



## **Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Minutes** **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

**Members Present:** Gudrun Parmer, Lao Rubert, Dawn Baxton, Ben Haas, Omar Taylor, Deborah Williams, Walter Tate, Eric Johnson, Syretta Hill, Michael O’Foghluha

**Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:** Jesse Battle, Melinda King, Christine Patterson, Tom Cote, Celeste Kelly, Rod Jenkins, Pierce Freelon, Amelia Davis, Shamieka Rhinehart

**Guests:** Dan Lawrence, Will Engelhardt, Ryan Smith, Kelly Andrews, Kimberly Davis, Mayor O’Niel

**Staff:** Roshanna Parker, Demetrius Lynn, Marc Strange, Kelley Waggy

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Lao Rubert called the meeting to order and asked that all members take a moment to introduce themselves.

### **Review and Approve July Minutes**

Chair Lao Rubert asked those in attendance to review the minutes. Ben Haas made a motion to approve the November minutes, Omar Taylor seconded, and a unanimous vote approved the minutes.

### **Election of CJRC Officers 2022**

Gudrun Parmer brought the proposed slate before the board. Ben Haas committed to serving as Chair, Deborah Williams Committed to serving as Vice Chair. The floor was opened for additional nominations, no additional nominations were made. The Board unanimously approved standing slate. The board will revisit additional openings at a later date as nominations come forward. Lao turned the meeting over to the newly appointed Chair, Ben Haas. Chair Ben Haas thanked Lao for her long-term commitment to this board and his excitement serving as Chair.

### **Durham County Community Intervention Department**

Joanne Pierce expressed her appreciation for the Boards time. Joanne shared that the newly established Durham County Community Intervention Department was the brainchild of our former County Manager, his hope was to build upon the Counties goal areas. This Department was established July 1, 2021 and is comprised of three pre-existing departments, Bull City United, Project BUILD, and My Brothers Keeper. These programs are focused on Juveniles and young men of color. After establishing that they had the components of a successful department it was noted they would need a Director, Administrator and Data specialist. Joanne shared that the position of Director is currently posted, and they are actively seeking applicants. The location of this Department is currently under review as we look at new ways of operation for community facing programs.

### **City of Durham Community Safety Department Updates**

### **Update on Excel Launch**

### **Local Reentry Council (LRC) Update**

Demetrius Lynn shared that the LRC is still working with the case managers in the NCDPS Prison facility, with Probation and Parole, with Federal Probation and Parole to receive referrals for individuals returning to Durham County that are currently requesting LRC assistance upon their return to the community. The LRC scheduled virtual meetings with these individuals to provide an overview of what the LRC does and to hopefully catch all possible referrals and streamline the process for referrals. The next LRC meeting is , 2022, and all are welcome to attend. Please email Mr. Lynn for additional information.

### **Member Updates**

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

May 31, 2022

July 26, 2022

September 27, 2022

November 29, 2022

Meeting Adjourned 5:14 p.m.