

Community Outreach Subcommittee of the Northampton Policing Review Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Monday January 18, 2021

12pm-1:30pm

To join the remote meeting:

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1. Call to Order
 1. Announcement of Zoom Recording
 2. Roll Call
 3. Approval of meeting minutes
2. Workshop and preparation of Outreach Document (Feedback from advocates invited to the meeting)
3. Possible strategies to deploy the outreach document (Feedback from advocates invited to the meeting)
4. Public Hearing Dates
5. New Business
6. Adjourn

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido at 12:02pm

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING

Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido made an announcement that this meeting is being recorded for the public and would be available on Northampton Open Media, as well as, the City of Northampton website.

ROLL CALL:

Javier Luengo-Garrido	Present
Dan Cannity	Present
Carol Owen	Present

Workshop and preparation of Outreach Document

Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido pointed out that this meeting will be a working session. The last subcommittee outreach meeting a full document was created, with guidelines. Commissioner Luengo-Garrido noted that the subcommittee has gathered testimony from affected communities as well as advocates and invited the public to assist with the editing process.

The commissioners workshopped the testimonies document.

Community members Sean Donovan, Jose Adastra, and Ya-Ping Douglass provided formatting and content suggestions.

Sean Donovan noted that a question should be added about individuals interacting with the police. His understanding is that police don't see distress and then react to it, they usually respond to crisis/distress calls. Sean noted that he knows some of the individuals that created the Brattleboro report, which was a result of very specific listening sessions. Sean concluded that it is important for people to have a way to remove their stories at any point.

Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido questioned how the Commission can deal with organizations that have benefited from the pervasive system and wondered how the Commission gets them to talk to the group because if the Commission recommends anything besides the status quo then these organizations will get less money than what they are already getting.

Commissioner Carol Owens pointed out that it seems that Javier is asking the question of how the Commission will explain to the community the phenomenon of soft policing. Carol concluded by saying that DCF has a mission to be concerned with the safety of all children in Massachusetts and how they do that is in part by a policing function and an investigatory function.

Adjourn

Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:36pm. Commissioner Carol Owen seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.