

Public Safety Transition Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, June 16 4:00 PM  
Kids Hope Alliance Board Room

Members Present: WC Gentry; Lolita Smith; Derrick Mitchell; Johnny Oldham; Paula Renfro; Dr. Connie Hall; Frank Denton; Rachael Fortune; Julie Delegal; Ellen Glasser; Jack Meeks.

Member not Present: Dr. Vicki Waytowich.

Subject Matter Experts Present: Michael Munz (former Chair of the Jacksonville Children's Commission and CEO of the Dalton Agency); Debbie Verges (former Project Director for the Jacksonville Journey during Mayor Peyton's and Mayor Curry's Administrations); Dr. Saralyn Glass (CEO of the Kids Hope Alliance and an expert in birth to 18).

Liaisons Present; Lakesha Burton, Chief of Public Safety; Rita Mairs, Office of General Counsel; Joe Cowan, JSO; Adair Newman, State Attorney's Office.

Chairman WC Gentry called the meeting to order at 4:02. He gave an overview of the mission of the committee. There will be four subcommittees Jacksonville Journey Review, Literacy, Community Engagement and Crime Prevention and Communications (attached is a description of each committee). Jacksonville is a compassionate city. Our guiding principles should be to have compassion, mutual respect, inclusive of an equitable sharing of resources with a focus on the community, safety, and health. The subcommittees will make recommendations once they have researched their respective areas.

The members of the committee introduced themselves.

Rita Mairs, Office of General Counsel gave the members an explanation of the Sunshine Law and Public Records Act. Meetings must be open to the public; reasonable notice must be given, and minutes must be taken. If two or more members would like to speak to one another, the meeting must be noticed. If subcommittees are meeting, they must be held at different times. An agenda is not required but an explanation of the purpose is to be included, and the location should have easy access. Please preserve all communications as they could be subject to a public records request.

If a member of the committee must attend via zoom protocol requires that a majority of the members must be in person. Those on zoom must state the reason why they can't be present and the members present vote to allow/not allow the individual on zoom to participate in the meeting.

Each subcommittee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 20:

- 9:00 Communications (Ed Ball building, 8<sup>th</sup> floor)
- 12:30 Jacksonville Journey Review (KHA Board room)
- 2:00 Literacy (KHA Board room)

- 4:00 Community Engagement & Crime Prevention (KHA Board room)

Subcommittee members:

- Jacksonville Journey Review: WC Gentry (Chair)
- Literacy: Dr. Hall (Chair); Paula Renfro, Frank Denton, Rachael, WC Gentry
- Community Engagement and Crime Prevention: Lolita Smith (Chair), Dr. Vicki Waytowich, Ellen Glasser, Derrick Mitchell, Johnny Oldham, and Jack Meeks.
- Communications: Julie Delegal

A follow up meeting will be held Thursday, June 22 with Chairman Gentry meeting with each subcommittee chair in the KHA Board room:

- Literacy 3:00
- Community Engagement and Crime Prevention 3:45
- Communications 4:30

Chairman Gentry explained an interim report is due the end of July and final report September 5. If any committee member has a report, publication that members should read, items of historical significance please send them to Debbie Verges ([djverges@coj.net](mailto:djverges@coj.net)) and it will be put in the google drive for members to read. The subcommittees should discuss what could be implemented right now, short term and long-term goals.

Chairman Gentry explained that he is meeting with DCPS leaders to discuss one time funding on training teachers on how to teach reading. This would also apply to KHA funded agencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Update to Minutes [June 22, 2023]: Member Julie Delegal resigned from the Commission due to other commitments and the Communications Subcommittee was dissolved and will not meet in the future.