

Roc Against Gun Violence Coalition Meeting

Flint St R Center

8/14/19

Meeting called to order by Councilman Lightfoot at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions were made and there were approximately 30 plus members in attendance.

Councilmember Jackie Ortiz started the meeting off with an update on the draft plan for the North East Safety Committee. The NESC is in collaboration with RAGVC in efforts to prevent violence and maintain order during the PR Festival for the upcoming weekend (The NESC attended a pathways to peace training session prior to tonight's meeting). There was an emphasis on details for the volunteers of the safety committee such as the home base location, available parking, team leaders, volunteer expectations and more (See hand out for more detailed info). There were also parking passes, whistles, and t-shirts provided for volunteers.

Congressman Morelle was unable to attend this meeting. Councilman Lightfoot filled in and updated the coalition on plans for a town hall meeting which will be held on Wednesday August 28th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Mt Olivet Baptist Church 141 Adams St. An email will be sent out to remind members to attend.

Police Chief La'Ron Singletary gave an update on the progress of the efforts to establish the mobile response unit. There is a possible grant in play for support of the response plan as well as the use of forfeiture funds as a possible source for financial support. There are also attempts to gain access to funding from the federal government to fund staffing. We are currently looking at places like the Bronx and Buffalo as examples of how the mobile response unit should operate.

RAGVC is still working on a comprehensive response plan to extend the reach of the response teams that work with families and victims of gun violence. The goal

is to fill in the gaps and provide adequate and efficient services to the families in need. Andie Adkins conducted surveys prior to this meeting in order to get more information on what's being done currently and how things are working or not working. She utilized this meeting as an opportunity to follow up with those who filled out the survey.

An organization by the name of Save R City joined the meeting giving the coalition more outreach opportunities with more boots on the ground.

Kathy Richardson enlightened the group with an in depth (rough) draft on new gun legislation, gun violence prevention policies, as well as free gun lockup (safe storage) suggestions. These proposals will be sent to every one to review and will eventually be presented to Congressman Morelle

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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