

Minutes

Community Task Force on Policing Meeting Proposed Agenda

Meeting Date 3: October 21, 2021

Time: 6:00-8:00pm CT

Meeting Objectives:

- **Discuss and agree upon framework for how Task Force will**
 - **discuss topics,**
 - **deliberate on recommendations,**
 - **communicate with one another, and**
 - **handle communications from external parties**
- **Select Chair, Vice-Chair, and Spokesperson**
- **Begin discussion on police accountability**

Participants:

- **Facilitation Team:** Larry Schooler, Shelia Brown, Norma Ramos, Cameron Henderickson and Joe Hoereth
- **City of Elgin:** Police Chief Ana Lalley, Assistant City Manager Rick Kozal, Karina Nava, Council members: Tish Powell and Toby Shaw

Task Force Members: Walter Blalark, Danise Habun, Sherman Blair, Aubree Flickema, Corey Battles, Cynthia Rivera, Ismael Cordova, Joshua Brockway, Karen Arreola, Kevin Zaldivar, LeJewel Crigler, Marcus Banner, Penelope (Penny) Williams, Shimon Blanchard, Tish Calhamer, Carroll Bailey

Task Force Members Absent: Charles Horton, Marcus Bradley

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Time (CT)	Topic	NOTES
6:00 – 6:02 pm	Call to Order, Agenda Review	Meeting began at approximately 6:00 PM. The Facilitation Team reviewed the agenda as well as the discussion agreements decided upon at the previous meeting.
6:02– 6:05 pm	Review of Meeting #2 summary/minutes, approval of minutes	Facilitators and Task Force reviewed minutes from Task Force Meeting 2, confirmed and approved.
6:05 – 6:20 pm	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Any member of the public who wishes to address the task force may do so via Elgin City Hall</i>	The Task Force Meeting did not receive any public comment within the chambers or via email.

<p>6:20 – 6:25 pm</p>	<p>Review of Illinois Open Meetings Act</p>	<p>City Manager Rick Kozal reviewed the relevant requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the task force. Clarified that no more than 5 members of the Task Force can discuss related matters in person or electronically or members would be in violation of the act. Members of the Task Force received a 2 page summary of the act over email.</p>
<p>6:25 – 6:35 pm</p>	<p>Discuss Communication from Public to Task Force</p>	<p>Participants discussed how communications from the public to the task force should be properly processed. Councilwoman Powell and Councilman Shaw expressed concern that discussions about the handling of complaints could distract the task force from their mission and suggested that preexisting channels be used to process complaints. Task Force members commented that they agreed that preexisting channels should be used and that the task force could provide recommendations on the process itself if necessary.</p> <p>Chief Lalley expressed that she would take whatever steps possible to provide the Task Force with needed information. The Facilitation Team notified the Task Force that a Box drive will be created to make communications easily accessible. No formal action was taken.</p>
<p>6:35 – 6:45 pm</p>	<p>Discuss framework for Task Force to use in discussing topics and deliberating on recommendations</p>	<p>The Facilitation Team went over the framework to be used for Task Force discussions and the formulation of recommendations. First, the Task Force members will offer what an idea means to them, then information will be solicited from the police force and other departments. After these steps, a subcommittee may be formed for deeper discussion and after a consensus dialog and final vote the committee can offer recommendations. No formal action was taken.</p>
<p>6:45pm – 7:05pm</p>	<p>Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Spokesperson</p>	<p>The Task Force undertook a voting process to determine the new Chair, Vice-Chair, and Spokesperson of the task force. Task force members could nominate themselves or each other and the nominee with a plurality of votes was selected.</p> <p>The Task Force ultimately chose LeJewel Crigler as Chair, Ismael Cordova as Co-Chair, and Pastor Walter Blalark as Spokesperson.</p>

<p>7:05pm– 7:10pm</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>7:10 – 7:55pm</p>	<p>Begin discussion on police accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What does it mean to this Task Force? ● Personal experiences with police accountability in Elgin ● What do Task Force members think it should look like in EPD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Officer discipline ○ Officer evaluation ○ Complaint process ○ Ways police department uses taxpayer dollars ○ Other? ● What do Task Force members want to understand about accountability from EPD and other departments? 	<p>Task Force Members shared their interpretation of accountability. Members noted that they thought accountability meant adhering to stated policies and best practices, meeting expectations of professionalism, consequences if expectations are not met, and more. No formal action was taken.</p>
<p>7:55– 8:00pm</p>	<p>Plan next Task Force meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Discuss topic for next meeting</i> ● <i>Discuss key Task Force questions/information needs</i> 	<p>Some Task Force members expressed a desire to meet more frequently and the prospect of in-person meetings was introduced. No formal decisions were made. No Task Force members expressed an objection to meeting in person.</p> <p>The Facilitation Team stated that it would reach out to the new Chair, Vice-Chair, and Spokesperson to synchronize.</p> <p>The Task Force members will meet again at 6:00 pm on November 4th.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:15.</p>

