



Community Based Crime Reduction Program

CBCR Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Thursday January 14th, 2021

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Convened 10:35 a.m.

Attendees: Kendra Mervin, Dr. Tyrone A. Blue, Assistant Chief Robert E. Burns III, Dr. Cedrick L. Gibson, Javon Knight, Cheryl A. Taylor

Discussion:

Assistant Chief Robert E. Burns III and Mia Hobdy excitingly shared that the toy drive fundraiser was a huge success. They gifted 1,000 donated toys to residents and churches throughout the target areas.

Discussion:

Kendra Mervin, CBCR Project Coordinator, showed a PowerPoint presentation with CBCR Cross Sector Team Subcommittee updates.

CBCR Cross Sector Team Subcommittee Updates

Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

- Target area neighborhood Tour and Audit scheduled for January 21st.
- Jerry Box secured transportation from JTA for the tour and audit
- Operation Boost is underway
- National Urban League Black Owned Restaurant Accelerator Program

Quality of Life Subcommittee / Crime / Public Safety/ Social Justice Subcommittee

- Will commence Community cleanups to address illegal dumping, absentee landlords, and abandoned buildings.
- Introduced an abandoned building tracking system called ProChamps.
- Garland Scott Recommended the National fund for sacred places an organization that provides training and best practices for community development

Housing and Community Development Subcommittee

- Early Action Plan Durkeeville Revitalization Project is scheduled for February 2021
- 3 Small Business and Neighborhood Association \$2500 mini grants are available
- Collaborating with Councilwoman Ju'Coby Pittman and neighborhood stake holders
- NFL Field (playground and recreation)



Community Outreach Subcommittee

- November 21, 2020 Community Impact Day
 - There were 53 volunteers and 366 residents benefited.
 - 144 surveys were completed.
- December 18, 2020 Toy Giveaway
 - It was sponsored by JSO at New Town Success Zone
 - 1,000 toy donated
- Upcoming Outreach Initiatives
 - Citizen's Community feedback meeting on January 26th, 2021 a 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.
 - Joint Outreach with Quality of Life for a Community Impact Day on February 13th at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - There will be the first recurring CBCR Community Cleanup day within Durkeeville and New Town

Health Subcommittee

- Securing commitments for monthly healthy eating and healthy living events
- Evaluating all known existing physical and mental health programs providing services in target neighborhoods
 - Identifying and Documenting gaps

Justice & Security Strategies Research Firm

- Reviewed the MOU and NDA
- Requested 10 years' worth of crime data from JSO
- Collaborating with LISC (CBCR research and data subcommittee)
- Will meet with JSO on January 19th, 2021

Discussion:

Kendra Mervin, CBCR Project Coordinator, mentioned Cure Violence's weekly meetings, productivity, and the team not truly following the motto. Ellis Burns asked, "how could we measure whether they are being affective or not?" He then stated he hasn't met anyone from Cure Violence, so he wishes to be kept informed about what they are doing, where the money is going, and how funds are being accounted for because the grant renewal period is approaching. Kendra Mervin assured him that she will make sure the grant money is being used correctly and the Cure Violence Program will be shifted to its full potential. Kendra also stated she understands his concerns and she will gather information about Cure Violence then send it to the committee.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:21 a.m.

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