

SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES – 5/12/21

Chair: Commissioner Al French

Vice-Chair: Justin Bingham

Meeting Date:
5/12/2021

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
Vice Chair: Justin Bingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JBingham@Spokanecity.org	City Prosecutor
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Tom Krzyminski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TKrzymski@Spokanecounty.org	County Public Defender
Commissioner Mary Kuney	<input type="checkbox"/>	MKuney@spokanecounty.org	County Commissioner
Judge Richard Leland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RLeland@spokanecounty.org	Municipal Court Rep
Chief Craig Meidl	<input type="checkbox"/>	CMeidl@Spokanepolice.org	Spokane Police
Judge Maryann Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MMoreno@Spokanecounty.org	Superior Court
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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
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 Valley Police Chief

Proxies:

Curtis Hampton		Community Rep
Undersheriff Michael Kittilstved		Sheriff's Office
Mike Ormsby		Mayor's Office
Jim Kaufman		County Prosecutors Office

Present:

Maggie Yates, Regional Law & Justice Administrator
Candace Aguirre, Regional Law & Justice Staff Assistant
Dianne Linquist
Colin Tiernan, The Spokesman-Review
Jan Tokumoto, Frontier Behavioral Health
Jan Carrington
Mark McClain
Sgt. Jay Kernkamp
Mary Lou Johnson
Ann Murphy, LWV Spokane
John Dickson
Tara Dhanraj
Kaitlin K
Emily Morgan
David Carlson
Annemarie Frohnhoefer
Aruna Bhuta

Agenda:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Strategic Planning Committee:
 - Update on governance structure with possible motion for a vote on the recommendation.
 - Public Comment
- Behavioral Health Unit Update
- Misc. Items
- Adjourn

Minutes:

- Item #1: Commission Al French, Chair, opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.
- Item #2: John Haley, Community Member, moved to approve April's minutes. Seconded by Jim Kaufman, County Prosecutors Office. Approved unanimously.
- Item #3: Strategic Planning Committee
 - Update on governance structure with possible motion for a vote on the recommendation.
 - i. Cary Driskell, Spokane Valley, presented Strategic Planning's recommendation which was distributed to the committee prior to the meeting. The recommendation included the following provisions:
 1. A committee that is required by RCW 72.09.300 which can function as proposed by Prosecutor Larry Haskell in its resolution. Which conforms closely to the requirements of the statute.
 2. To form a second entity as a council pursuant to RCW3934180 The Interlocal Cooperation Act. The terms of which would be negotiated by the regional jurisdictional and criminal justice partners.
 - ii. Justin Bingham, Vice Chair, stated his support for the current configuration of the SRLJC as well as the recommendation presented by the Strategic Planning Committee.
 - iii. Tom Krzyminski, County Public Defenders Office, stated he did not support the recommendation as it would eliminate the County Public Defenders seat.
 - iv. John Haley stated he does not support the proposal as it removes community representation and County Public Defenders representation.
 - v. Justin Bingham made a motion to support the recommendation as presented by the Strategic Planning Committee to create two separate boards under RCW72.09.300 and The Interlocal Cooperation Act to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Mike Ormsby, Mayor's Office, seconded the motion. The motion passed with 11 for and 7 opposed.
 - vi. Commissioner Josh Kerns stated he feels this recommendation is not yet complete as it does not have details needed, including who would sit on the new council, before it can be voted on.
 1. Jim Kaufman, County Prosecutors Office, agreed with Commissioner Kerns concerns about lack of detail in the recommendation.
 - Public Comment
 - i. Liz Moore urged the SRLJC and county commissioners to make any interlocal agreement that might be reached and focused on result driven decisions and not process driven decisions.
- Item #4: Behavioral Health Unit Update
 - Jan Tokumoto, Frontier Behavioral Health, and Sgt. Jay Kernkamp, Spokane Police Department, gave a presentation on the co-responder teams in partnership with Spokane County Sheriff's Office and the Spokane Police Department which are utilized at the Behavioral Health Unit.
- Item #5: Misc. Items
 - Curtis Hampton requested an update on the progress of the recommendations given by the Justice Task Force during next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned. 1:23 pm.

Next meeting: 06/09/21

Scribe: Candace Aguirre