

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, November 27, 2017

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Rosalyn Baker
Barbara Cheives
Rachel Docekal (by telephone)
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Keith James
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Dave Kerner
James Martz
Krista Marx
Sarah Mooney
Christina Morrison
Gerald Richman
Lee Waring
Erica Whitfield

Members Absent:

Ric Bradshaw
Sharon Bock
Michael D'Alonzo
William Dames
Rolando Garcia
Al Jacquet
Kevin Jones
Nellie King
Frank Kitzerow
Barry Krischer
John McKenna
Frank Mercurio
Robert Shirley
Greg Starling

Guests Attending:

Mike Gauger, Chief Deputy, PBSO
Diane McCarthy, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Jon Van Arnam, PBC Deputy County Administrator
Darren Romelus, BOCC, District 7 Staff
Dave Bernhardt, BOCC, District 3 Staff
Denise Coffman, PBC Attorney's Office
Barbara Dawicke, Court Administration
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration
Richard Radcliffe, PBC League of Cities
Arlene Griffiths, PBC Public Safety Department, Reentry Program
Mark Strach, Florida Department of Corrections
Dave Talley, PBC CareerSource
Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Florida Atlantic University
Tanya Meade, CILO/Human Trafficking Coalition
Laura MacFarland, Place of Hope

Vanessa Coe, PBC Legal Aid Society
Jill Hanson, PEACE Justice Ministry
Virginia Donnal, PEACE Justice Ministry
Joseph Durante, PEACE Justice Ministry
Emily Small, PEACE Justice Ministry
Larry Siegel, PEACE Justice Ministry
Bonnie Greenberg, PBC Resident

Staff Present:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Jackie Price, Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Pamela Williams, Temporary Staff

- I. Chairman Lee Waring called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chair Waring invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The Agenda was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Doug Duncan and a second by Mr. Randy Johnson.
- V. The Minutes of the October 23, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and second by Mr. George Elmore.

VI. Chairman's Comments:

- A. Chair Waring announced the date for the Criminal Justice Commission Annual Planning Meeting scheduled for February 26, 2018, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.
- B. Chair Waring congratulated PBC Public Safety Reentry Program Manager Craig Spatara for receiving the Unsung Hero award from the The Lord's Place at their annual Ending Homelessness Breakfast.

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson presented a summary of the survey results from the first Community Engagement Task Force public event held June 22, 2017 at Village Academy in Delray Beach. She said that overall it was a positive and well-received event.

- B. Director Henson gave an update on presentations she recently gave to the Business Forum and the League of Cities Board of Directors, which were positively received. She has been asked to present to the School District Annual Conference this week. Topics included are the CJC Task Forces and the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge.
- C. Director Henson announced the resignation of Criminal Justice Analyst Jacquelyn Price who will be moving on to a Grants Manager position closer to home.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Chair Waring announced the CJC's Nominating Committee recommendations for the 2018 CJC Officers, and asked if there were any additional nominations. After none were offered, the following unanimous votes took place:
 - i. Chair Gerald Richman passed upon a motion by Mr. Keith James with a second by Mr. Randy Johnson.
 - ii. Vice Chair Barry Krischer passed upon a motion by Mr. George Elmore with a second by Mr. Gerald Richman.
 - iii. Treasurer Mr. Joseph Ianno, Jr. passed upon a motion by Mr. Keith James with a second by Mr. George Elmore.
 - iv. Secretary Mr. Douglas Duncan passed upon a motion by Judge James Martz with a second by Ms. Rosalyn Baker.
- B. Chair Waring asked for any additional nominations for the 2018 Executive Committee. With none offered, the 2018 Executive Committee recommendations were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and a second by Ms. Rosalyn Baker.
- C. In Reverend Kevin L. Jones' absence, Director Kristina Henson gave a detailed overview of the CJC Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations on the PEACE Community Identification (ID) Card Program. The Ad Hoc Committee met twice and requested staff provide research on requirements to obtain a Florida driver's license and ID card, a consular ID card, and a few other community ID card programs. The Committee recommended to the CJC conceptual approval of the program using Mercer County, New Jersey as a program model for proof of identity and residency. This recommendation came with some policy concerns for the CJC/BCC to consider which included; 1) creating a list of the people receiving the card that could be subject to general examination and; 2) for program integrity, law enforcement prefers retention of the documents used to obtain the ID, which could subject these documents to general examination.

After presentation of the Ad-Hoc Committee recommendations a long

discussion ensued by members during which Ms. Erica Whitfield said the Ad-Hoc Committee is recommending to move forward with the ID Card Program, however there are areas of concern at the policy level for the BCC relating to program legitimacy and integrity, and whether or not it would be a more viable solution than Consular or state-issued identification. Additional member discussion focused on Florida public records laws, required documents for establishing a valid ID, how those documents should be maintained, if at all, the potential for fraud in obtaining the cards or using them in a fraudulent/criminal manner, and how the program will be marketed and to whom. Members agreed that the program's success relies on the support of local law enforcement agencies. Chief Michael Gauger, with concurrence by Chief Sarah Mooney, recommended the program be initiated as a one-year pilot to see how well it is received by law enforcement and how the program is received by the targeted population. Chair Waring summarized the discussion and the direction of the members as offering the BCC a recommendation for conceptual approval of the program with the concerns discussed above. With general consensus by the members, Ms. Barbara Cheives made a motion to conceptually endorse the program and convey to the BCC the concerns discussed which include: 1) a pilot program for one year; 2) fraud protection; 3), public records exposure for card recipients; 4) retention of documents; and 5) marketing. Upon a second by Ms. Christina Morrison, the motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business: Executive Director Henson suggested moving the new business topic to the next meeting in the interest of time and Chair Waring agreed.

X. Update on CJC Initiatives: Director Henson gave a brief update on the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge stating that staff work continues on contracts and administrative duties to setup the mechanisms to work on the grant strategies.

XI. Member Comments: Chair Waring noted that Michael DeBock, the new President and CEO of the Economic Council will speak at the next full session CJC meeting December 18.

XII. Adjourn: With no further Member comments, Chair Waring adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.