



Community Based Crime Reduction Program

Cross Sector Strategic Planning Team Meeting Minutes

City Hall - 117 W. Duval Street - Mayor's Large Conference Room (via Zoom)

Thursday, January 14, 2021

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened 1:05 p.m.

Attendees: Kendra Mervin, Julie Ann Rivera, Jerry Box, Linzee Ott, Kristopher Smith, Bryan Mosier, Garland Scott, Fern Webb, Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell, Dr. Pauline Rolle, Shellie Solomon, Kimberly Pryor, John Papas, T-Neisha Tate, Vironica Brown, Mia Hobdy, Chiquita Moore

Discussion:

Kendra Mervin introduced new CBCR Subcommittee members then requested updates.

Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

Jerry Box started his report by discussing the tour. He reminded everyone that the tour is set and there are currently 19 registrants with room for 7 more. He informed the committee that parking is free and the bus will be departing from the Fuller Warren parking lot at 10 a.m. Ennis will be the tour guide as they ride through Lavilla, New Town, Durkeeville, and Grand Park target areas. He then stated that he invited City Council Persons Ju'Coby Pittman and Sam Newby to speak on the targeted areas and that Ju'Coby Pittman confirmed for them both. He also thanked the committee members for their referring the City Council Persons. He shared that Amazon hired 19 more individuals from 32209 target area. Also, he mentioned that The JEA Apprenticeship Program had three full zoom information sessions with majority of attendees being from the zip code 32209 but there will only be 10 selections as the program is highly competitive. He advised everyone that the Logistics Degree Program Director at FSCJ and The President of FSCJ are coming to speak about their upcoming an initiative at the next Cross Sector Strategic Planning meeting.

Community Outreach Subcommittee

Kendra Mervin reported on behalf of Mia Hobdy. She informed everyone that a joint Community Impact Day with the Quality of Life Subcommittee to kickoff community cleanups will be happening soon. Also, they are in the process of forming a citizens community feedback meeting on January 26 at 6pm via Zoom. She reiterated the purpose of the feedback meeting will be to let everyone know what CBCR is doing and to ask them to start participating in our activities.



Discussion:

Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell asked how often the feedback meetings will occur. Fern Webb asked if Kendra will discuss certain topics every other week at the feedback meetings. Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell suggested that the feedback meetings be done continuously to gain information from the community. Fern Webb voiced that continuously may be too much.

Crime / Public Safety/ Social Justice Subcommittee

Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell stated his blight officers met at the state attorney's office, had good dialogue, and hopes they will be able to help with some issues in the target areas. They requested information from Michael Chao regarding their nuisance board ups and unsafe structures located in Lavilla, Durkeeville, and Newtown. He is working with Trinity Rescue Mission and Denise Lee to clean up the trash and "eyesores" caused by the homeless village nearby. He also mentioned that they contacted several businesses to get trespass warnings for boys that hangout at the surrounding restaurants and convenient stores in the target areas.

Discussion:

Kimberly Pryor asked owned the property that the homeless are living on and if the property owner could do something about it. T-Neisha Tate asked Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell how the city can get the homeless people into homes instead of just cleaning the areas surrounding the homeless villages downtown.

Quality of Life Subcommittee

Bryan Mosier stated his committee is focusing on abandoned houses, illegal waste dumping, and absentee landlords. His goal is to resume neighborhood clean-ups and get the community involved in cleaning up their own neighborhood in the target areas. The team talked about combining the cleanup with an educational effort such as going door-to-door broadcasting information directly to the people in the area about when they should put out their trash. He and his team is are working on a marketing flyer for the first clean up event and soliciting businesses to get involved.

Local Initiative Support Corporation

Bryan Mosier reported on behalf of Kristopher Smith. He shared that there are about 500 estate owned properties in the target areas so they will like to provide legal assistance to get the homes into the hands of people in the target areas that want to own homes. He believes that strategy will get homes back in productivity.

Housing and Community Development Subcommittee

Chiquita Moore shared that she was able to get some dollars to assist her strategy that will make a large impact in the Durkeeville area. She stated that her team is looking to do an event late February or early March in recognition of Black History Month and the opening of the James P. Small Baseball Museum. In addition, the team thought about adding some welcome signs at each end of the Durkeeville area along with painting and lighting improvements.



Health Subcommittee

Dr. Pauline Rolle shared that she has been advising target area communities about how to protect themselves from Covid-19 by getting the vaccine. Also, she wants to partner with an organization that will help reduce child abuse and neglect in the target areas by keeping them engaged in activities. Lastly, she informed the committee of their slight problem with getting feedback and spreading information to the target area residents.

Justice & Security Strategies

Shellie Solomon notified the team that they will be doing a door-to-door random survey to help bring CBCR some data. She wants all the subcommittees to form a list of who they are engaging with so she can find out problems and issues that are overlapping.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:19 p.m.

The written minutes for this meeting reflect an overview of the full discussion.