

Mayor's Commission on Reentry
April 22, 2019

In attendance: John House, Andrea Reese, Jeanette James, Michael Forté, Keith L. Mitchell, Waleisah Wilson and Joshua McCarty

The meeting was held in the Elections and Registration office, City Services Center, 2nd Floor at 2:30 pm.

Since the Commission is new in its inception, it was determined to include mentorship to juveniles as phase two. We must first solidify and place our concentration on phase one, which are the reentering adults.

A Job/Resource Fair has been tentatively scheduled for July or August 2019. This event has been held through New Life Second Chance Outreach, Inc. and the Commission will sponsor it. Because of Waleisah Wilson's intimate relationship with reentering adults and the resources she has secured through the years it only makes sense to support her efforts, John House and Keith Mitchell are exploring the possible venue as there are perimeters due to reentering sex offenders.

Due to a majority of the reentering adults returning to the environment in which their crimes were committed, Waleisah has also established a "Members Only Group" (only reentering adults are permitted to attend). The group meets monthly to give reentering adults and families exposure to events/places they have not otherwise had exposure to or weren't interested in i.e. karaoke, fine dining restaurants, movies, picnics, to name a few.

Joshua McCarty was invited to join the Commission by Chair, Andrea Reese. He is a reentering adult who was incarcerated six years and been home three. He has created a curriculum (Bread Crumbs) for reentering adults to assist them in making a smooth transition because of the many issues he incurred when he returned home.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 6th at 2:30 pm in the Elections and Registration Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted:

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