
SOUTHOLD JUSTICE REVIEW & REFORM TASK FORCE

GENERAL MEETING

11/24/2020

6:00PM-8:00PM VIA ZOOM

Facilitator: Carolyn Peabody

Note Taker: Julia Fetter

Attendees:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Carolyn Peabody2. Martin Flatley3. Rev. Natalie Wimberly4. Laura Held5. Scott Russell6. Brian Hughes7. Alison Byers8. Anne Smith9. Bob Knuts	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. Brian O. Mealy11. Jeremy Schwartz12. Jack Slattery13. Liz Gillooly14. Margaret Cowden15. Paul Pallas16. Stephen Kiely17. Julia Fetter
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Excused:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jack Martilotta2. Sonia Spar3. Valerie Shelby
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Guests:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Christopher North
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MINUTES

WELCOME

- Minutes accepted by all

OUTREACH: PRESENTED BY CAROLYN

- Upcoming dates for Public Listening Sessions:
 - 12/3, 7pm-9pm

- 12/5, 3pm-5pm
- 12/22, 6pm-8pm
- Liz contacted a local printing company to begin printing, and Brian M. contacted the Library, and they agreed to assist in any printing we need.
- Once the flyers are complete, they will be hung up by Task Force members around Southold at local businesses and other frequented places. In order to keep track of this, all places will be documented in a chart on Google Drive, along with the person responsible for that specific place:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FO7BXeTjMUfwmm0iKhI_xQzpbAxfrGWInl3cd55Opd0/edit#gid=0
- Julia updated that all Public Listening Session information will be posted on the website and on all social media platforms.
- Brian, Anne & Sonia are working on mobilizing youth -- Brian has a young student that does PSA's that he feels would be a great asset to getting the word out
- Anne is in the process of setting up a Zoom with the local principals to begin outreach, and has contact with all Civic Associations and will outreach to them.
- Rev. Wimberly will outreach to the local faith leaders.
- Scott Russell is concerned about the budget in regards to outreach and social media and understands the importance of outreach but feels that it might be too much. He has to discuss with the Town Board at the next meeting.
- Carolyn encourages all members to send the flyer out to all email contacts, and encourage them to send it to their contacts as well

Action Item:	By Whom:	Due Date:
Complete printing for flyers	Liz & Brian	This weekend
Fill out outreach chart & Begin distributing flyers	All members	This weekend

SYNERGY EVENT: PRESENTED BY CHRISTOPHER NORTH

- Christopher reported that a few members of the Task Force attended the last SYNERGY meeting
- He said that there was lots of discussion about the current police reforms and all members were encouraged to take the survey; They discussed the importance of the Task Force and staying involved. approx. 18/19 people were on the call.

SOCIAL MEDIA/SURVEY: PRESENTED BY JULIA & ALISON

- Julia informed members how to like, follow, & share the Facebook Page

- Julia shared the page for registering for the Public Listening Sessions, and went through it to inform all members how to register for the events.
- A few people have called our number, one left a voicemail. Carolyn followed up and conducted an interview with the individual. Members are also responding to the website and email address.
- Alison reported that we have 65 responses to our survey thus far

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS: PRESENTED BY CAROLYN

- Anne asked about the role of the Task Force members in the Listening Sessions -- Carolyn clarified that TG members will be signed on as regular members to listen in regards to their Workgroup tasks. Members of the Steering Committee will be moderating the event.
 - Listening sessions will be recorded.
- Scott added that the police should be included in the conversations made by the community
 - Carolyn responded that the previous officers that attended the meetings should continue to join to listen and give input
 - We will also be holding a Listening Session for police on January 4th for Police to share their experiences as well.

FORMAT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS: PRESENTED BY CAROLYN

- Our deadline for completion should be March 1st 2021, that way we can leave time for review
 - Scott & Stephen agree that they don't think we will be penalized if we do not have everything submitted by April 1st as long as it is clear that we are committed -- Scott will find out if this is true.
- Carolyn sent the TF a link of a proposed format for us to use in the end -- She invited members to provide feedback on the format

<u>Action Item:</u>	<u>By Whom:</u>	<u>Due Date:</u>
Find out if there is leniency with the due date	Scott Russell	
Provide feedback on the proposed format	All members	

WORKGROUP UPDATES

- Workgroup 1: Working in subgroups and will be meeting with the Chief to discuss their questions on 12/10/20

- Workgroup 2: Discussed their questions for the Chief and will hopefully reschedule that meeting for 11/30/20
 - Bob is taking charge of reviewing the investigative process for the Civilian Complaints
 - Scott asked what the point is of reviewing past complaints, and how that will help us moving forward
 - Bob explained that the Guidance talks about understanding what has happened to inform the future policies and practices
 - Stephen added that it is important to see if there's any issues that need to be addressed -- We are not looking to see who the complaint was against or what the outcome was.
 - Scott responded that the TF is not created to serve as a CCRB and that it is not our responsibility to review complaints and determine their outcome
 - Margaret responded that the Guidance is very clear in stating that in order to inform our practice, we need to know what has happened in the Town
 - Liz agreed and expressed frustration that there is a lack of willingness and transparency in providing this information
 - Carolyn concluded that we want to understand what the processes and procedures have been in handling certain situations, but that we will continue to have this conversation outside of the meeting in order to discuss how we can get the necessary information in regards to complaints for the data.

Action Item: Discuss collecting information about past complaints	By Whom: Steering Committee & Scott Russell	Due Date:
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