



Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2024

The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission (GCIAC) had their monthly meeting at 6:40 p.m. on the above date at the Central library in the Nussbaum room.

Commissioners Present: S. Hawkins, W. Durham, W. Cutler, A. Marshall, K. Lightsey, C. Coleman, P. Wisneski, and A. Smith

Commissioners Absent: J. Miller

City Staff Present: Criminal Justice Administrators S. Lewis & L. McNeil

I. Call to Order

A. Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:40p.m.

A. Opening

The regular meeting of the Committee was called to order at 6:40pm on 5/16/24 in the Central library by GCIAC Chairman A. Marshall.

B. Moment of Silence

The meeting opened with a moment of silence

C. Meeting Minutes

Executive Board Updates

Chair A. Marshall stated there were not any updates as the agenda was has the topics they wanted to discuss with the rest of the commission.

GCIAC Workbook Binders

The liaison S. Lewis created workbook binders for the commission to help the commissioners. The binder had Greensboro Police Department external complaints data, the policy procedure for GPD, the handbook for commissions and boards, ordinance for GCIAC, a monthly report for commissioners to share events they attend each month, and info about an the Peace on Purpose event they are participating in. This is a binder they would keep and use as a reference moving forward.

Data Complaint Chart

Admin S. Lewis created a data chart for the information given from professional standards and spoke through the data with the commission. The data was a breakdown of outcomes based off complaints, trends, and charts to compare. L. McNeil spoke about the courtesy complaints that are a trend for GPD. She stated that it was the most complained about for the last eight years. An example was “I didn’t like the way an officer talked to me” which would fall into the courtesy policy. A. Marshall asked if there could be more training due to that being a steady trend and it was based on a perception then it would be a difficult to address and pinpoint a solution based upon the complaint. Suggestions were spoke about in the past about having GCJAC’s green card available to officers or possibly a bumper sticker placed on police cars but were dismissed. W. Durham suggested there be more training on judgment since that would be the initial understanding on the complaint.

Implantation of Policy Procedure for Greensboro Police Department (GPD)

Chief Thompson had spoken to the commission about implementing GCJAC moving forward when there are directives that would be changed with GPD to have a resident’s point of view on those ideas. The commission was informed that it was the final draft and voted on the draft. Motioned by Commissioner Hawkins and second by Commissioner Durham. The vote passed unanimously.

Peace on Purpose Event

The commission was informed that an event was going to take place on June 7th from 3pm-7pm at Barber Park. They would have a table at the event and commissioners that could attend would let admin S. Lewis know and their availability for that day. L. McNeil informed the commission about the other vendors that would be attending the event too. Also spoke about receiving GCJAC shirts for the commission so they would be able to wear them to other events and programs they are invited to attend.

Visitor Comments

A visitor we had that attended this meeting was from Guilford County Solution to the Opioid Problem also known as GCSTOP. She gave an overview about her program which is a harm reduction organization. They serve Greensboro and highpoint are in assisting in harm reduction that would reduce harm of the activity a person is involved in. The biggest intervention they do is give narcan to a person experiencing an overdose. They attend different places, have outreach, and give out supplies to people that may come across a situation like that. They also give out clothes, tents, food, and hygiene products. They stay in touch with people and provide case management that have overdosed and assist them with their needs moving forward.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Commissioner J. Miller

Second by: Commissioner S. Hawkins

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.