

Community Safety Task Force Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, January 9, 2023, Time: 7:00 – 8:50p.m.

Bim Street Facility, (Old Carrboro Civic Club) - 108 Bim Street

I. Welcome & Attendance -Meeting called to order at 7:05p by Barbara Fedders - Chair

a. Establishment of Quorum (need 4 members)

Present: CSTF Members: Barbara Fedders, Wamiq Chowdhury, Ben Gear, Maddie Hayes, and Benjamin Blaisdell

Council: Barbara Foushee and Sammy Slade

Staff: Anita Jones-McNair

Facilitators: Jamall Kinard, Thomas Johnson-Bean

Absent: CSTF Members: George Barrett and Frances Henderson

II. Approval of December 5, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Chair

Motion to approve made by Ben Blaisdell, Ben Gear seconded. All in favor (5)

III. Discussion (7:15p.m.)

Continue the conversation - Community Safety Issues and Concerns in Carrboro

Quick recap –

Need to build collective power – foundational power. Owe the community a deeper analysis of what is community safety to and in Carrboro and identify problems that are deeply and widely felt. Reminder – the principal struggle is the issue and not with each other. Political power – votes, image, and monetary contributions. How can we garner collective power to accomplish goals at all levels? What more can we consider and/or enhance that will align and build community support and equitable responses. Revisit and prioritize thoughts –

Neighborhood Safety - 2	Equitable Responses - 1	School Safety 3	Police Department 4
Walkability (Safe, walkable neighborhoods with proper lighting)	Cops being the primary responders to people experiencing homelessness and mental health crises	Racially disproportionate discipline in schools. (Should we discuss SRO's in further detail?)	Diversity of police department being reflective of the people they serve (racially diverse, cultural competence, conscious, aware, not a one size fit all)
Car safety	Perceived vs. real threat (cops responding to threats in an equitable way)		Conscious hiring by our police department (incentivize recruitment)

Women not feeling safe			Reallocating public safety funds and resources into historically marginalized neighborhoods.
Siloed neighborhoods			Both/all approach
Mutual aid organizing amongst neighbors for conflict resolution			

IV. What’s Next? (8:25p.m.)

Next step/challenge is to further brainstorm and bridge gaps. Develop agendas for upcoming meetings and who should be there? (Four remaining meetings) It was suggested to bring in someone from the diversion program, mutual aid organizing, etc. Bring in experts and review data. Ask of police chief – 911 call log, availability of diversion program data and Council report quarterly data. Discuss and use Feb/March to develop more detail prior to bringing in community.

Facilitators suggested to invite one or two people from the community with lived and ideological experiences to help bridge the gap. Also provide check in/confirmation with current direction and the importance of hearing from the community. Next, the members were asked – “Have you thought about who to invite?” Barbara Fedders mentioned she was not going to invite anyone. Ben Blaisdell asked for clarification.

It was also recommended that February is a great opportunity to be in the community gathering feedback because of Black History Month and suggested members to bring in events where the group could attend and engage the community.

V. Date and Format for Next Meeting (8:45p.m.)

February 6 at 7:00p.m. – Bim Street.

CSTF invite community members with lived experience and staff liaison request data from police chief.

VI. Adjourn (8:50p.m.) - Wamiq Chowdhury motioned to adjourn, Ben Gear seconded. All in favor (4).