

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Crime Advisory Committee

June 11, 2018. 12:30pm

4th Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 1100 Frederick Avenue

Committee Members Present: Michael Meierhoffer Chair, Bob Eaton, Mayor McMurray, Bruce Woody, Chief Connally, Brad Kerns, Dwight Scroggins, Dr. Bob Corder, Drew Brown, Jamie Findley, Linda Dotson, Pat Grove, Mike Cazel and Sgt. James Langston

Chair Michael Meierhoffer called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Chair Michael Meierhoffer called for nominations for Vice Chair. Bob Eaton was nominated and seconded, vote by committee passed.

Committee Questions/Comments/Discussion:

Chair Michael Meierhoffer called for reading of the minutes from the May 14 meeting. Bruce Woody to read and have someone attend the meeting to keep the minutes. (Mayor's secretary?)

There was a discussion concerning the two articles in the paper.

The state is to release 300 inmates back into the community. Prosecuting Attorney Dwight Scroggins clarified the 300 number; 25-30/month is the number of inmates already being released into the community. (i.e. these are **not** additional inmates).

There are four areas Family Guidance to review as a part of their study of these inmates:

- *Housing
- Drug Addiction
- Employment
- Mental Health

Local resources need to be leverage with state funds available.

Sgt. Langston discussed CIT training.

Female incarceration rate is dramatically on the rise.

Need to share more with the public about how good the police department is:

- Technology
- They study the metrics
- Crime is **not** what the public perceives it to be.
- 80% of problems are committed by 20% of the people (maybe even as high as 90 to 100%).

Index 1 crimes are all down, year-to-date.

Brad Kerns said that analysis of crimes have helped a great deal.

Chief Connally added that the new software investment made this year will help

Dr. Bob Corder said more people are needed on the Drug Strike Force.

Prosecuting Attorney Dwight Scroggins added that more money is needed for drug enforcement. There is not enough money.

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There used to be 15 people investigating drug houses and making drug buys. There are now 8 people conducting investigations.

Action items:

Chair Michael Meierhoffer is to check on Dr. Laney's of Mosaic and Seth Wright, chair of the St. Joseph School Board's availability to attend these meetings.

It was decided by the committee to meeting every 3 weeks for a while.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 2 at 12:30pm