

City of Jacksonville

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Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee on Document Compilation

Monday, August 24, 2020

2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Safety and Crime Reduction Commission

Meeting Convened: 2:01 pm Meeting Adjourned: 3:04 pm

Commissioners Constance Hall, Larry Cook, Ronnie King, Frank Denton, and Vicki Waytowich

I. Greetings and Opening Remarks – Chair

Chairwoman Hall welcomed the group and asked if they had a chance to review the documents distributed the week previous (all commission and task force minutes, and the task force final report). Ms. Hall described her intention to take the themes from the meeting minutes and turn it into a working document and framework for the commission's strategic plan.

II. Overview/Comments – Subcommittee Members

Commissioner Denton suggested that, due to the volume of meeting minutes, each member could take a portion to distill/summarize and share. Mr. Denton indicated that the task force final report did not fully reflect the work of all nine subcommittees.

Commissioner Cook requested the subcommittee chair reports which were submitted last year to the chair, prior to the final report. Staff will provide the documents.

Commissioner King questioned the goals and purpose for the commission, and asked about how success would be defined going forward.

Commissioner Waytowich agreed that the task force report was not inclusive, and questioned the report's methodology for quantifying programming requests, for mentoring for example, without knowing the actual community need or where the gaps are in services. She also asked about the purpose/goals for the commission.

Mr. King spoke about the database discussed in previous meetings, wherein data from perpetrators of certain crimes are compared with what risk factors exist and what services/programs those individuals received in order to identify root causes of criminal behavior and mediate.

Mr. King said his expectation was that this subcommittee could go back to the full body with a plan for the future work, not to spend several months rehashing all the work the task force already completed.

III. Summary/Discussion – Chair

Chairwoman Hall spoke about the neighborhood bill of rights, the need for community engagement, and also suggested that the neighborhoods subcommittee merge with the community engagement subcommittee. It was noted that the commission may not have the same configuration of subcommittees as the task force.

Ms. Hall talked about the role of CPACs to connect the community to City government, the need for the commission to collaborate with JSO, the State Attorney's Office and DCPS, and the idea of partnering with local universities.

IV. Next Steps/Future Meeting Dates

Council staff will retrieve the requested subcommittee reports and share them with the members, prior to scheduling the next meeting.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Scott extended his offer to share the data he has collected and spoke in opposition of the commission's leadership.

Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Programs Officer KHA, spoke about funding included in the 2021 budget proposal targeting mentoring, teen programming and trauma response - which were identified as priorities in the work of the task force.

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