

## MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 VIA ZOOM TECHNOLOGY.

The meeting began at 7:39pm.

Members participating were: Jamie Krauk, Rick Ransom, Kevin Hammett, Dan Hamlin, Dea Zugby, Sudhanshu Sinha and David Moran, Staff Liaison.

Also participating were: Findley Holland, Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Liaison, Bob Snyder, Caller 443 and Bill Orleans.

### Welcome & Introductions

There were introductions. Jamie welcomed everyone and in particular, Sudhanshu who was recently appointed to CRAB. She announced Rick would be joining the meeting later.

Sudhanshu read the Community Pledge.

Jamie stated that Council accepted CRAB's Report on the Racial Equity Legislation. Council also discussed CRAB's Communication which had been accepted at the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting.

### Council Discussion of Communication Sent on 12/11/20

Jamie reported that Council's general sense was 1) They appreciated CRAB providing options and 2) Either Option 1 or 2 was acceptable to Council. Jamie stated that Council did not take a specific vote and recognized that these forums would be quite a bit of work. She indicated that Mayor Byrd wanted to move quickly, but he recognized there was value in the process. Jamie stated that Council specifically suggested that CRAB coordinate with the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), the Employee Relations Board (ERB) and the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

Rick discussed the Council meeting and thought Council liked option 2 and would welcome CRAB's assistance. He believed CRAB needed to discuss identifying a moderator.

Jamie reported hearing support for option 1 or 2. She believed that Council clearly wanted forums in collaboration with others.

David agreed to send CRAB members an email with a link to the video clip where this discussion occurred.

### Community Feedback

Jamie welcomed Bob and Bill and asked if they had any feedback.

Bill stated he was thrilled that Bob was attending.

Bob announced that Bill had invited him to attend a meeting. Bob stated that he liked the options CRAB had presented to the City Council.

Bill suggested that CRAB coordinate with Bob and encouraged both Bob and his organization, Greenbelt Citizens for Public Safety, to participate in the forums.

Jamie stressed CRAB's goal and responsibility was to make sure that all voices are heard.

#### CRAB Discussion/Planning of Future Forums

Rick believed CRAB had Council support to proceed with the forums. He asked other CRAB members for their thoughts about moving forward.

Dan wanted CRAB to be prepared to move towards a listening session(s) and have everything ready to go. He believed their needed to be a more specific proposal for residents to comment upon. Dan stated he was pushing for CRAB to be ready, but believed the proposal was needed. He also indicated that he was open to a more general forum.

Jamie asked David about the timing of the draft ordinance. David responded there is a rough draft that some have seen and indicated he had not yet been given permission to share that document. He also noted that the General Assembly was considering legislation which might reform/repeal the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR) and this would be known by mid-April.

Rick agreed that a concrete ordinance would be helpful at the forums. He also noted Council had discussed the efforts underway at the General Assembly.

Kevin agreed that it would be good to have an ordinance available at the forums.

David acknowledged that CRAB had been discussing forums for a while and agreed that getting the planning done was a good idea. He indicated that there is significant work involved in identifying the facilitator, setting up the rules, etc.

Jamie suggested that CRAB talk about the logistics of future forums and referenced an email sent by David outlining some questions. She stated there were professionals with expertise in this area. Jamie suggested Dr. Ray might have expertise or be willing to refer CRAB to someone else. She also believed CRAB should spend some time thinking about potential questions. Jamie agreed that she wanted something to react to, but also saw value in a session where there was just listening.

Sudhanshu stated there was a Police Reforms Work Group in the County which had submitted a report. He suggested CRAB look at this report.

Jamie stated she had not looked at that report. She welcomed caller 443 to the meeting.

Rick asked Dan about using Dr. Ray as a moderator for these forums. Dan responded that facilitating this type of forum was a rare skill. He stated he was impressed by Dr. Marsh who works with Dr. Ray and had worked with CRAB in the past. Dan also believed both Dr. Ray and Dr. Marsh may be able to refer CRAB to other facilitators if they themselves weren't able to facilitate.

Dan agreed to contact Dr. Ray and Dr. Marsh. David agreed to provide Dan with their contact information.

There was discussion about the questions David had raised/provided about forum logistics. Jamie thanked David for providing these. Rick observed that an experienced facilitator might already know how to handle these matters.

Rick planned to reach out to the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Chair about participating in the forums. He also wanted to make sure that youth are represented and provide input at the forums. Jamie commented that Council also wanted the Employee Relations Board (ERB) involved. David agreed to provide Rick with contact information for the three Chairs.

Bill hoped the forums were not heavily moderated, but he did see value in professional or academic facilitation. He recalled that the City Solicitor was going to draft legislative language based on the Mayor's proposal. Bill reported that PSAC had been working on a response document, provided by the Police Department, to the Mayor's original proposal. He also referenced a comparative chart developed by PSAC Member Peggy Higgins.

David indicated there was a draft that the City Solicitor had prepared and that some people have seen. He indicated that he had not yet obtained permission to share this document with CRAB.

Bill commented on a Greenbelt Citizens for Public Safety rally he attended where good people were present and hoped this forum would provide an opportunity for people to ask questions. Bill hoped the forum would occur as soon as possible.

Dan clarified that his assignment was to contact Dr. Ray and/or Dr. Marsh to assess their possible interest in being the moderator or their suggestion of somebody else who might moderate such a forum/town hall/listening session on police reform in Greenbelt. He stated that he was not to commit without involving PSAC, YAC and ERB. Rick confirmed Dan's understanding.

Rick believed the next step, if a potential moderator is identified and acceptable to all groups, was for the moderator to attend a meeting to formulate a plan. Dan suggested the potential moderator meet with representatives of CRAB, PSAC, YAC and ERB to formulate this plan. Rick stated that CRAB was making plans and would be ready to go at the appropriate time. Rick agreed to reach out to PSAC and ERB.

Jamie stated that other CRAB members should be thinking about potential formats for the forums. She had made notes regarding some potential guiding questions. Jamie referenced

GREA's statement and asked Bob if his group had a statement/perspective he was comfortable sharing.

Bob responded that his group has a Facebook page that people were welcome to look at and they were also considering creating a website where positive information about the police could be shared. Bob noted they had a mission statement.

#### Next Meeting Date

CRAB members agreed that the Board should hold the next virtual meeting on February 11.

Sudhanshu referenced the Prince George's County Police Reforms Workgroup's report noting it was a large file. Jamie asked him to provide the link in the chatroom. David agreed to send the link to the entire Board.

Rick thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting ended at 8:43pm.