

## **Procedural Justice Committee Meeting: Jan. 6, 2022**

The Procedural Justice Committee held a meeting in the Community Room of the Public Safety Building on Jan. 6. Attending were Yvonne Flowers, Devon Zanin, Bishop Debra Gause, Debra Long, Marina Tarkos, John Zeltmann, L'Quette Taylor, Stacey Bottoms, Isis Benitez, Van Riley and John Penney. Two potential new members — Jenna Salmonese and Cecilia McPeck — also attended the meeting.

Flowers said the committee was still looking to recruit new members and asked members to put forward any names. She emphasized that the committee needs more Latino representation.

Zeltmann said Captain Richard Wilson intends to attend the committee's next meeting to provide an update on the city's Police Reform & Reinvention Plan after a report was sent to the state last year. Zeltmann also said activity in the city has tapered off a bit from the fall, when there were a spate of shootings.

Flowers said the Common Council will receive an update from police officials on police reform, adding that the creation of a Civilian Review Board is among the issues that still need to be fully addressed.

Flowers asked if the State Police have more of a presence in the city of late, and Zeltmann said the city has been receiving some more assistance.

Long said SNUG is ready to move forward with extra staffing connected to the school district, but said the organization is awaiting final approvals from the school district. Long said SNUG continues to do safe passage for students.

Committee members agreed students needed more places to go after school, adding that any activities being offered need to be better promoted to the students and community at large.

Long talked about the "Men Who Cook" Event on Jan. 29 at the Family Partnership Center being organized by SNUG and the Upsilon Tau Chapter and said organizers are looking for more participation.

Flowers and Zeltmann said they hope the Procedural Justice Committee can return to in-person events once the COVID numbers come down, including “pop-up barbecues” when the weather gets warmer.

Zeltmann said the Police Department will also restart its “Cocoa With A Cop” outreach efforts, an initiative that was shut down for a while due to the COVID pandemic.

The committee then discussed the Implicit Bias training it will receive in February. Penney said he created a Doodle poll for members to select which Saturday in February they would like to do this training, which is expected to last about six hours.