



Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission

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The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission and Police Community Review Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at Glenn McNairy Branch Library, Francis and Cynthia Price Meeting Room, 4860 Lake Jeanette Rd, Greensboro.

Chair David Sevier led the meeting.

Commissioners Present: Sevier, Nazim, Webb, Phillips, Jalloh, & Friedland

Commissioners Absent: Gethers-Clark

PCRB Members present: Q. Brown & K. Brown

PCRB Members absent: O'Brien

Staff Present: Latisha McNeil, Criminal Justice Administrator, Trey Davis, Assistant City Manager, Capt. Harris & GPD Professional Standards

Visitors: none

Legal Department present: Rosetta Davidson, Assistant City Attorney & Andrea Harrell, Police attorney

I. Call to Order:

Chair Sevier called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

II. Moment of Silence:

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

III. Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Phillips made a motion with 2nd from Commissioner Nazim to approve the minutes from June and July. Motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. GPD External Complaint Data



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The group received data for external complaints from the 1st and 2nd quarter. Commissioner Phillips asked if the commission could measure any increase in complaints after the GCJAC started passing out the GCJAC brochure with instructions on how to file a complaint listed. Chair Sevier also asked how police officers typically advised residents about the complaint process. Capt. Harris indicated that officers all know the process and if a resident asks, they provide the information. He said they do not offer complaint process information without being asked, however. Police attorney Harrell and Capt. Harris both stated that once the complaint is concluded with Professional Standard a letter is generated to the resident and it contains information on how to contact the Police Community Review Board (PCRB). The GCJAC administrator will continue to track the data to identify what the Commission wants done. PCRB member Q. Brown inquired how Professional Standards handles complaints from people who are homeless. Capt. Harris indicated that they would send letters to whatever address the person provided even if the address is some sort of shelter to temporary address.

V. Strategic planning - 2019-2021

Chair Sevier spoke about need to follow-up on the issue of bail bond. He would like the Commission to address the topic as part of the 2019-2021 Strategic plan. Discussion was held about how the Commission could study the issue and appropriately interact with different systems of government to gain collaboration with various stakeholders. Attorney Davidson stressed the importance of speaking to the DA's office preliminary to taking on the bail issue. Discussion was held on several additional topics that commissioners would like to see included in the plan. All Commissioners / Committee members will be surveyed to gain additional information.

Data inquiry for potential study



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PCRB member Kay Brown asked again about the process for the commission to look into an initiative. Commissioners indicated it should go into regular planning by the Executive Committee.

VI. Update on Youth Subcommittee

The GCJAC will be collaborating with the Elon School of Law to offer their Street Law program to some Guilford County Schools and to the Juvenile Detention Center. Commissioner Friedland spoke about goals and content of the Street Law program. It will engage Elon Law students in classrooms, speaking with students about law, the Constitution and ways to interact with law enforcement. The students have potential to engage in a mock trial at Elon Law School. Commissioners are all invited to assist with the program.

Committee member Q. Brown suggested that training could also be provided to police officers on more courteously interacting with the public. Commissioners Friedland spoke about possibly helping the police to develop a checklist for GPD so that the officers and the public know what to expect in a typical traffic stop.

VII. Semi-Annual Report and documenting Strategic Planning 2019- 2020

The semi- annual report is being completed by the executive committee. The draft will then be sent to the rest of the Commission for review prior to the next GCJAC meeting. The strategic plan will include the ideas that are currently being worked on by the body. Commissioners will continue to be able to provide input and ideas on the plan.

Committee member Quentin Brown asked about getting data on complaints each quarter. Chair Sevier asked that Q. Brown get with the PCRB subcommittee Chair to review data needs and to identify if the Commission should request more data from GPD.



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VIII. Semi-Annual Report

The semi-annual report will be in final edits and ready to be provided to the City for vetting by August 30th. All edits and corrections should be handled before that date

IX. Traffic Stop Simulator

The GPD office of Community engagement is willing to do a traffic stop simulation for the Commission. Information on location and date will be provided to the body.

Visitors Remarks

No visitors were present at the meeting for remarks.

Commissioner Jalloh advised the group that she will be was appointed by County Commissioner to work on the 2020 Census for Guilford County.

Commissioner Phillips asked about the status of training video tapes. Attorney Harrell stated that she will be work on getting that done.

The next PCRБ meeting is scheduled for 9/10/19

Committee Member K. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting with 2nd by Commissioner Phillips. Meeting Adjourned at 7: 16pm