

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, December 18, 2017

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Rosalyn Baker
William Dames
Rachel Docekal
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Keith James
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
Dave Kerner
Barry Krischer
James Martz
Krista Marx
Frank Mercurio
Gerald Richman
Greg Starling
Lee Waring

Members Absent:

Ric Bradshaw
Sharon Bock
Barbara Cheives
Michael D'Alonzo
Rolando Garcia
Al Jacquet
Nellie King
Frank Kitzerow
John McKenna
Sarah Mooney
Christina Morrison
Robert Shirley
Erica Whitfield

Guests Attending:

Mike Gauger, PBSO
Diane McCarthy, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Angela Bess, PBC School District
Tony Kalil, West Palm Beach Police Department
Jon Van Arnam, PBC Deputy County Administrator
Dave Bernhardt, BOCC, District 3 Staff
Richard Radcliffe, PBC League of Cities
Arlene Griffiths, PBC Public Safety Department, Reentry Program
Danielle Ouellette, PBC Public Safety Department, Juvenile Reentry Program
Debra Oats, PBC Court Administration
Mark Strach, Florida Department of Corrections
Michael DeBock, President & CEO, PBC Economic Council
Judge Jonathan Gerber, 4th District Court of Appeals
Dave Talley, PBC CareerSource
Ray Russo, Minister, PBC Resident
Lisa Robinson, Associate Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church

Staff Present:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Chairman Lee Waring called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chair Waring invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda for the December 18, 2017 meeting was unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Doug Duncan and a second by Mr. Randy Johnson.
- V. The minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and a second by Mr. George Elmore.

VI. Chairman's Comments:

- A. Chair Waring announced the date for the Criminal Justice Commission Annual Planning Meeting scheduled for February 26, 2018, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.
- B. Chair Waring presented the 2018 Full CJC and Executive Committee Meeting Dates.
- C. Chair Waring shared the CJC recommendation letter to the PBC Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on the PEACE Community ID Card Program, and subsequent letter to the PBC BOCC from PBC Sheriff Ric Bradshaw
- D. Chair Waring announced the retirement of CJC member Ms. Rosalyn Baker and thanked her for her many efforts.
- E. Chair Waring announced this is his last meeting as Chair of the CJC, and thanked the members for their support and shared some reflections of his time serving as the CJC Chair

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson announced three vacant CJC staff positions, a Criminal Justice Analyst, a Senior Criminal Justice Analyst funded through the MacArthur grant, and a Program Coordinator grant funded through the FDLE JAG.
- B. Director Henson announced the graduation of the 33rd Citizen's Criminal Justice

Academy on December 11. Ms. Rosalind Murray announced 47 graduates, and thanked PBSO for its support. Minister Ray Russo and Mr. Dave Talley both attended the Academy and voiced their support for the program.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Presentations were made to the outgoing officers of the CJC to recognize their two years of service:
 - i. Commissioner Dave Kerner made the presentation to Chair Waring;
 - ii. Chair Waring made the presentations to Vice Chair Gerald Richman, Treasurer Barry Krischer and Secretary Rosalyn Baker.
- B. Chair Waring invited Chief Judge Krista Marx to swear in the incoming CJC Officers. Chief Judge Marx gave the oath of office to all incoming officers including: Chair Gerald Richman; Vice-Chair Barry Krischer; Treasurer Joseph Ianno, Jr.; and Secretary Douglas Duncan.

IX. New Business

- A. Executive Director Henson announced Judge Jonathan Gerber, 4th DCA, to give an update on the 2018 Judge Marvin Mounts Annual Prison Tour. Judge Gerber thanked the CJC for its continued funding for the bus. Chair Waring asked for a motion to again approve the funding; it was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and second by Mr. George Elmore.
- B. Chair Waring introduced Mr. Michael DeBock, President and CEO of the PBC Economic Council. Mr. DeBock gave an overview of the PBC Economic Council and its role in the community. Mr. DeBock discussed how the PBC Economic Council is focused on the development of areas that are vital to the success of Palm Beach County, namely housing, transportation, education and public safety. Chair Waring presented the term limits of the private sector members of the CJC and stressed the importance of continuing to build the relationship with the Economic Council for future membership.

X. Update on CJC Initiatives:

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson gave an update on the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge. She announced the site visit on December 6 of a Team from Lucas County Ohio which is another MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Site. Staff work continues on contract and administrative duties and various committees continue to meet.
- B. The Community Engagement Task Force met two weeks ago and is looking at its present goals and strategies. Members discussed various strategies to form smaller teams to engage different populations within the community. The focus is to establish and build dialogues about the criminal justice system with the community through 2018.

XI. Member Comments:

- A. Members engaged in conversation about the recommendation letters regarding the PEACE Community ID Card Program and asked Commissioner Kerner his thoughts on how this would be received by the BOCC. Commissioner Kerner said he will be recommending that the program be tabled at this time given the concerns of law enforcement and those raised by the CJC. He said that he would work further with PEACE and law enforcement to see if a resolve can be made.

- B. Commissioner Kerner announced the formal naming of the PBC Courthouse after Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley and a recent visit he made to Puerto Rico with members of the PBC Sheriff's Office to see how law enforcement aid is needed in this devastated area after the recent hurricane season.

- C. Mr. Randy Johnson requested State Attorney Dave Aronberg to comment on his recent testimony, along with Chief Assistant State Attorney Al Johnson, in Washington, D.C. before a House Committee on the opioid epidemic. Mr. Aronberg stated their focus was on fraud and abuse in the recovery industry. He made various recommendations that were well received. He stated that the House members were unaware of the extent of the problem and were very interested in remedies. Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam also commented on the infusion of funding from the County to keep fighting the opioid epidemic and some of the projects underway to address the issue.

XII. Adjourn:

meeting at With no further Member comments, Chair Waring adjourned the approximately 9:05 a.m.