



Board of Directors' Meeting Report
April 28, 2022
600 Jefferson, Auditorium

The Crime Commission Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the board of directors' chair Ben Adams. The February 10th board report was approved.

APPROVAL OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Carolyn Jackson was presented as a replacement for Gerald Darling, Memphis City Schools. The motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept Carolyn Jackson as a new Crime Commission board member.

KEY FIRST QUARTER 2022 OUTCOME INDICATORS

Bill Gibbons stated no TBI data was available yet for many of the reports. However, Mr. Gibbons presented key plan outcome figures available to the board covering the period from January to March 2022:

- For the first quarter, violent incidents involving guns in Memphis have more than doubled since 2011, 2011 being the best year with incidents involving guns. He indicated that reported violent incidents involving guns had increased by over 100% in 2022 compared to 2011.
- In comparison to 2011, guns that were stolen from motor vehicles totaled 64 compared to 564 stolen in the first quarter of 2022! Overall, there has been a 47% increase from 2021 in guns stolen from motor vehicles.
- Delinquent charges against juveniles in Memphis/Shelby County during the same period increased 5.3% in 2022 compared to 2021. However, serious violent charges against juveniles increased 67.5% in 2022 compared to 2021,

46% of juveniles charged with delinquent offenses so far in 2022 are repeat offenders. [Note: There was a calculation error which has since been corrected.]

DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC ACTION STEPS UNDER THE SAFE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Action Step 9: Intensive supervision and appropriate treatment for serious juvenile offenders

Judge Dan Michael stated that he would work with any entity that produced results with youth charged with violent offenses. Judge Michael stated that the court dealt with 3 types of serious offenders:

- Those re-entering the community under supervision
- Those referred to a DCS youth development center
- Those transferred to the adult system

Susan Deason stated that originally Youth Villages had not served hardcore kid offenders. However, Ms. Deason indicated that Youth Villages will tap into all available resources, such as job readiness and mental health services, to assist in reducing gun violence among youth.

Bill Gibbons stated that Youth Villages can hopefully scale up to serve as many as 300 serious juvenile offenders per year.

Action Steps 10 & 11: Law enforcement staffing/residency requirement elimination

Memphis Police Department had 1,933 officers at the end of March.

- 2,126 is the currently budgeted complement.
- 2,500 officers are needed (the goal set by the City Council).

Sheriff Bonner stated that he was 65 deputies short. He has dropped the age to 18 and revved up recruitment efforts. Staffing for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office as of March 2022:

- 646 deputy sheriffs and 585 correctional deputies
- 718 deputy sheriffs and 923 correctional deputies currently budgeted
- 72 vacancies (deputy sheriffs)
- 338 vacancies (correctional deputies)

Bill Gibbons stated that a system is being put in place to have a public safety optional program implemented in Memphis city schools. Youths can matriculate straight from high school to Southwest Community College. The optional program is targeted for 2023-2024.

Action step 15: Expand Safeways

Blair Taylor stated that Dave Carlson will be stepping down as board chair for SafeWays and Robert Hyde will be taking his place as the new board chair. SafeWays currently has seventeen (17) certified properties, and eight (8) properties are in the process of certification. The anticipated goal is fifty (50) certified properties under the Safe Community Action Plan.

Joe Gurley indicated that four properties (4) will be certified within 30 days; the anti-trespassing act initiated by General Weirich has been beneficial in increasing certification.

Bill Gibbons stated that the Crime Commission is willing to host a luncheon with all the apartment owners and managers to increase participation in the SafeWays' program. We are waiting on a list of addresses from SafeWays to make this happen.

FINANCIALS

Bill Gibbons presented the current Crime Commission finances. He indicated that the Crime Commission had \$510,000 in the bank with \$420,000 allocated in this fiscal year's budget. Mr. Gibbons emphasized that fundraising efforts need to continue.

The Witness Relocation Assistance Program (W.R.A.P) has \$160,000 (earmarked) that has been used successfully to relocate witnesses (2 cases).

901Fund, earmarked, will pay athletes providing services to the Memphis community.

Ben Adams stated that more participation is needed from the board in fundraising and financial contributions.

The golf tournament will take place this year spearheaded by Dave Slott.

OTHER BUSINESS

Coleman Thompson encouraged board members to view the documentary he provided to the board. Due to the length, Ben Adams requested the documentary as a link to be viewed at the discretion of board members.

Jeremy Baker stated that thirty slots are available in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Citizens Academy. This will take place on three Saturdays and is open to the board members who wish to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned...

Presented by:
Sharon (Sam) Walker
Executive Assistant

Memphis Shelby Crime Commission Board Meeting
February 10, 2022

Attendance:

1. Ben Adams
2. Jim Baker
3. Floyd Bonner
4. April Buckner
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6. Essica Cage
7. John Campbell
8. Dave Carlson
9. C. J. Davis
10. John DeBerry
11. Henry Hooper
12. Carolyn Jackson
13. Dan Michael
14. Stevie Moore
15. Paul Morris
16. Joe Murphy
17. Mike Palazzolo
18. Blair Taylor
19. Coleman Thompson
20. Dorcus Young-Griffin
21. Daniel Weddle
22. Amy Weirich

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

1. Dr. Bart Burraston
2. Shawn Jones
3. Joe Gurley
4. John Covington
5. Buddy Chapman
6. Gregory Sanders
7. Jeremy Baker
8. Artemis Williams
9. Alex Smith

- 10.Fonda Fouche**
- 11.Dr. Bernard Williams**
- 12.Susan Deason**
- 13.Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui**
- 14.Ethele S. Hilliard**
- 15.Jeff Cox**
- 16.Kimberly Conley**
- 17.Bill Gibbons**
- 18.Linda Russell**
- 19.Mishel Vite**