kayla Elson reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced the guest speaker to everyone.

January Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were reviewed by Alexcia Cox, subcommittee co-chair, and unanimously approved as distributed.

Initial Priorities & City Commission Meeting Update

Kayla Elson, of Justice and Sustainability Associates, reviewed the two initial priority areas and gave an update on the City Commission Meeting. It was brought to the Subcommittee member's and co-chairs attention that the City Commission meeting is available on the West Palm Beach Website.

Subcommittee Data & Resources

Through presentation slides, Kayla Elson reviewed the Quantum report data and the data related to justice profiles and arrests in West Palm Beach County. The subcommittee then discussed disparities concerning arrests and race. There was some confusion on the data associated with the number of arrests in locations because the data was not in percentage by population. Kayla Elson announced that another set of data would be sent to the Subcommittee members and co-chairs.

Use of Force Review Board

Tameca West, Subcommittee Member, introduced Dan Losey as the guest speaker. Dan Losey, the West Palm Beach Police department's legal advisor, heads the Use of Force Review Board. The Use of Force Review Board has nine experts and reviews different kinds of use of force by police such as; force on minors, discharge of firearms, and use of force that result in injury. The Subcommittee co-chairs and members discussed with Dan Losey the possibility of a Civilian Complaint Review Board. Dan Losey also mentioned the importance of having a FATS machine that can simulate real-life firearms training. Dan Losey announced that he would send more information on the FATS machine to the Subcommittee members and asked for more data from the Subcommittee. Subcommittee Tameca West will forward the data that Dan Losey asked for to Kayla Elson.



Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality

Discussion

Subcommittee members discussed the possibility of a Civilian Complaint Review Board, and examples of other cities where they have implemented such a review board were brought up (e.g., Miami, New York, etc.). Tiffany David, of the City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office, recommended looking at disparities in each area of the County and taking public input and comments on these issues, and discussing how to address them to make policy recommendations.

Public Comment

Kayla Elson reviewed the Public Comment process. Community member Kate Renchin discussed her concerns regarding a Civilian Complaint Review Board, such as who it includes (undocumented, green card holders) and if they will get paid. Subcommittee member Justice Ira Raab responded that it would consist of everyone. Furthermore, future strategies and recommendations were discussed on how to invite more speakers and bring more community members into the conversations. Tiffany David mentioned all the platforms the WPB Mayor's Task Force is on (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, Website, and Listservs). At the next Subcommittee meeting, The Racial Equity Training will be discussed.

Next Steps

Subcommittee members agreed on inviting a representative of the City Attorney's Office to the next Subcommittee meeting to speak to establishing a Citizen Complaint Review Board. Tiffany David will share the statutes link with Kayla Elson to forward it to the Subcommittee members. Tameca West will share information on the FATS machine and the Internal Affairs report (will have all aspects of disparities) with the Subcommittee members.

Adjourn

Daniel Eisinger, Subcommittee Co-Chair, adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 1:00 pm on Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Alexcia Cox, Subcommittee Co-Chair
Daniel Eisinger, Subcommittee Co-Chair

Bryce Graham, Subcommittee Member
Ruth Wanjiru Mageria, Subcommittee Member
Justice Ira Raab, Subcommittee Member
Alisha Singh, Subcommittee Member
Tameca West, Subcommittee Member



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Tiffany David, City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office
Kayla Elson, Justice & Sustainability Associates
Sazan Kerkukli, Justice & Sustainability Associates

Absent:

Chauncey Alexander Graham, Subcommittee Member