



MEETING MINUTES

Criminal Justice Reform Committee (Virtual)

May 3, 2023 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Garza at 2:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Councilmember Alyssa Garza (Chair)
- Councilmember Shane Scott (joined later)
- Mayor Jane Hughson

Staff Support Present:

- City Manager Stephanie Reyes
- Assistant City Manager Chase Stapp
- Police Chief Stan Standridge
- Assistant Police Chief Bob Klett
- Assistant Police Chief Brandon Winkenwerder
- Administrative Coordinator/Minute Taker Tammy Strakos
- Crime Analyst Martha Chumchal
- Crime Analyst Patty Hom

III. MINUTES

- CONSIDER APPROVAL, BY MOTION, OF THE APRIL 5, 2023 MEETING MINUTES.
Motion made by Chair Garza to approve minutes with requested revision to reflect that she does not share the same concern about VERA that Mayor Hughson and staff have as noted in the original minutes. Motion seconded by Mayor Hughson. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

IV. DISCUSSION

- GENERAL UPDATES (*Standridge*)
 - VOICES: A meeting was recently held with a small leadership group including community members Maxfield Baker, Cyrus Gray, and Karen Munoz. A larger meeting will follow with an invitation for participation by a representative from Mano Amiga.
 - Chief Standridge participated earlier this week in litigation by Jordan Perkins who has appealed his dishonorable discharge status. A final decision is expected in July 2023.
 - The third monthly BAT (Behavioral Advisory Team) meeting was held earlier today with a group of 16 stakeholders from the county and the cities of San Marcos and Kyle in which the group's charter was executed. The group will

now begin to resolve their top 5 identified goals regarding mental health services.

- **TRANSPARENCY THROUGH DATA** (*Martha Chumchal, Crime Analyst*)
Prior to the presentation, Chief Standridge provided an overview of specific duties for each crime analyst. While the original SMPD analyst focuses on crime analysis, the newest analyst, Martha Chumchal, is focused on providing analysis to admin in response to Council and community requests. Following her introduction, Martha provided a presentation for the committee that related her goal for messaging with an intent for transparency through data. Martha's educational background includes an undergraduate degree from Texas State with a major in Psychology and a minor in Forensic Psychology. She holds a master's degree from Sam Houston State University where she had a double major in psychology and criminal justice, with a final thesis in psychology. She is currently pursuing her PhD from Sam Houston in criminal justice specializing in psychopathy and maternal incarceration and is in her final dissertation phase. Current projects in her new role at SMPD include the Annual Report, quarterly Cite & Release reports and marijuana ordinance reports, the department's multi-year staffing plan, and other various analysis and research by requests. Included in her presentation was a list of data sources, clarification of terms, and validity checks, and a review of collection limitations. Discussion was made regarding mental health consumers and homeless neighbors and ethical boundaries of creating lists that become subject to open records and potentially contribute to less than stellar service levels. Discussion was also had regarding CAD/RMS system's capabilities to track fentanyl or other drug cases and a current test environment for key word searches. A copy of Martha's Powerpoint presentation is provided in conjunction with these meeting minutes. It was noted that the committee needs to be educated and recognize the need for future technology purchases required to more effectively combat violent crime. Committee members agreed to add this to the June 7th meeting.

V. **IDENTIFY AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS | NEXT MEETING: 6.7.23**

Committee members may provide requests for discussion items for a future agenda in accordance with Council Committee Procedures. *No further discussion will be held related to topics proposed until they are posted on a future agenda.*

- **4.5.23** County Justice Center updates and how it affects COSM (*Hughson*)
- **5.3.23** Add a standing agenda item for General Updates & Discussion
- **5.3.23** Receive a presentation for technology needs required for combatting violent crime.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.