

Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE <u>MEETING MINUTES</u>

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. Kayla Elson, of Justice and Sustainability Associates, introduced Sazan Kerkukli, of Justice and Sustainability Associates. Kayla Elson reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced Dan Losey, legal advisor with the West Palm Beach Police Department.

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. Tiffany David provided an update on the City Commission Meeting on January 25th. Tiffany noted that a recording of the City Commission meeting is available on the City of West Palm Beach website.

Subcommittee Data & Resources

Kayla Elson reviewed the Quantum Report data related to justice equity profile of West Palm Beach County and case studies about community police oversight and racial equity training. The subcommittee members clarified the meaning of the data points and discussed disparities concerning arrests and race. Kayla Elson noted that the JSA team and Tiffany David will continue to provide data to the Subcommittee members and cochairs based on requests.

Use of Force Review Board

Tameca West, Subcommittee Member, introduced Dan Losey, West Palm Beach Police department's legal advisor and head of the Use of Force Review Board. Dan Losey presented on the Use of Force Review Board which has nine experts and reviews incidents 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 introduced the importance of having a FATS machine that can simulate real-life firearms training. He agreed to provide the subcommittee with more information on the FATS machine.



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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. Public attendee, Kate Renchin, expressed her concerns regarding a Civilian Complaint Review Board.

The subcommittee members discussed future strategies and recommendations for inviting additional speakers and community members into the subcommittee 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