



Charlotte City Council
Community Safety Committee
Summary Minutes
May 17, 2018

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- I. Police Foundation Report (Information)
- II. Domestic Violence Advisory Board Report (Information)
- III. Alliance for Hope – Family Justice Center Study (Information)
- IV. Noise Ordinance (Information)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present: Julie Eiselt (Chair), Braxton Winston (Vice Chair), Tariq Bokhari, James Mitchell

Committee Members Absent: Justin Harlow

Guest(s): Dr. Frank Straub, Police Foundation
Neil Bloomfield, Domestic Violence Advisory Board (DVAB)
Lauren Egleston, DVAB

Staff Resources: Dr. Kim Eagle, City Manager's Office
Kerr Putney, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD)
Reginald Johnson, Charlotte Fire Department
Karen Whichard, City Manager's Office

Meeting Duration: 11:33AM – 1:05PM

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Document – Police Foundation Final Report
- 2. Document – CMPD Response and Actions
- 3. Document – CMPD's Achieve Success: Be the Difference
- 4. Document – DVAB Roster and Background
- 5. Document – DVAB Advisory Report
- 6. Presentation – DVAB Presentation

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Committee Chair Eiselt called the meeting to order and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves. Assistant City Manager Kim Eagle thanked the Committee for the opportunity to work with them this year because of a staff reassignment. Dr. Eagle then introduced Dr. Frank Straub via webcast to present the Police Foundation's assessment of CMPD's response to the September 2016 demonstrations.

I. Police Foundation Report

Dr. Straub emphasized how the City Manager's Office hired the Police Foundation (PF) to review CMPD's response to the demonstrations. The PF structured the draft report similar to former President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, establishing and providing recommendations for six topics or "pillars." The six pillars Dr. Straub described in-depth included:

1. Policies, protocols, and strategies
2. Training and de-escalation
3. Equipment and technology
4. Social media and communication
5. Transparency and accountability
6. Police-community relationships

Chair Eiselt asked for PF's perspective on CMPD and City subpoena power for the Citizen's Review Board (CRB) and if it could provide the Committee with information on what other cities do, to which Dr. Straub agreed to supply that information. Council member Mitchell inquired about the implementation schedule for PF's recommendations. Chief Putney responded how most recommendations are already in existence, but nine of the 34 require attention and assistance. Vice Chair Winston asked what it means to "receive" the PF's report as a Committee; Dr. Eagle described how receiving the report means the Committee agrees to take the report to review with full Council. Vice Chair Winston then asked Dr. Straub how the PF compiled the information on the account of the demonstrations; he expressed concerns about the accuracy of the account provided. Dr. Straub explained how he used the sworn testimony of CMPD Major Michael Campagna as the baseline for the account, attempting to verify the incident with official court documentation. The Committee expressed concerns in receiving the PF's report without hearing Vice Chair Winston's perspective on the account. The Committee decided to find another meeting to discuss the report in greater detail.

II. Domestic Violence Advisory Board (DVAB) Report

Karen Whichard then introduced Neil Bloomfield and Lauren Egleston of the DVAB to discuss its 2018 annual report and associated recommendations. The DVAB intended to involve the City in these efforts in partnership with Mecklenburg County given the intergovernmental nature of domestic violence. The Committee shared with the DVAB how Council discussed its fiscal year (FY) 2019 edits to City staff the previous day, but still had a couple weeks until budget straw votes occurred. The Committee decided to review the recommendations and the respective monetary requests.

III. Alliance for Hope – Family Justice Center Study

Dr. Eagle provided a brief synopsis of the Family Justice Center updates including the steering team assembled for the task and the phases of the Alliance for Hope strategic planning process.

IV. Noise Ordinance

Dr. Eagle also discussed the noise ordinance topic and how staff would continue to review the process for any opportunities to bring it before the Committee at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05PM.