



The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021 virtually via Zoom.

Commissioners Present: T. Phillips, J. Webb, Harrell, N. Malpass K. Brown, F. Jalloh, D. J. Obrien

Commissioners Absent: C. Brown & Q. Brown

Staff Present:

Trey Davis, Assistant City Manager

Latisha McNeil, Criminal Justice Administrator

Legal Department Presents:

I. Call to Order:

Chair Jaye Webb called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

II. Moment of Silence:

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Chair Jaye Webb and was second by T. Phillips, D. J. Obrien. Meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Quarter Review Report

CJ Admin McNeil started the meeting by going over the Greensboro police Department (GDP) Professional Standards Division External Complaints 1st Quarter Review. This first quarter review is dated from January to April 2021. During this time, the GDP received 40 external complaints from January 1st-April 2021. These complaints were either sustained, not sustained unfounded, exonerated, or pending. In addition, two of the complaints went to mediation. The body discussed the different allegations directive and how many were either sustained, not sustained, unfounded, exonerated, or pending.

ACM Davis stated that he wanted to speak to City Council about providing them with a more consistent flow of information about the GCIAC. He said that he wanted a more consistent flow of information coming from him to the City Council.

V. GCIAC Subcommittee Reports

GCIAC Policy subcommittee

Commissioner K. Brown presented the report from the policy subcommittee. The subcommittee is interested in having someone from GPD talk about the communication, courtesy, and de-escalation training given to officers. The reports should include training and evaluation at various points in the officer's career: Academy, in-field training, refreshers. The subcommittee would like to know how the effectiveness of the training is evaluated. Are there any metrics taken to determine if the type of training the officers are receiving is working? Are there areas for improvement? How often is the training model



evaluated? Before making the recommendations on policy changes, the committee will continue to research other agencies' practices. ACM Davis brought up Captain Cuthbertson as a person that the commission should connect with to try and understand how GPD trains officers.

G CJAC Education Subcommittee Committee

Commissioner Jalloh presented the committee reports for the education and outreach subcommittees. The group talked about the April G CJAC forum on body-worn cameras. The meeting had a great turnout, and there was a lot of information provided by the police department. The following forums will be on Understanding your rights while interacting with police and an update on GPD's changes to the consent search policy. The subcommittee requested that staff reach out to legal aid in Greensboro to see if they would help facilitate the forum. The group is also looking to present a community forum on understanding trauma-informed police interaction and the ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) study.

G CJAC Outreach:

The group talked about having more marketing materials for the commission. Staff advised that the group will be receiving marketing materials, but they would not be issued City t-shirts. Instead, they can wear their city-issued badges at a community event to identify themselves as G CJAC commissioners. A discussion was had about having photos of the commissioners on the webpage. A PowerPoint presentation on G CJAC was sent to all commissioners to guide as groups and organizations request them to ask at their events. The goal is to have marketing materials available for National Night Out on August 3, 2021. CJ Admin McNeil shared a G CJAC PowerPoint presentation developed to assist the commission when they are talking to the community about the G CJAC. The PowerPoint discusses the commission's purpose, why G CJAC has meetings (when and why), the different subcommittees such as education, outreach, the policy subcommittee, and the police community review board. Commissioner Jalloh made a motion to proceed with the "know your rights" brochure. Commissioner K. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Tentatively, the brochure will be ready before National Night Out on August 4, 2021. Commissioner Phillips reminded that before covid and quarantine, G CJAC had expressed an interest in reaching out to the local civic groups and organizations to let them know that the G CJAC is available to speak at their events.

VI. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner O'Brien stated that he would be presenting at the Rotary Club of Greensboro on July 21, 2021, at 12:30 pm and invited any available commissioners to join.

Commissioner K. Brown asked for updated data on what was received last year from GPD. CJ admin will ask GPD to provide the updated data on traffic stops or marijuana charges. Commissioner K. Brown also asked if the commission would be hearing anything from GPD or the city on the auditing request for external complaints.



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Commissioner Phillips advised that they are waiting on approval from ACM Davis.

A discussion took place on what types of data the GCJAC should be receiving regularly and where the GPD is on “8 Can’t-Wait” policy changes. ACM Davis stated that a deeper discussion would need to be had about the data related to the policy changes. Chair Webb spoke about the group “Mothers Against Gun Violence” he invited the commissioners to support to the group. He will follow-up with more information to the commission about the next events being planned by the group. Commissioner K. Brown spoke about some of the City initiatives that are being done under the radar and that it may be an opportunity for the commission to start talking about how the City is working on various program to address underlying community issues that can lead to violence.

Discussion was held on the programs within the City that are attempting to address alternative responses for 911 such as Greensboro’s behavioral health response team. The commission serves as a diverse group that would be able to provide information on programs/ initiatives happening within the City of Greensboro and provide the community with impact and data on those programs.

CJ Admin informed the commission that the team leader for the behavioral response team will be attending the August GCJAC meeting. ACM Davis spoke about the Alternative Response project that the City in participating in with Research Triangle Institute (RTI).

Commissioner Jalloh informed the group that Sunday June 20th is World Refugee Day and there will be a virtual event. She also spoke about mental health issues within the immigrant populations and it is important for all community demographics to be informed about resources in the community.

Commissioner K.Brown asked if the commissioner could receive data updates prior to the police chief speaking to the group. ACM Davis advised the group that if they had specific questions or topics that they wanted the chief to address to get them information to CJ Admin McNeil. Commissioner K.Brown stated that people in the community are still asking about the “8 Cant Wait” policy changes. CJ Admin McNeil stated that she would send the policy changes out the group and if commissioners have additional questions after review that information submit those to her July 7th and she will forward them on to the chief to be addresses in his presentation to the GCJAC July 15th. ACM Davis advised the group that most of the “8 Cant Wait” policy changes where around use of force so it may be hard to quantify.

Chair Webb commented that this opportunity would be great for the board because we want to make sure the board is getting the information even though it is being delayed.

Commissioner Phillips asked if Council members still act as liaisons to the boards and commissions. ACM Davis advised that the council does still act as liaisons. He went on to talk about the important role of the commission. He praised the commission for their diligence and thoughtful recommendations on very high profile issues. Commissioner



Jalloh stated that she observed more council members at other boards and commissions meetings. She stated that she would like to see City Council members more involved in the GCJAC meetings,

VIII. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm

