

SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES – 1/13/21

Chair: Commissioner Al French

Vice-Chair: Justin Bingham

Meeting Date:
1/13/2021

Meeting Location:
Virtual Meeting

Start Time: 12:00 p.m.
Adjourn Time: 1:30 p.m.

Members:

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Chair: Commissioner Al French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Afrench@Spokanecounty.org	County Commissioner
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Director Mike Sparber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MSparber@Spokanecounty.org	Detention Services
Cheryl Tofsrud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CTofsrud@Spokanecounty.org	Pre-Trial Services
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Erin Williams-Hueter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ewilliams@lcsnw.org	Community Rep.
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Dave Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	djellis@spokanesherriff.org	Spokane County Sheriff

Proxies:

James Emacio	Jemacio@spokanecounty.org	County Prosecutors Office
Todd Mielke	TMIELKE@SpokaneSheriff.org	Spokane County Sheriff's Office

Present:

Maggie Yates, Regional Law & Justice Administrator

Candace Aguirre, Regional Law & Justice Staff Assistant
Diane Linqvist, Regional Law & Justice Office
Karen Boone, Racial Equity Committee
Brandi Peetz
Karen Corkins, Commissioner French's Office
Curtis Hampton, Racial Equity Committee
Mary Lou Johnson, Strategic Planning Committee
Tara Dhanraj
Undersheriff Mike Kittilstved
Jason Verduzco
John Dickson, Spokane County
Don Hooper, Spokane County
Kaitlin Kall, VERA
Ron Valencia, Spokane County
Jim Kaufman, Spokane County
Angel Tomeo-Jones, Racial Equity Committee

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Minutes
3. Committee Business
 - a. Strategic Planning Committee
 - b. Public Comment
4. Blueprint for Reform
5. Adjourn

Minutes:

- Item #1: Commissioner French, Chair, opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.
- Item #2: Justin Bingham, Co-Chair, moved to approve December's meeting minutes as amended to reflect the correct occupation of Francis Adewale. Seconded by Cary Driskell (City of Spokane Valley). Approved unanimously.
 - October minutes will be reviewed in February.
- Item #3: Committee Business.
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - Carmen Pacheco Jones discussed the need to appoint Angel Tomeo-Sam to the SRLJC in order to chair the Racial Equity Committee.
 - Karen Boone with the Strategic Planning Committee gave comments in support on the need for Angel Tomeo-Sam to be appointed to the SRLJC for community members to feel valued and heard.
 - Cary Driskell noted that there is discussion of changes to the draft of the procedural manual and that Strategic Planning will continue discussion into February.
 - Public Comment
 - Curtis Hampton, member of the Racial Equity Committee, recommended the SRLJC take the Strategic Planning recommendations for the 4th community member seat.
 - Angel Tomeo-Sam voiced support for filling the 4th community seat with the Racial Equity Chair person per the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee.
 - Mary Lou Johnson with Strategic Planning read on behalf of Rick Matters who was not able to attend due to a power outage. Rick Matters, with the Racial Equity committee, stated support for the Strategic Planning Committee's recommendation to appoint the Racial equity Chairperson to the SRLJC.
 - Mary Lou Johnson stated support for the Strategic Planning Committees recommendation.
- Item #4: Blueprint for Reform
 - James Emacio, proxy for Larry Haskell, discussed section 5.1(2) of the Status report and proposed that there just be a restructure of the current SRLJC instead of creating a new entity called Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. He also recommended reducing the numbers of seats to 13 per the original statute.
 - Cary Driskell agreed that changes need to be made, however did not agree with simply reducing spots on the council.
 - Law & Justice Administrator Maggie Yates provided the short-term results of the survey previously circulated to facilitate discussion of the Blueprint for Reform Status Update.
 - The Council will discuss full results in February's meeting once the remaining members have time to complete the survey.
- Item 5# Other Comments
 - John Haley would like to see comments attached to minutes moving forward.

Meeting adjourned. 1:11 pm.

Next meeting: 02/10/21

Scribe: Candace Aguirre