

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2107 @ 6:00 P.M.
EL SOL NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER
JUPITER, FL

Attendance: Barbara Cheives, Chief Frank Kitzerow, Kristina Henson, Rosalyn Baker, Carrie Brown, Charlotte Wright, Lt. Beth Krivda, Jeanette Marshall, Ricky Petty, Cheo Reid, James Snowden, Mark Strach, Officer Roberto Diaz, Bert Winkler, Rosalind Murray, Jocelyn Skolnick, Carmela Chapman, Katherine Shover

The meeting opened at 6:07 pm by co-chair, Barbara Cheives and Chief Frank Kitzerow. Introductions were made. There was a motion made by Rosalyn Baker and seconded by Jeanette Marshall to approve the minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Mark Strach, and seconded by Carmella Chapman to approve the agenda as presented.

The discussion began about the Community Engagement Event that was held in Delray Beach at the Village Academy School. Kristina Henson reported that 105 persons were in attendance. There were technical difficulties with the movie even though the County AV staff was present. It created tardiness that impeded the flow of the event, and reduced the time for discussion. Fifty-three persons responded to the survey. The question is how do we keep people engaged in the process? Some suggestions on how to improve the question and answer process was to a) have respondents email questions in advance b) have cards in the audience in advance.

Other comments centered the role of the Idea Board. An after action report was suggested. In the future, we would invite local jurisdictions for the planning process. We can include District Commander from Sheriff's Office for planning.

Rosalyn Baker commented that she didn't know what to expect and thought things went well. The role of the Steering Committee should be better defined. Perhaps Steering Committee Members should have nametags. That would help identify people.

Jeanette Marshall suggested follow-up to Healthier Communities, emails and use of website.

Carrie Brown commented that we met our goals; we got our feet wet, we engaged communities in regard to Criminal Justice. We will send Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy information out to people who provided their email addresses

Kristina Henson discussed the MacArthur Safety and Justice Grant. She discussed the risk assessment instrument, and changes suggested for first appearance. The goal of the risk assessment instrument is to 1) reduce racial/ethnic disparity.2) have a system that is based on science. The Risk Management Matrix matches a score with the risk. It provides recommended outcomes that are science based. Judges still have discretion. This is a

tool. This should help reduce jail population and level the playing field. This will not compromise public safety. 12 million people cycle in and out of jail in this country each year. As an FYI, there is a Senate Bill being introduced to provide grant funding to those who eliminate money bail.

Cheo Reid stated that the State Attorney, Dave Aronberg is interested to learn more about how the assessment tool works. James Snowden asked if it has been shown to reduce jail population. A manual was created that includes definitions. This is something to share in the community. Barbara Cheives stated this is an opportunity to open people eyes about the system. Cheo Reid stated that we must manage expectations. This is simply a guide.

Kristina Henson discussed the Urban Stories Festival and shared what she knows which was on the flyer handed out. It was suggested the organizer be invited to provide information at our next meeting.

Jocelyn Skolnick provided a history and overview of the El Sol Center. It has been open for 10 years. It provides support for education, employment, and the legal system. It is privately funded.

The next meeting is on Thursday, September 28, 2017 in Riviera Beach. Jeanette Marshall has graciously agreed to help locate a site. A motion to adjourn was made by Cheo Reid, and seconded by Rosalyn Baker.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.