

Consider Structure for the Task Force on Developing New Community Approaches to Improve Racial Equity and Safety

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Recommendation

- Consider a structure and general charge for the Reimagining Community Safety Task Force (New Suggested Name)
- Form a Council subcommittee to further develop the charge prior to the first meeting of the Task Force
- Approve the composition of the Task Force

Overview and Background

- June 24, 2020 Council passed a resolution to improve racial equity and public safety in Chapel Hill
 - Webpage with Police Department data, policy changes in support of racial equity, and a breakdown of police budgetary expenditures
 - Creation of the Reimagining Community Safety
 Task Force

Data Collection and Webpage

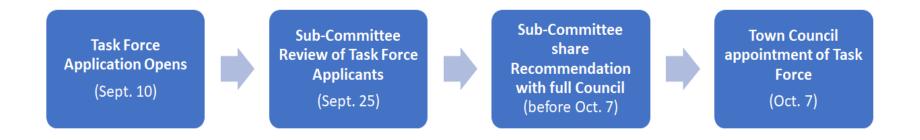
- Policy updates:
 - the use of force, body and vehicle-based cameras, use
 of chemical agents and specialized impact munitions
 - alignment with the #8CantWait campaign
- Requires officers to report any observed violations
- Police Department budget, broken down by functional area
- List of local ordinances that tend to criminalize poverty

https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/communications-and-public-affairs/social-justice-task-force-4127

Draft Task Force Charge and Process

- Broad charge developed
- Council subcommittee will be formed to refine the charge
- Task Force composition will focus on the underrepresented in our community who have been most impacted by inequities

Task Force Appointment Timeline

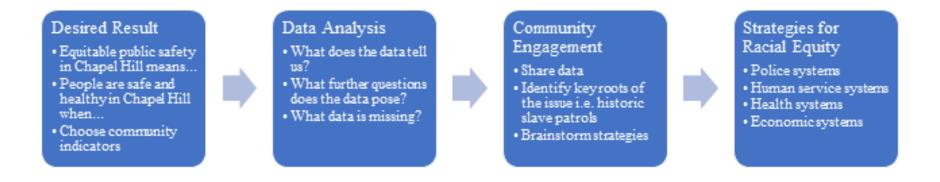


Outreach

- The Manager and staff will work with community and faith-based groups to hold facilitated listening sessions
- We anticipate other information-gathering events as guided by the Task Force
- These sessions will help inform the work and priorities of the Task Force

Process and Engagement

Human Centered Design, GARE Racial Equity Toolkit and Independent Outside Assistance



Recommendation

• Adopt R-15 to establish the Re-Imagining Community Safety Task Force.