

Criminal Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee- CJCAC
November 17, 2010
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Name	Position	Present
Mr. Alan Adler	District 1	YES
Vacant	District 2	NO
Mr. Dennis T. Brown	District 3	YES
Vacant	District 4	NO
Mr. Sean Mulhall	District 5	YES
Mr. Tom Bowers	District 6	NO
Mr. Anthony G. Scheer	Bar Association	YES
Vacant	Charlotte- Mecklenburg Schools	NO
Ms. Jerry Mudge	Faith Community	NO
Ms. Carolyn Green Logan	Law Enforcement	YES
Mr. Mark T. Sumwalt	CJCAC Chairman	YES
Ms. Myra Byarm	Rehabilitation	YES
Ms. Karen L. Worrell	Substance Abuse Professional	YES
Michelle Lancaster	Mecklenburg County General Manager	NO
Janet Payne	Staff: Assistant to the County Manager	NO
Tom Eberly	Staff: Court Services - County Manager's Office	YES
Jamie Privuznak	Staff: Court Services - County Manager's Office	YES

HANDOUTS

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes from October

2010 CJCAC Survey Results

Annual Report to the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners 11_2010

Proposed Meeting Objectives:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from October;
- Select a new Vice Chairperson;
- Update from Board's CJ Subcommittee Meeting;
- CJCAC Survey Outcomes; and
- Priority Setting for Year II.

Meeting began at 5:30 PM.**Welcome and Introduction**

Mark Sumwalt
CJCAC Chair

Mark Sumwalt called the meeting to order and introduced Sean Mulhass, the new representative for District 5.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Group

A discussion of the section of the October meeting minutes regarding group attrition was held and it was determined that the minutes were to be amended.

Follow up Item: Amend the October meeting minutes for approval at the December meeting.

Discussion of Boards CJ Subcommittee Meeting

Group

Mark Sumwalt began by recounting his explanation to the subcommittee of how we were formed, what we have done, and how we narrowed down our task to the five recommendations. There were a number of questions in response to our draft report, specifically:

#3 Inconsistencies in Crime Reporting

The subcommittee questioned what process the CJCAC used to arrive at the findings of inconsistencies in crime reporting and were surprised that we took these positions. The assumption was that all agencies reported the same.

Finding #4 – Greater Cooperation Between Agencies DA/Police

Members of the subcommittee felt that our characterization of crime statistics in the report is inaccurate and want to discuss federal guidelines and share the information concerning statistics with us. They emphasized that we cannot group all the agencies together and that each town has their own way of doing business so to group them together is unfair. They want to attend the December meeting to discuss our findings. It appears that law enforcement is reacting more strongly don't want to be characterized as providing misleading information.

The group discussed their surprise to learn that the report had been circulated and that once we submitted our report to the subcommittee it was distributed to the various agencies prior to being edited. Tom Eberly explained that all documents become public record when submitted to the BOCC. The CJAG the comments from the commissioners were consistent with the subcommittee. The group decided that we will review the language and decide if there is anything that we want to change.

Follow up Item: Review draft report language and decide if there is anything that will be changed.

Follow up Item: Invite members of law enforcement back to discuss the report prior to any changes being made.

Follow up Item: Tom Eberly to provide audio tape of the meeting held on 11/19/2009 for the group to review and discuss any inconsistencies.

Further discussion followed on the proposed modification of the report to ensure that public perception is reflected in the findings.

#5 – Failure to Follow Up on Property Crime

Some of the outlying towns were bothered by what they perceived to be an accusation that they had not aligned their priorities with the DA's office expressed their concern with being lumped in with CPMD.

Select New Vice Chairperson

A vote was held for the new vice chairperson. Candidates for the position were Alan Alder and Dennis Brown.

Action Item: The group voted for the new vice chairperson.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm

Recap of Follow- up Items:

Follow up Item: Amend the October meeting minutes for approval at the December meeting.

Follow up Item: Review the language of the draft report for potential edits.

Follow up Item: Tom Eberly to provide audio tape of the meeting held on 11/19/2009 for the group to review and discuss any inconsistencies.

Action Item: Invite members of law enforcement back to discuss the report prior to any changes being made.

Recap of Actions Taken:

Action Item: The group voted on new vice chairperson.