

Community Safety Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 27, 2023, Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

I. Welcome & Attendance – Meeting called to order at 7:10p by Barbara Fedders- Chair.

Establishment of Quorum (need 4 members)

Present : CSTF members Barbara Fedders, George Barrett, Madison Hayes and Ben Blaisdell.

Council: Damon Seils, Barbara Foushee and Sammy Slade. Staff: Anita Jones-McNair

Remember Discussion Guidelines – All

Share all relevant information – be open, honest, and factual.

Be humble – reserve the right to change your mind.

Be an active listener, show openness to the perspective of others.

Be engaging, avoid comments that are polarizing.

Avoid fence-building and dismissive words and phrases.

Try to find common interests, don't get stuck in inflexible positions or personal conflicts.

II. Approval of the March 6, 2023 - Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Hayes, Barrett seconded. All in favor (4)

III. Updates

The task force has five members. Two seats are vacant. Recruitment of CSTF seats along with vacant seats of advisory boards and commissions are underway.

IV. Finalize timeline and next steps

Barrett shared information about the Safety Van Guard program through IFC. Perhaps a partnership is possible. The phone bank program is currently reaching out to the community about social justice. Jones-McNair will reach out to see if a representative can attend the April meeting. The task force members discussed the potential reliability of phone banking, wondered about questions being asked and best practices. Jones McNair mentioned a MOU should be in place if a partnership is decided.

Barrett shared the draft work plan + timeline:

April meeting – discuss phone banking partnership.

May – talk further about potential partnership and volunteer. Strategy meeting with Safety Van Guard #1 . Write letter to notify Council of six-month extension.

June – mini listening tour – residents most affected by policing.

August – mini listening tour – residents involved in alternative community safety solutions.

September Strategy Session #2 with Safety Van guard.

October – Working session to craft recommendations.

November - Final recommendations to TOC

The task force discussed and recommended changes to the work plan. Changes will accompany the April meeting information to approve.

V. View information sent by facilitators (see attachments)

Task force agreed the information should be included in the recommendation document.

VI. Agenda for next meeting

Include Safety Van Guard Partnership and finalizing the timeline and work plan.

VII. Adjourn

Motion was made by Barrett, Hayes seconded. All in favor (4) 8:40p.