

Citizen Advisory Committee

7.16.15

Meeting Notes

In attendance: Eileen Blackwood, Sara Giannoni, Julian Portilla, Debbie Thibault, Marija Valencak, Jan Wright
Absent: Bruce Bovat, Richard Kemp
Staff: Anneke Hohl

1. Reviewed agenda. Items added: (1) nomination of Vice Chair to facilitate meetings in absence of Chair. Debbie Thibault agreed and was approved to fill this role; (2) checking in on what role of CJC should be in difficult community conversations and addressing community concerns in a restorative way (e.g. role of CJC in racial justice issues, bias reporting, etc.). This was tabled for potential future discussion.
2. Reviewed and approved notes.
3. Youth program updates: Restorative Justice Liaison position, Restorative Justice in Schools, pilot youth case. Interview process is underway for Restorative Justice Liaison position. Hope to have someone in place by mid-August, ahead of new youth panel intern starting at end of August/beginning of September. Anneke has started working with Henri Sparks, equity director for the Burlington School District and Lisa Bedinger of the South Burlington CJC to start thinking about to build and develop restorative cultures in Burlington schools. The Burlington CJC is also working with the Bellcate School on a pilot youth case, with the intention of designing restorative approaches that will be more meaningful for youth on the Autism spectrum and who have other challenges that might not be appropriate for our typical panel process.
4. Discussion of Celebrate Burlington event to be held 9.8.15 and Ken Schatz Award. Celebrate Burlington will be held on Tuesday, 9.8.15 at 5:30-7 pm at Burlington City Arts. The Ken Schatz award winner will be announced at this event. Potential nominees were discussed.
5. Confidential discussion of offender reentry cases with Stuart Recicar. Stuart updated the group on current COSAs.
6. Update on Pretrial Services with Jacob Oblak. Jacob was unable to join us for this meeting. A Pretrial Services update will be added to the agenda for August.
7. Move update. The move has been pushed back to August 5-7. Anneke will inform the group of any plans to host an Open House and/or Community Forum in the new space.
8. Confirmed Next Meeting for 8.20.15 at 8:15 am at the CJC's new location (200 Church Street)