



Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2018

The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission (GCJAC) convened for its monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in the Nussbaum Room at Central Library. Chair David Sevier presided over the meeting.

Commissioners/PCRB Present: Phillips, Sevier, Nazim, Webb, Gethers-Clark, O'Brien, Brown, Crippen, Allen, Friedland

Commissioners Absent: Jalloh

PCRB Members Not Present: Grier

Legal Department Staff: Andrea Harrell

Observers and Visitors: Barbara Harris-Assistant City Manager, GPD Captain Biffle, Members of the League of Women's Voters

I. Call to Order

Chair Sevier called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. Moment of Silence

Chair Sevier asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the recent passing of three City of Greensboro employees and support for their families.

III. Meeting Minutes - Approval of minutes of October 18, 2018 Meeting (APPROVED)

Sevier called for a motion to approve minutes as submitted, Nazim moved to accept, seconded by Gethers-Clark. All present voted in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Phillips, Sevier, Nazim, Webb, Gethers-Clark, O'Brien, Brown, Friedland - Nays: None.)

IV. Confidentiality Agreements

Sevier reviewed that all Commissioners are asked to review and sign a City Confidentiality Agreement. He noted it is also a state mandate that members sign the agreement in order to have access to critical information, including personnel records.

ACM Harris reminded Commissioners of two important policies of the City of Greensboro pertaining to serving on Boards & Commissions – (1) attendance policy; the City of Greensboro's policy is that members cannot miss more than 3 meetings within a year, and (2) individual members are not to speak on behalf of the Commission unless a consensus vote among members offers permission.

ACM Harris again stated that all Commissioners are asked to sign and submit confidentiality agreements by year's end.

V. Community Outreach Activities

Chair Sevier reminded Commissioners of the importance of providing outreach to the community and added that Dr. Friedland is open to conducting a second open forum in the near future.

Friedland noted he could continue the discussion on legal rights; what they are, and how they are applied. The previous forum was intended to begin a dialog with residents and police on critical issues. Friedland said he would continue to focus on the 4th & 5th amendments and how they are worked out in society, reiterating interest in reaching the schools, underserved areas, and juvenile detention populations, as well as city leaders. Allen agreed, and Nazim expressed appreciation for Friedland's use of clear and concise language.

Allen spoke of his agreement with the Commission's emphasis on addressing law enforcement policies and procedures and added that he believes the GCJAC could balance how the community gets critical information. Webb asked what constituted "outreach" and Phillips stated that one part of outreach is to let the community know who is involved and what the Commission is doing. O'Brien added that the Commission should present to the public why it exists and what it aims to accomplish. Webb reinforced the need for a clear and concise definition of the GCJAC's purpose in all communications.

The discussion ended and Sevier noted the next opportunity for interaction would be in January since all present expressed desire to not meet in December.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Sevier then suggested adjourning the GCJAC portion of the monthly meeting in order to continue with a session focused on law enforcement law and implementation. Commissioner Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Webb. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Following adjournment, GPD Attorney Andrea Harrell conducted an hour of policy overview for commissioners.