

Meeting: Community Leadership Council on Gun Violence Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Smith-Williams Center

In attendance: Major Audrey Smith, Wilson Barnes, Steve Harrelson, Buck Chambers, Annie Harris, Gloria Pugh, Rick Flagg, Ken Tucker, Jack Campbell, Akhenaton “AK” Thomas, Rudy Ferguson, Nancy Daniels

Absent: Chief DeLeo, Eva Mannings, Betsy Henderson, Pam Hightower, Twanetta Rollins, Heather Mitchell

Tallahassee Police Department, Major Audrey Smith, called the meeting to order at **3:05** p.m.

Major Smith informed the Council that Chief DeLeo updated the City Commission on the status of the Council during the Wednesday, December 10, 2014 City Commission Meeting. The Council asked to be informed when the Chief gives a presentation in the future.

Assessment/Strategic Planning Update

Chief DeLeo is gathering information for the subcommittee in order to prepare a strategic plan that will be presented to the City Commission.

Neighborhood and Faith Based Organizations Update:

The subcommittee has invited a diverse group of homeowners and 6 pastors to attend a meeting in order to determine what programs are being offered and what programs are needed in each community. The group will meet on December 12, 2014, at the United Way Building.

Education and Youth Update:

The committee did not meet.

This subcommittee will likely be restructured. Ms. Harris recommended Dr. Michelle Gayle be asked to serve as the chair person for this subcommittee.

Criminal Justice and Re-Entry Update:

This committee has not met.

Ms. Daniels feels the subcommittee has enough information to put a package together. She hopes to meet with subcommittee prior to the January meeting to gather a complete list of resources and programs in our area that can be used for releases reentering society.

Mr. Tucker spoke about educating business owners on incentives for hiring prison releasees.

Communications Update:

The revised logo was presented to the Council. Ms. Daniels made motion to use the logo with the gun. The Council approved the motion by count of hands (9 yes - 2 no).

The revised poster image was presented to Council. Ms. Harris made a motion to accept poster with the added stats. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrelson and Mr. Chambers. Mr. Thomas made an amendment to the motion, to hold off on accepting the poster until after the webpage is created so that the webpage information can be added. Motion was seconded by Ms. Harris.

Future Steps:

Restructure the Education & Youth subcommittee.

Ms. Hemanes will email council with the next City Commission meeting date.

Community Input:

Ms. Pamela Chamberlin, a small business owner in health care, is excited to see that the City Commission and Chief DeLeo are working toward restoring Tallahassee. Ms. Chamberlin suggested the Council look into non-violence communication (NVC). She recommended the Council read [A Mindful Nation](#) written by Congressman Tim Ryan.

In response to the Communication presentation, Ms. Chamberlin would like to see a positive ad campaign. She voiced some concerns with posting markers as it may increase the number of violent crimes.

Chris Edwards, a Business Advocate for the City of Tallahassee, invited everyone to attend a celebration at Oliver Hill this evening at 6 p.m.

Reminders:

The next meeting will be at the Early Learning Coalition on January 22, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.