



Buckhead Public Safety Task Force – March 24, 2022, 6:30pm

Minutes (meeting took place via zoom)

Welcome Councilmember Mary Norwood 6:30 – 6:35

Attendance taken, quorum present. March 8th minutes approved (vote below)

Chairs Remarks Valerie Sellers 6:35 – 6:40

Fulton County District Attorney District Attorney Fani Willis 6:40 – 7:00

Collaborations and partnerships with the City of Atlanta

DA Willis shared a great deal of information, including that gang related crimes are likely underreported, gangs also include females as members or use in human trafficking. She increased her staff greatly since taking office (added 240 staffers (129 new positions) and is currently running two grand juries at once. She spoke about partnerships with the Atlanta City Council, Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Public Schools, and Sheriff's Office. She had thousands of cases mistakenly not closed, but her staff closed them. A specific item was asking for support for State Senate Bull 359 that touches on repeat offenders, felonies committed with a gun, etc.

Fulton County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Patrick Labat 7:00 – 7:20

Collaborations and partnerships with the City of Atlanta

Sheriff office has 1st ever motorcycle unit, and increased the number of K9 units as well. There are jail programs to emphasize GED, anger management and conflict resolution training. They are partnering with FLOCK cameras on LPRs on sheriff vehicles. Increasing technology with Fusus, which lets citizens to share (by their choice) video from home cameras with APD for crime investigation. So far in 2022, they have hired 89 officers. Talks with Mayor continue regarding jail – some beds will go for inmates, but alternative programing will happen as well.

Questions and Discussion

Valerie, Mary, and Task Force

7:20 – 7:40

Questions included questions about the Fulton jail, how citizens can help DA and Sheriff, as well as questions about SB 359.

Adjourn

7:45

Task Force meeting Attendance:

Mary Norwood – District 8 Councilmember

Howard Shook – District 7 Councilmember

Chief Timothy Peek – Deputy Director Atlanta Police Department – designee

Greg McNiff – Atlanta Police Foundation – designee

Fani Willis – Fulton County District Attorney

Colonel Amanda Pritchett - Fulton Sheriff Office – designee

Sheriff Pat Labat - Fulton Sheriff

Deputy Director Chris Hosey – Georgia Bureau of Investigations – designee

Major Kendrick Lowe – Georgia State Patrol

Senator Randy Robertson – Georgia State Senate

Greg Zimmerman – Zone II Citizens Advisory Committee – designee

Brink Dickerson – Chairman NPU A

Nancy Bliwise – Chairperson - NPU B

Jim Caswell - Chairman - NPU C - designee

Debra Wathen – Chairwoman – Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

Denise Startling – Executive Director, Livable Buckhead

Tony Peters – Capital Projects Manager, Buckhead Community Improvement District (by phone)

Valerie Sellers – Chairwoman, Buckhead Public Safety Task Force

Rick Hamilton – Buckhead Business Association

Jim Elgar – Office of Councilmember Mary Norwood

Kent Strickland – Office of Councilmember Mary Norwood

Theo Pace – Office of Mayor Andre Dickens (via phone)

Anrew Senzer – Atlanta Police Department

Individuals supporting Fulton District Attorney Presentation

Mike Carlson

Brett Pinion

Natalie Zellner

Tia Green

Loran Crabtree

Individuals supporting Fulton County Sheriff's Office

Ashanti Moore

Amelia Joiner

Lt. Colonel Curtis Clark

Vote to approve the minutes from the March 8th 2022 meeting:

Without objection, vote was unanimous. Motion: Rick Hamilton, 2nd: Greg Zimmerman

Vote:

Aye:

Mary Norwood – District 8 Councilmember

Howard Shook – District 7 Councilmember

Chief Timothy Peek – Deputy Director Atlanta Police Department – designee

Greg McNiff – Atlanta Police Foundation – designee

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Rick Hamilton – Buckhead Business Association

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Vote to adjourn without objection, vote was unanimous. Motion: Valerie Sellers, 2nd: Rick Hamilton

Aye:

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