



Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019

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

Commissioners Present: Sevier, Phillips, Nazim, Gathers- Clark, Friedland

PCRB Members present: K. Brown & Q. Brown,

Staff Present: Asst. City Manager Barbara Harris, Criminal Justice Administrator Latisha McNeil, Carla Banks, Chief Wayne Scott

Legal Department present: City Attorney's Rosetta Davidson & Andrea Harrell

Observers & Visitors: Latasha McCorkle & Cedric Monroe

I. Call to Order:

Chair Sevier called the meeting to order at 6:05

II. Moment of Silence:

The meeting opened with a moment of silence

III. Meeting Minutes:

Chair Sevier called for a motion to approve January 17, 2019 minutes motion Phillips seconded by Commissioner Nazim

IV: Training Videos

Chief Scott spoke about the importance of the training videos and the group viewed two training videos Criminal Investigative Standards and Understanding Bias & Procedural Justice. Chief asked the body for feedback on the new method to developing the training.

Commissioner Gathers- Clark asked for clarity as to whether the group was to sit and watch an hour of videos without stopping and if that was the best use of the groups' time. Attorney Davidson explained that the videos are being watch due to an upcoming PCRB review and the body needs to have watched the videos in order to review the case. Chair Sevier informed the group that in the future the videos will be available for review online and would not take up the time that has been designated for meetings. Attorney Davidson explained that the GJAC commissioners will be responsible for signing a certificate of completion for each video that they have reviewed going forward.



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V. Upcoming Training

Commissioner Friedland spoke about the upcoming training on March 7th at Elon Law School 201 N. Green St. Greensboro. It will be interactive and an opportunity for collaboration among the commissioners and the public to ask questions. The training will be on the 5th amendment and it will be interactive so any other topics that the group would like to be discussed can be talked about as well.

Commissioner Friedland stated that if the training is well received and people have interest they would like to take it into the community and school. Elon law students will be restarting their Street Law program to help the commission as well.

Commissioner Gathers- Clark spoke about the disparities that exist in the application of the constitution based on race and economics and that it is important that the commission takes those things into consideration as well during the discussions.

Committee member K. Brown spoke about the importance of going into the communities impacted and otherwise and speaking to the residents of the community to find out what their concerns are as well as what the community would like to see GCJAC focus on. She stressed the importance of the commission to look at issues from both academic and grassroots perspectives.

The CJ administrator Latisha McNeil will be sending out a link with the GCJAC/ PCRB with updated information on the City of Greensboro website.

Commissioner Friedland left the meeting @ 7:05pm

VI. NACOLE conference

The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) conference will be held September 22- 26, 2019 in Detroit, MI. The city will send two commissioners and the CJ administrator to the conference. Information was provided to the commissioners and committee members.

VII. Review of PCRB Rules of Procedure

The PCRB Rules of Procedure were emailed to the GCJAC & PCRB committee members prior to the meeting for review. Attorney Davidson facilitated questions about the Rules of Procedure. Committee member K. Brown asked about the confidential information and how would the PCRB know what details would be able to be shared with the public. Attorney

Phillips went over the new procedure and stated that due to the creating of the GJAC only the complainant and or their legal representative would be able to speak at the open portion of the PCRB session. If PCRB members have a question for the complainant then the board will go into closed session and ask the question to Attorney Davidson to make sure that there is not violation confidential information of disclosure of personnel information.



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Chair Sevier reminded the body that purpose of the PCRB is not to hear cases or come up with some type of verdict they are not acting as a jury. The PCRB is responsible for identifying whether a disposition of a complaint is appropriate or not appropriate. The City of Greensboro has authorized the PCRB to do reviews as a second measure after the complaint is reviewed by Police Professional Standards first.

If a person files a complaint against an officer(s), the first step would be Police Professional Standards first. If the person is not satisfied with the disposition they are do mediation or if they choose not to do mediation or the officer chooses not to do mediation the complaint can be referred to PCRB.

PCRB Committee member K. Brown asked what would constitute confidential personnel information and what if some things are already out in the public. PCRB Chair Phillips explained that the members will be receiving an email with a link to a dropbox that will contain the information pertaining to the complaint. All the information received in the link is considered confidential. He went on to explain that once the PCRB makes a determination that information is then mailed to the complainant or it is sent back to the police chief if the PCRB does not agree with the Police Professional Standards decision. The board does not speak about the case in public. The complainant has the freedom to discuss their complaint however they would like. Attorney Davidson interjected and stated that even if the complainant speaks out about with the PCRB's determinations were the case does not lose its protected status among the PCRB and they are still not able to discuss the case. Members of the committee spoke about the frustration of not being able to speak about the cases especially when the information that is being conveyed does not hold fact.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to excuse Commissioner Friedland from the voting on adopting PCRB rules of procedure, seconded by Commissioner Nazim. Motion passed (unanimously)

Commissioner Nazim made a motion to adopt the PCRB Rules of Procedure as written, Commissioner Jollah 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

GPD Restraint methods study- phillips talked about the types of restraint and that they committee will be looking at more restraints next wed

Excited Delirium Phillips stated that the GCJAC could look at this study and will come into. GCJAC will come up with a separate study

Q. Brown- he saw a lot of s articles on the subject look at R& D to try and create something tat doesn't exist. And GSO should utilize the educational institutions in the area to. QB left the meeting at 7:45pm returned at 7:46

Jollah spoke on the human side and what he need to do. She has also stated that they have looked all over the united. Jollah invited a community member to

Community member Ret NYPD spoke on Virtual restraints.

Brown spoke about are the police looking at other alternatives



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Use of Force subcommittee will be developed. GCJAC will be looking at the other issues that need to be looked at. March 15th

Brown identified the mission of the police subcommittee looked at violent offenders non mental health. Social worker and mental health. Chief Scott advised that there is a separate taskforce

Community member want to commend that GPD on Forward thinking.

Sevier asked if the committee would like to begin 2nd committee after the March meeting.

k.brown asked if NAACP was invted to the 1st training

Monthly activity reports giving to the

Gether's Clark – asked that the we have the information related GCJAC

Q. Brown asked about literature being giving to the public at the training and. Brown will work with

The information needs to be available for people. Phillips talked about creating a billboard.

Any ads or

Can we have materials at the March 7th meeting. Brochure about GCJAC. Jalloah will work with

Motion acjorn 8:05

The Rules of Procedure were giving to the board

Review of the Rules of Procedure

VIII. Discussion of Commissioner Reporting Document (attached)

Update on GCJAC participation on GPD task force of "restraint" methods

IX. Discussion / Organization of "Use of Force" Committee

Review of Calendar of Activities

- a. Webinars on Key Information
- b. Upcoming Seminar led by Commissioner Friedland
- c. Other activities



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X. Additional Discussion

XI. Adjourn