



**Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission**

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**The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021 virtually via Zoom and was presented with a speaker.**

**Commissioners Present:** T. Phillips, S. Friedland, J. Webb, Harrell, N. Malpass, Q.

Brown, , K. Brown, F. Jalloh

**Commissioners Absent:** C. Brown & D. O'Brien

**Staff Present:** Latisha McNeil, Criminal Justice Administrator, Trey Davis, Assistant City Manager

**Visitors:** Jenny Caviness, GPD Office of Community Engagement Director

**Legal Department Presents:** Rosetta Davis, City Attorney

**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 Brown second by Nadine Malpass.

**VI. Presentation by Greensboro Police Department Office of Community Engagement**

Ms. Caviness presented a PowerPoint on The Office of Community Engagement within the Greensboro Police Department. She defined community engagement as a civic engagement. The mission of the Greensboro Police Departments Office of Community Engagement is to build and foster positive police-community relations through communication, programs, partnerships, and volunteer opportunities based on community needs.

The Office of Community Engagement partners, provides programs, educates, and builds advocacy for the community. This also includes referrals from officers. The organization maintains the GPD website that provides collateral material, annual reports, and graphics. They also maintain some social media sites that are not news driven because the organization realized that more interested, funny videos bring the community to the website.

Some ways to engage is to share more on social media about GPD & Crime Stoppers, have a community watch and engage in events such as: a national night out, Operation PASS: Supplies, Operation Yuletide: Gifts/Supplies, Community Classrooms, and game changers.

## **VI. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Phillips suggested on using sites such as Next Door more. Commissioner K. Brown suggests that the office of community engagement should be mentioned to the community more and should reach out to a diverse group of community organizations. Commissioner Q. Brown suggested that skill building is important for people who are losing jobs and it would be nice to give scholarships to children/teenagers who need

funding. He also stated that if the police want to have a positive impact on their community, they should try to help provide that.

Commissioner Jalloh stated that she has heard about the Office of Community Engagement and she suggests that there should be more programs from the police to the community. She states that doing this would be good for the community to realize that it is a good thing to be an officer and how it is a profession that more people may be interested in if the stereotypes were not there.

Commissioner K. Brown asked who the office of community engagement is speaking to and what population they are reaching out to. She also asks how they are gathering that information for outreach and how are they measuring the community response to the programs.

Commissioner Malpass stated that the vision for the office of Community Engagement with more people in the community. This could help others and see how the people can solve the problems together. She suggested that more programs, such as the one where the Boys and Girls Club had a kickball game with the police officers. She states that this may help the community realize that they must get to know a person to understand them.

Commissioner K. Brown stated that it is important for the officers to recognize themselves as well and creating sounding boards is important to engage with people and listen to the community.

Commissioner Q. Brown suggests that keeping the communities that have high violence busy may lower the rate of violence. He suggests that job creation and skill building is important.

Commissioner Jalloh suggests that an actual description of what is going on needs to be given by the communities.

Jenny Caviness stated that her department should be coming up with different ways on informing the community on this organization. She states that there is a lack of skill training/building resources and they are looking for funding. Jenny states that the communities that are at risk are not reaching out, but they have provided some events to the neighborhoods that has more violence than others. She states that she is learning along the way and people asking questions helps her realize new opportunities for the community. Jenny states that starting small brings success. Jenny states that they went door to door to communities to see what exactly the community needs and how the census data may not be accurate.

## **VII. Subcommittee Reports**

Commissioner Jalloh presented the report on the Education subcommittee, she shared that the GCJAC will be hosting an educational forum on April 26, 2021 at 5:30pm on body worn cameras entitled “What Can You See; Demystifying Body- Worn Cameras”. The education subcommittee is also working on presenting forums to the community on unpacking GPD’s consent search policy, knowing your rights and understanding trauma informed care.

Commissioner K. Brown gave the report on the Policy subcommittee. The subcommittee is continuing to review GPD’s courtesy policy. They will be review GPD’s training manual for information on how officers are trained on courtesy and communication. They will also be reviewing courtesy policies from other agencies across the country to give a recommendation for changes to the policy.

Commissioner Malpass gave a report from the Outreach subcommittee. The committee is focusing on finding effective ways to reach the community and gathering concerns from residents.

Chair Webb advised the body that the group Mother's Against Gun Violence had a walk and are planning another walk for June. He expressed that the group is reaching out from community support and if anyone is able to support them that the group would appreciate it.

#### **VIII. Visitors Comments**

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm