

Meeting: Community Leadership Council on Gun Violence Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 22, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Lincoln Neighborhood Community Center

In attendance: Chief DeLeo, Annie Harris, Gloria Pugh, Rudy Ferguson, Edward Clark, Akhenaton "AK" Thomas, Jack Campbell, Buck Chambers

Absent: Betsy Henderson, Pam Hightower, Wilson Barnes, Twanetta Rollins, Rick Flagg, Pamela Marsh, Eva Mannings, Nancy Daniels, Reggie Bouthillier, Steve Harrelson

Chief DeLeo called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

Communications Update:

The two community forums have been well received. The subcommittee is planning to have additional forums throughout the city/county. A recommendation was made to try and have another forum possible at Leon High School in an effort to reach out to kids prior to summer break. Ms. Pugh will contact Leon High School to see if the gym is available the evening of May 12 or May 14.

Prior to sending the minutes, Ms. Pugh learned that Leon's gym is not available on the above dates.

Ms. Harris suggested we provide community members with a suggested contact card in an effort to educate people on the resources that are currently available.

Future Steps:

Chief DeLeo, Ms. Pugh, Mr. Clark, Pastor Ferguson, and Mr. Thomas will be making the trip to Chicago, IL for a Cure Violence Informational Session June 9-11.

Mr. Clark will begin working with Mr. Brill to determine approximately how much money is spent on a shooting.

Mr. "AK" Thomas would like to have a resource area at this summer's COT Splash and Jam events to help offer guidance to those in need of services and resources.

Community Input

Ms. Thomas spoke about the issues that she is having in her neighborhood and expressed her support in having a forum on the North and West sides of town.

Mr. Davis has spoken to some of his classmates and encouraged them to attend the GVC meetings. His friends expressed most programs cater to teenagers and they would like to see more programs for adults. He expressed his interest in making a difference in this community and plans to assist the Council in any way that he can.

The next meeting will be at the Fire Station #4, 2899 West Pensacola Street, on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. You will have to enter the parking lot from Municipal Way.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.