

SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES – 3/10/21

Chair: Commissioner Al French

Vice-Chair: Justin Bingham

Meeting Date:
3/10/2021

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 type="checkbox"/>	Afrench@Spokanecounty.org	County Commissioner
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Judge Maryann Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MMoreno@Spokanecounty.org	Superior Court
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Judge Jeff Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	JSmith@Spokanecounty.org	District Court
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.
Mayor Nadine Woodward by proxy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mayor@Spokanecity.org	Mayor of Spokane
Judge Aimee Maurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	amaurer@spokanecounty.org	District court
Dave Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	djellis@spokanesherriff.org	Spokane County Sheriff

Proxies:

Curtis Hampton		Community Rep
Undersheriff Michael Kittilstved		Sheriff's Office
Mike Ormsby		Mayor's Office

Present:

Maggie Yates, Regional Law & Justice Administrator

Candace Aguirre, Regional Law & Justice Staff Assistant
Curtis Hampton, Racial Equity Committee
Diane Linqvist, Office of Law & Justice
Rigo Garcia
Tara Dhanraj
Richard Matters
John Dickson, Spokane County
Annemarie Frohnhofer
Kaitlin Kall
Alex G
Angel Tomeo Sam, Racial Equity Committee
Emily Peters
Melanie Perry
Steve Nelson
Todd Mielke, Sheriff's Office

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Minutes
3. Committee Business
 - a. Public Comment
4. Implications of State v. Blake, No.96873-0 (Feb. 25, 2021)
5. City Prosecutor Update
6. Discussion of SRLJC structure (continued)
 - a. Public Comment
7. Misc. Items
8. Adjourn

Minutes:

- Item #1: Justin Bingham, Vice Chair, opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.
- Item #2: John Haley, Community Representative, moved to approve February's minutes. Seconded by Cary Driskell, Spokane Valley. Approved unanimously.
 - Commissioner Mary Kuney motioned to approve the minutes from October 14th, 2020. Seconded by John Haley. Approved Unanimously.
- Item #3: Committee Business
 - Cary Driskell presented proposed changes by the Strategic Planning committee to the procedure manual to include moving items from the bylaws into the procedure manual.
 - Tori Peterson, Juvenile Court, motioned to approve the changes to the procedure manual as presented by Cary Driskell. John Haley seconded.
 - Larry Haskell, County Prosecutor, noted it was not presented as an action item and just as an item of discussion. Therefore, the item should not be voted on today.
 - Vice Chair Justin Bingham stated this item was presented in proper time and fashion and will be considered.
 - Justin Bingham called for a vote. Approved by majority to adopt procedural manual.
 - Public Comment
 - Angel Tomeo Sam asked that the procedure manual be amended to add that impacted people be a part of tasks forces and have their voices heard. Cary Driskell clarified the sections of the policy that include community members.
- Item #4: Implications of State v. Blake, No. 96873-0 (Feb. 25, 2021)
 - Larry Haskell explained the implications of the recent State Supreme Court case and predicted an influx of motions. Guidance is still to come on how to deal with these motions. Procedures to address this issue are in the works currently.
- Item #5: City Prosecutor Update
 - Justin Bingham, City Prosecutor, moved this to April's meeting in order to give ample discussion time on the SRLJC re-structure.
- Item #6: Discussion of SRLJC structure
 - Larry Haskell outlined a recommendation to re-structure the SRLJC (previously presented to County Commissioners during their February meeting.)
 - Recommendation to replace the SRLJC with a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee and supporting workgroups per the Blueprint for Reform Status Report.
 - Cary Driskell stated he is concerned this will cut out important voices that need to be heard.
 - Curtis Hampton, serving as proxy for Carmen Pacheco-Jones, voiced concern on the lack of community representation in this new proposed re-structure.
 - Breean Beggs, Council President, stated he agreed that change needs to happen to be more effective, however he does not think this new proposal will bring success by removing community voices.
 - Dave Ganas, Department of Corrections, stated he feels the DOC is left out of conversations and would like more of a voice in this group.

- Sheriff Knezovich stated he is in favor of the proposal. The group needs to be refocused and streamlined.
- Justin Bingham stated it is key to not only give people the chance to voice opinion, but also the power to vote. He does not support the new proposal and would like to see more community involvement to include filling the 4th community representative seat on the SRLJC.
- Public comment
 - Richard Matters spoke in opposition to the re-structure of the SRLJC and dissolution of the Racial Equity Committee.
 - Angel Tomeo Sam is in opposition to restructuring of the SRLJC and is concerned about excluding impacted individuals.
- John Haley is in opposition to the dismantling of the SRLJC and requested to continue the discussion after members receive the presentation for review.
- Judge Maurer suggested the RCW 7209300 be reviewed to clarify the scope of the SRLJC as stated in the statute.
- Curtis Hampton made a motion to continue the conversation of the re-structure as well as other CJCC topics in next month's meeting. John Haley seconded the motion. Approved by majority.

Meeting adjourned. 1:49 pm.