

February 20, 2019

Meeting called to order @6:40 p.m.

Today meeting was held at City Hall- Council Chambers. It was well attended by community and coalition partners. We started off with a moment of silence for victims of violence. We also had an introduction of community member as well as coalition members.

President Loretta Scott attended the meeting and spoke on how she was proud of the direction that the coalition was moving.

Councilman Willie Lightfoot started meeting off by explaining the timeline of events from February 2018 to January 2019. Councilman Lightfoot spoke of his Idea for the #Thinkaboutit campaign, the leadership, the committee chairs and sub committees

Councilman Lightfoot also spoke on after the launch of Roc against gun violence, there was a decrease in homicides for two months.

The future steps for the coalition is to support coalition partners with their events.

On January 10, 2019 the leadership of the committee met with Mayor Lovely Warren. Councilman Lightfoot discussed our mission and purpose of each sub committees,

Our priorities are to:

- Change policy to treat all shooting incidents like a homicide in RPD response (Advocate & Eradicate) we hope to make more arrest after shootings. The city is supportive of this change in policy, and currently has identified that it plans to add money to budget to support this effort.
- Create a coordinated response team (Eradicate). RPD has been having conversations within the community and welcomes discussions with the Coalition to explore this further. We will have our Eradicate Committee to take to lead.
- Establish mobile trauma response units (Eradicate). We believe that placing these units at the scene of a violent crime for up to a week after the incident will decrease retaliation. The unit includes grief counselors and outreach workers to provide services to those who have experienced trauma.
- Increase Pathway to Peace Staff (Educate) Mayor and DRYS will discuss as a potential option.
- Identify & Support gun laws (Educate & Advocate.) We know that legislative efforts to curb gun violence are essential. We will work to support common sense gun legislation like the Safe Gun Storage Bill. We will also work to support the creation of new gun Legislation.

After meeting we received positive feedback from community member who thought that the city was not doing anything even thanking councilman Lightfoot for work he's doing. Community doesn't realize the effect that trauma has on a person.

Councilman Light foot explained that we need feedback from the community. RPD noted that we are at an 89% arrest rate when it comes to homicides.

Some suggestions from community were to educate persons who are in jail. To provide rehabilitate services.

Councilman Lightfoot ended meeting with saying "WE are Not Going Anywhere" we will be consistent.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Ridgeway