

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, September 22, 2008 - 8:00 a.m.

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Palm Beach County Convention Center, Meeting Room 2ABC
650 Okeechobee Blvd West Palm Beach
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Members Present:

James Barr
Moses Baker
Roselyn Baker
Stephen Barborini
Steven Burdelski
Delsa Bush
Barbara Cheives
Max Davis
Mike Driscoll
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Rolando Garcia
Feirmon Johnson
Barry Krischer
Kathleen Kroll
Wesley Lauer
Martin Millar
Gerald Richman
Debra Robinson
Richard Staudinger
Stephen Stepp
Carmen Veneziano

Harry A. Johnston, II (Ex officio)

Guests Attending:

Approximately 40 guests attended the 20th anniversary celebration, we are however unable to ascertain the number of guests who remained for the CJC meeting.

Staff Present:

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director
Journey Beard, Crime Prevention Project Specialist
Arlene Burton, Administrative Secretary
Wayne English, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst
Jenise Gibson, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Hatos, Criminal Justice Analyst
Damir Kukec, Research & Planning Manager

Members Absent:

Commissioner Burt Aaronson
Mitch Beers
Joseph Bernadel
Sharon Bock
Ric Bradshaw
Carey Haughwout
Randolph K. Johnson, Sr.
William Kramer
Luis Perez
Maria Sachs

Rosalind Murray, Program Development Specialist
Brenda Oakes, Youth Violence Prevention Planning Coordinator
Kristie Slinsky, Temporary Staff
Jason Staum, Student Intern
Mike Szakacs, Financial Analyst II
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst
Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Programs Manager

- I. Chairman Barr called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. He thanked members and guests for attending the CJC 20th anniversary celebration and the CJC meeting, though some members were unable to remain for the duration of the meeting.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. The agenda was unanimously approved.
- IV. The minutes of the July 8, 2008 full Commission meeting were unanimously approved.
- V. Under Chairman's Comments, Chair Barr
 - A. Reported that Ms. Becky Walker participated in a **Statewide Planning Meeting for Gang Reduction Strategy, Regional Task Force Strategy Sessions** on July 21, 2008 in Clearwater. The Attorney General's office hosted the planning meeting and has also scheduled seven regional gang reduction strategy sessions.

Ms. Walker remarked that it was interesting to hear the comments about the Criminal Justice Commission being able to bring players in the criminal justice system together while no other region has been able to do that. She noted that a strategy session will be held for each region and that Palm Beach County will be piloted as a model for the law enforcement, prosecution and the youth violence prevention efforts.
 - B. Announced that West Palm Beach Weed and Seed site was selected by the Community Capacity Development Office at the U.S. Department of Justice to receive training and technical assistance through the 2008 Reentry Public Safety Initiative Technical Assistance Project, **Taking Innovative Steps in Addressing Reentry**. He congratulated Craig Spatara and Rosalind Murray for their hard work.
- VI. Under Executive Director's Comments, Mr. Rodriguez reported that the Board of County Commissioners approved renewal of the Pride probation misdemeanor contract for an additional three years as recommended by the CJC Executive Committee.
- VII. Business Consent item(s)

There were no business consent items.
- VIII. Old Business

There were no old business items.
- IX. New Business
 - A. Law Enforcement Planning Council requests CJC approval for the purchase of a one year warranty for the Brass TRAX system purchased earlier by the Youth Violence

Prevention Project. This is necessary to keep the system functioning properly and the cost is \$32,063. This is anticipated to be a one-time expenditure.

Ms. Walker noted that the Brass Trax equipment is currently housed at the West Palm Beach Police Department where a lot of Brass Trax information is being imputed. She said it is a very technical piece of equipment which requires extended warranty in order to keep it going for another year, and that Forensic Technology is the only company that can provide that warranty. The amount will be taken from the Youth Violence Prevention Funds.

Funding for the Brass Trax warranty unanimously approved after motion by Mr. M. Millar and second by Ms. R. Baker.

- B. Mr. Johnston in collaboration with Ms. Haughwout requested a motion to carry forward the reentry findings and recommendations to the October CJC meeting. Members unanimously approved after motion by Mr. M. Baker and second by Mr. F. Johnson.
- C. Mr. Johnston advised members of his recommendation for a revision of the CJC Bylaws to allow a two year term for the Chair and to also create a Chair Elect. His reasons for the change will be explained at the next CJC meeting, but members were asked to review the proposed revision for voting and final approval at the October meeting.

X. CJC Initiatives/Updates

Chair Barr reminded members of the committee/task force updates included in the agenda packets, and again thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the anniversary celebration.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:58 a.m.