



Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission
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The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021 virtually via Zoom GCIAC Chair, Jaye Webb presiding

Commissioners Present: J. Webb, T. Phillips, S. Friedland, Q. Brown, D. O'Brien & C. Brown, F. Jalloh & N. Malpass

Commissioners Absent: K. Brown,

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

Visitors:

Legal Department present: Rosetta Davison, City Attorney

I. Call to Order:

Chair Jaye Webb called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

II. Moment of Silence:

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Chair Webb introduced the new GCIAC commissioners Nadine Malpass

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner T. Phillips Second by Commissioner F. Jalloh. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

IV. Education and Outreach Subcommittee

Commissioner C. Brown reported on the education and outreach subcommittees. The subcommittees met on March 9, 2021. The subcommittees would like to host three forums in the months of April, May, and June. The topics for the forums would be Understanding GPD's Body Worn Camera access, Understanding GPD's Consent Search policy, and knowing your rights during interactions with law enforcement. The outreach

subcommittee will be supporting the education subcommittee in spreading the word about the events. Outreach will also be looking at creative ways to engage with the community. Motion: T. Phillips made a motion to move forward with the education and outreach committee recommendations. 2nd F. Jalloh. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Friedland wants the group to note the tragic killings in Atlanta and be informed that NC had over 200 Hate Crimes in 2020 and the number of hate crimes increasing. He believes that the GCJAC should take a stand against these types of crimes and that the GPD should be more vigilant in dealing with these crimes. Commissioner echoed the comments from Commissioner Friedland.

Chair J. Webb reported that the policy subcommittee is working on making recommendations on GPD's current courtesy policy. The group has been gathering research from agencies across the country and is working to put together a recommendation to be approved by the entire board.

Commissioner T. Philips advised that a meeting was held with Assistant City Manager Davis about the PCRB performing audits on cases that were not sent to the PCRB for review but were handled by GPD Professional Standards Division. More information will be forthcoming.

Chair Webb advised that Jenny Caviness will be speaking at the next meeting on GPD's Community engagement.

V. Additional Commissioner Comments

N. Malpass spoke about a program at the Boys and Girls club where police and kids at the club played games and had dialog.

Commissioner Phillips advised the group that the group there was a resignation by one of the commissioners and that the executive board will be looking for a replacement.

Commissioner F. Jalloh spoke about the importance of the community getting the COVID vaccine and encouraging others in the community to do so as well. She stated that her agency Jalloh Upright Services, will be holding a vaccine clinic on Monday, March.22, 2021. They will be giving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine with nurses from Cone Health.

Commissioner S. Friedland spoke about the criminalization of poverty. He would like to get data on cash bail and the numbers of people placed in jail due to not being able to afford bail. He also spoke about the Driver revocations in the state of NC. More than one million people in NC are driving on a suspended license.

Assistant City Attorney Rosetta Davis spoke about the work that she did with District Attorney Avery Crump on creating a restoration program for drivers with suspended

licenses. Some City Council members expressed support for the program and saw the benefit of contributing City resources to the effort. ACA Davis also stated that if the group wanted to get involved with the effort, an excellent place to start would be with the district attorney's office

Chair Webb spoke about the issue of expungement. The community needs to know what types of things can be expunged. ACM Davis stated that he had helped community organizations host expungement clinics. One of the key issues is making sure that those coming to the clinics are aware of precisely what types of things can be expunged off someone's record. He also talked about the need for attorneys to be upfront with people about what can be expunged.

Commissioner Friedland spoke about the community being educated on the difference between expungements, diversions, and pardons. Also, the state of Virginia just legalized Marijuana for 2024, and the effects of charges may be used against people.

CJ Admin spoke about the GCJAC connecting with THRIVE GSO as they are working on the issues of expungement, and reentry

Commissioner F. Jalloh spoke about how expungements can hurt people who are in the immigration citizenship process.

Chair J. Webb spoke about an event that he attended hosted by Mother against Gun Violence. He encouraged that group to participate in these types of events. CJ Admin McNeil asked that group if they have information on events in the community to send that to her, and she will make sure that the commission members receive them.

Community member Margret Rowlett posted an event in the chat:
Link to program of League of Women Voters on fines, fees and driver's licenses:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fines-fees-and-drivers-license-loss-tickets-145034577325>

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6.30 pm on April, 15, 2021 via Zoom.