



Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2019

The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission (GCJAC) convened its monthly meeting at 6:02pm on the above date in the Nussbaum Room at Central Library. Chair David Sevier led the meeting.

Commissioners Present: Sevier, Nazim, Webb & Phillips

Commissioners Absent: Gethers- Clark, Friedland, & Jalloh

PCRB Members present: Q. Brown

PCRB Members absent: O'Brien & K. Brown

Staff Present: Latisha McNeil, Criminal Justice Administrator, Trey Davis, Assistant City Manager, Lt. Harris, GPD

Visitors: Latoya Alston & Katrina Bass

Legal Department present: Rosetta Davis, Assistant City Attorney

I. Call to Order:

Chair Sevier called the meeting to order at 6:11pm

II. Moment of Silence:

The meeting opened with a moment of silence

III. Meeting Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and 2nd by Committee member Nazim to approve the meeting minutes from the March 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved in a unanimous vote.

IV. Introduction of the new Assistant City Manager

Trey Davis, the new Assistant City Manager for Public Safety was introduced to the body in his new role. Assistant City Manager Davis spoke about the importance of having the GCJAC in the community. ACM Davis stated that he recently did a segment with GTN where he talked about his new role and his goals for public safety including the GCJAC (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unFD4wywail&t=76s>). He also spoke about his recent trip to the NACOLE regional conference in Nashville, TN where he was on a panel discussing the role of community and policing and the importance of working together.

V. Data inquiry for potential study – K. Brown

PCRB Committee member K. Brown was unable to attend the meeting but a meeting will be scheduled with her and the executive committee to gather more information.

VI. Youth Subcommittee update

Commissioner Nazim provided an update to the body regarding proposed plans for the youth outreach. The subcommittee is looking to create an interactive program that allows youth to dialog their experiences and interactions with law enforcement. The information gathered will be collected and a youth driven program will be developed to be able to provide feedback to law enforcement, parents and policy makers about youth and law enforcement in Greensboro. The body discussed how important it will be to get the youth feedback on what they would like to see.

VII. GCJAC Brochure

The GCJAC brochure was reviewed and approved by the body for distribution. Committee member Q. Brown spoke about importance of putting the brochures all over the city. Commissioner Chair Sevier spoke about the community not having expectations for the commission that it cannot meet. Reminded the group that the PCRB is not an investigative body and that they can only send matters back to the police department for further review.

Committee member Q. Brown spoke about the fact that as the political climate changes things could change in terms of the power of the commission and PCRB. He then asked about the length of time that it takes a standard compliant take go through the system. Capt. M.J. Harris stated that the professional standards timeframe according to the police department's directives is 45 days. However, that is not an absolute time for completion and it could be more or less, depending on what is going on with the overall complaint. Once the complaint is completed by the professional standard, it is then sent up the chain of command and there is no time frame as to when it is completed by the chain of command. However, Capt. Harris stated that the complainant could always call professional standard division for an update. He also stated that he is constantly checking in with the chain of command for status updates on complaints. Committee member Q. Brown expressed concern about the lack of a definite timeframe on resolution of the complaints.

VIII. Semi-annual report

The semiannual report is in the process of being finalized. Once the executive board completes their review the report will be sent to the other GCJAC/ PCRB members for any feedback. The report should be ready to be provided to the public in August.

IX. Criminal Justice and Poverty Forum 06/26/19

The body was reminded of the upcoming interactive forum. Commission Philips and Webb both inquired about the taping or livestreaming. The Criminal Justice administrator will follow up with the city communication department to see if the event can be livestreamed.

X. National Night out

Chair Sevier spoke about the National Night out that will be happening in the College Hill community. Encouraged the GCJAC and PCRB members to participate in their own national night out as a way to

engage the community. There will be various events throughout the city and ACM Davis will get a list of the ones that are being advertised and provide that the commission.

XI. Other Business

Committee Q. Brown spoke about his ride- along that he participated in in May. He spoke about the great character of the officer that he rode with and that he was an example of the moral compass of what policing should be. He stated it would be good to get a meeting with the chief of police to discuss the moral compass of policing and that he should highlight those officers who are doing what they should be and not always what they can do.

XII.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.