

COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
March 23, 2018

Present at the meeting with Community Oversight Task Force (COTF) members: Marvin McKenstry (chair), Ray Kelly, Denise Duval (vice chair), Andrew Reinel, Jeff Anderson.

Also present were:

Nadirah Smith, Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle
Jill Muth, Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement

Summary of Motions passed:

- Adoption of March 18th minutes with amendments

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:15p.m. Marvin McKenstry

II. Adoption of 7 and 18 March Minutes

Jeff Anderson moved to accept the March 18th minutes with amendments. Ray Kelly second it. The minutes were adopted as amended unanimously.

There was a discussion about questions that the COTF Writer Team had.

III. Recommendations for Public Meetings

The Central West District location is not yet confirmed for April 14th 2p.m. to 6p.m.; St. Peters Claver and Shake & Bake are options. The Southeast District location is confirmed at Patterson Park Public Charter – May 1st. The Northeast District location is confirmed at Mount Pleasant May 21st.

COTF discussed developing a calendar of meetings and events. There was a discussion about what to call these “Public Meetings”. Mr. McKenstry suggested that COTF would continue to think about it and make a decision later. Tentatively they will be called public workshops

Mr. McKenstry tasked Ms. Byrd with drafting a press release for these “Public Meetings.” Ms. Byrd will distribute updates on the task via email. Mr. Kelly was tasked with identifying some relevant community meetings to attend. He attended Violence Reduction Initiative (VRI). Mr. Kelly met with Mr. Ed Jackson Inspector General Office, who is working to ensure that we have representation with the judge/court meetings.

IV. Travel Sites and Guests

It was suggested that a Baltimore COTF delegation visits New York and New Orleans.

Mr. McKenstry suggested that we break down what a New Orleans delegation can offer in terms of presentations, documentation, and what they would bring to Baltimore. We should look at technology options and how we can secure information without travel.

Ms. Duval clarified that the available budget is: \$8,500 to bring folk to Baltimore (6 experts at \$1,700 a person); \$17,000 available for COTF to travel (10 site visits at \$1,700 a visit). Previous discussions suggested that COTF brings Minty from Seattle and Gia from New Orleans; and COTF visit New York and New Orleans. Solicitor Davis prefers reimbursement of funds. Ms. Duval will communicate with Solicitor Davis to determine if there is a way to avoid having the New Orleans delegation pay their way and get reimbursed later.

Mr. Reinel suggested that we prioritize considering who we bring to Baltimore to engage our community residents. There was conversation about the value of the presentation of whomever visits to Baltimore.

Mr. Kelly suggested that the New Orleans delegation that travels to Baltimore for the April 13th & 14th meetings and public workshops are from the New Orleans Police Community Advisory Board: Gary Lawson, Deputy Commissioner and Valerie Bouldin, Community Liaison. Mr. Lawson and Ms. Bouldin would present trials, errors, pitfalls, and victories. COTF members will develop questions to send to Mr. Lawson and Ms. Bouldin in advance of their visit to Baltimore.

COTF would like invite Minty Longearth from Seattle to attend the May 1st Southeast public workshop. Suggestion that there is a COTF meeting on either April 30th at 6p.m. or May 2nd, whichever would work best for Ms. Longearth. We also want to bring to Baltimore ChiChi Thompson from Cleveland perhaps during the Baltimore CeaseFire weekend to the Mobtown location (tentative) either May 11th or 12th.

V. Advocates Meeting

A meeting to engage folk who do advocacy work in Baltimore. This topic will be tabled for the next COTF meeting.

There was discussion about questions that came up in a recent meeting with the Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement.

VI. Meeting Dates

COTF Meeting on April 4th from 6p.m. to 8p.m. at No Boundaries Coalition.

COTF Meeting on April 13th from 6p.m. to 9p.m. at No Boundaries Coalition with the New Orleans Delegation (Gary Lawson and Valerie Bouldin) leading up to the April 14th public workshop.

COTF Meeting on April 30th possibly at Creative Alliance leading up to the May 1st Southeast public workshop.

COTF Meeting on May 10th or 11th leading up to a CeaseFire weekend public workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.