

Mayor's Commission on Reentry  
March 14, 2019

*In attendance: Mayor Skip Henderson, Seth Brown, John House, Andrea Reese, Jeanette James, Kristin Barker, Michael Forté, Norman Quarles, Keith L. Mitchell, Waleisah Wilson (via phone)*

The group that will become the Mayor's Commission on Reentry met with Mayor Skip Henderson this morning at the Mayor's office. The discussion centered around the official formation and structure of this group and whether it should be a commission reporting to the Mayor's office. Mayor Henderson explained this structure may help identify funding opportunities, but whatever form the group chooses to take, he would like to support our efforts to aid anyone exiting local and state incarceration facilities and reentering life outside of incarceration. He believes the government should actively and aggressively set the tone for this effort.

At this time, the group prayed and began a discussion of how to proceed. The group decided that it will benefit our efforts to officially become the Mayor's Commission on Reentry. We will have opportunities to update the City Council on items of interest and to drive legislative information to the Council for consideration.

It was also mentioned that some type of opportunity fair that brings together individuals reentering society with employers who are willing to hire them and the services that can support their reentry efforts. Mayor Henderson also mentioned the need for a semi-annual summit on reentry.

The commission decided to select members to serve in chair, vice chair, and secretarial positions. The chair will be responsible for keeping discussion during meetings on track. The vice chair will step in when the chair is unavailable, and the secretary will capture important information during the meetings to share as appropriate. We will also appoint a chaplain. These positions will be filled as follows:

Chair – Andrea Reese

Vice Chair – Keith Mitchell

Secretary – Kristin Barker

Chaplain – Norman Quarles