

Meeting: Community Leadership Council on Gun Violence

Date: September 24, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Smith-Williams Center

Attendees: Wilson Barnes, Annie Harris, Twanetta Rollins, Gloria Pugh, Nancy Daniels, Jack Campbell, Chief DeLeo, Reggie Bouthillier, Edward Clark, Pamela Marsh, Pam Hightower, Betsy Henderson, Rudy Ferguson

Absent: Buck Chambers, Rick Flagg, Steve Harrelson, Eva Mannings, Heather Mitchell

Chief DeLeo called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Assessment/Strategic Planning Committee Update:

After two meetings, the committee determined that the data used for the assessment will be based on the UCR data reported to FDLE in 2011-2013 for aggravated assaults, murders, and manslaughters. The handouts (maps) that were distributed can be used to identify what areas we will need to focus on when addressing the issues and areas we are having problems. We were able to dispel that these violent crimes are being committed by kids. These crimes are being committed by persons in the 18-29 age groups. The gang related incidents and the domestic related incidents are minimal.

The next stage of the assessment will focus on the underlying causes (motives) and the specific locations these crimes are occurring.

Neighborhoods & Faith Based Organization Update:

The group was able to outline some of the important questions that need to be asked to the members of our community. Where are we now? What problems do we need to address? What should the churches do to assist? What community based community based programs already exist? How can churches and the police department help those that have problems?

We should look programs that can provide those that have dropped out of school with the tools and technology to obtain their GED. There should be a re-entry program that would allow a person to use the skills they acquired while incarcerated.

Education & Youth

This group has not had a chance to meet. According to Pam Hightower, the school board is planning to hold quarterly community conversation/event discussing the importance of parental involvement. There is no doubt that the mental health aspect of children should be to be evaluated and addressed.

Criminal Justice and Re-Entry Update:

Based on DOC records about 6,000 releases come to Leon County so we need to develop a way to provide these persons an opportunity to better re-entry program. We should look in to the BOLD program that is being used in Gainesville as a possible model program.

Future Direction

By the next meeting all subcommittees should meet to identify successful programs that are in existence. Once this list is compiled we will have a better idea of the resources that are already available and can begin using.

Mr. Clark made a motion based on Ms. Pugh presentation to establish communication committee to speak collectively as a group. The entire Council was in favor. Chief DeLeo nominated Ms. Pugh for the chair of the committee. Ms. Pugh asked that TPD PIO Officer Northway and TPD Intern Jharonte James assist in the PSAs that she would like to do.

We need to identify at least one area to begin addressing. We can do things such as neighborhood clean-up days and social activities such as walks or some type of community event.

Reminders:

All committees should meet again before next council meeting to compile the list of programs that are working and have had success.

Subcommittee chair person needs to send Angie a summary of what your subcommittee has done thus far as well as the future meeting date.

The next Council meeting will be at the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend training facility located at 1940 North Monroe St. (Northwood Centre) on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.