



**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Kelly Kimbrough, Chair**

Meeting called by: Kelly Kimbrough, Chair Date: 03-08-21 Time: 5:30PM

Committee Members Present: Kimbrough, Chair ☒ Balarin ☒ Frederick ☒ Hoey ☒ Igoe ☒

Council Members

Present: Flynn, Farrell, Conti, and Council President Ellis

City Personnel

Present: Danielle Gillespie and Brian Shea

Minutes

Agenda Item(s):

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSEDE THE CITY OF ALBANY'S POLICE REFORM & REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PLAN (resolution 26.31.21R)

- Council member Hoey made a comment regarding community members not being happy with the plan and asked about tightening up items of concern
- Brian Shea provided feedback on Councilmember Hoey's statement, discussed timelines, goals and the administration's perspective of next steps
- Councilmember Igoe agreed with Shea's comments and thanked participants.
- Councilmember Balarin was okay with moving forward and adopting as long as the work of police reform was continued, mentioned how Albany is doing comparatively, mentioned the plan is a starting point and a way forward
- Councilmembers Frederick echoed the statement of how the true reform work will continue after the plan and is support of the plan moving forward
- Councilmember Farrell spoke about the accountability structure, implementation, oversight
- Chair Kimbrough talked about having follow-up conversations regarding the plan in future Public Safety Committee meetings
- Councilmember Flynn wanted to know what other municipalities' plans the administration reviewed
- The chair opened up public comment, questions, and suggestions
- Councilmember Frederick rad comments posted on the common council Facebook page.
- Councilmember Johnson lack of participation from the public echoing sentiments of people who commented about the lack of outreach and ability to participate in a meaningful way

Public Comment:

Ava Ayers (spoke about her work with the administration and the work being done by the Government Law Center with the CPRB)

Dr. Alice Green (on behalf for the Center for Law and Justice Inc., mentioned items the plan is lacking, guardian versus warrior mindset, communities lack of knowledge on the plan, ending systemic racism)

Karen Strong (written comment regarding systemic racism and items plan is lacking)

Ivey Morris (discussed what the review board identified should be included in the plan)

Paul Kane aka Batman (discussed the LEAD program in relation to the plan, lack of community participation)

Joe Mancini (talked about the CPRB and how it can support the current report and recommendations)

Nairobi Vives (mentioned that reformative change requires State, Federal, and County action for the plan to be reformative; lack of public participation)

Dannielle Hille (questioned how to drive more public interest and participation)

Lauren Manning (lack of general community participation in collaborative and plan)

Dorcey Applrys(differentiating vision statement and measuring goals, common goal of various stakeholders regarding reform, commitment to helping the plan be successful, ways to move forward and conquering distrust, hard work put into the collaborative by participants)
Ibrahim Pedrinan (collaborative, plan, and Local Law J)
Frank Caccia (written comment Black Lives Matter)

A motion was made to favorably pass resolution 26.31.21R out of committee which was duly made, seconded, and passed

Adjourn:

The Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:31pm, which was duly made, seconded, and passed.

This meeting was held following Governor Cuomo's executive order. It live streamed on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/albany.commoncouncil/> using Zoom as the meeting platform.

Respectfully Submitted:
Kelly Kimbrough, Chair
President Pro Tem of the Common Council