



Charlotte City Council
Community Safety Committee
Summary Minutes
September 26, 2018

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- I. Safety, Trust & Accountability Community Engagement (Information and feedback)
- II. Intimate Partner Violence Prevention and Support (Information and feedback)
- III. Passenger Vehicle for Hire Ordinance (Action)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

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

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

Meeting Duration: 9 – 10:30 am

ATTACHMENTS

1. Document – Bridging the Difference community engagement series kickoff and event brief
2. Document – Community Safety Committee Memo – PVH Ordinance
3. Presentation – Intimate Partner Violence Prevention and Support
4. Document – Save the Date for Domestic Violence Awareness Month Presentation and Walk
5. Presentation – PVH Ordinance Changes

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Committee Chair Eiselt called the meeting to order and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves. Assistant City Manager Kim Eagle introduced the meeting's agenda to provide context for the agenda items and discussion.

Safety, Trust & Accountability Community Engagement

Chief Putney introduced the concept of Bridging the Difference as a community engagement series to take place over the coming years as the city prepares for the RNC. This effort engages people with public safety about pertinent topics including police and community relations to bridge differences and reach mutual understanding.

The kickoff event for the series is October 16 at 6 pm at Project 658 on Central Ave. Major influencers in the city will be invited to hear from the Chief about 1) driving their audiences to participate in these conversations and

2) conducting their own conversations throughout the city and feeling empowered to make a difference. A November panel and discussion event is being scheduled to continue this effort. The Chief asked Committee members to reach out to their audiences and get them interested in this series.

Committee member Bokhari said it is important to be there at ground zero for this conversation. We need to align what we are individually doing with CMPD and others to have great conversations about reflection and how we look ahead. He requested a measurable output be considered.

Committee Vice Chair Winston said this is an opportunity for us to focus on the RNC but also discuss this beyond that event. Community members will be the ones making a stand, and we need to facilitate the desire of the community.

Committee Chair Eiselt said she wants to make sure the city is working with the Host Committee to ensure other conversations are happening beyond CMPD, and she would like to see tangible results from this. The Chief responded that the Committee is looking at investing in the community.

Intimate Partner Violence Prevention and Support

Assistant City Manager Kim Eagle presented information on Intimate Partner Violence prevention and support work that city staff is completing. She shared an update on the city's policy, event information for a Domestic Violence Awareness Month presentation and walk on October 18 and an update on the Family Justice Center.

Committee Chair Eiselt said she appreciates the work on the Family Justice Center. It is hard to get everyone together for a common goal, and this collaboration could be a model for other initiatives.

Committee Vice Chair Winston said we need to advocate that there is an important role for corporate partners to play as so many people are impacted by this issue. Assistant City Manager Eagle said the city learned a lot from leaders in this space such as Bank of America and Verizon.

Passenger Vehicle for Hire Ordinance

The Committee was reminded that they approved minor technical modifications to the Passenger Vehicle for Hire ordinance at the August 28 meeting. Staff then reviewed additional changes to the ordinance that would provide the addition of mitigating factors that could be considered in the permitting process to take into account the restoration and rehabilitation applicants may have experienced.

The Committee provided staff with feedback and requested additional data be provided on historic permit approvals and denials and associated offenses, state statute information on rideshare and how this ordinance compares to other cities.

MOTION AND VOTE: Motion made by Committee member Winston and seconded by Committee member Harlow to move minor technical changes to full Council at a future strategy session with a presentation on additional information requested. (Passed unanimously)

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.