

RESOLUTION

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Establishing the Violence Prevention Steering Committee to replace the Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee to serve as an advisory board to the City Council to advise the Council and Mayor on all matters related to violence reduction and prevention in Minneapolis and oversee the City's comprehensive violence prevention strategic plan and its implementation.

Whereas, the Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee was established to oversee the implementation of the "Blueprint for Action Preventing Youth Violence in Minneapolis" focus on youth 0-24 years; and

Whereas, since 2008 the City has developed various strategies and policies focusing on reconciliation, community trauma and resiliency, community-led public safety initiatives, and intimate partner violence; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Health Department will continue to focus on preventing youth violence but acknowledges the broader intersection between various forms of violence and its impacts on youth, family, and community;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Violence Prevention Steering Committee is hereby established to replace the Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee and that it shall operate according to the following structure:

1. Number of members: 31, including 21 voting members and 10 nonvoting members.
2. Term Length: 24 months.
3. Term Limit: Three consecutive two-year terms.
4. Staggered Terms: To maintain continuity of membership, approximately half the terms expire each year. Anniversary dates are recognized as January 1, regardless of actual appointment date.
5. Compensation: No.
6. Open appointment process: Yes voting members.
7. Public hearings held for appointees: No.
8. Residency requirement: Yes
9. Membership structure:

The Steering Committee consists of no more than 31 members, including not more than 21 voting members with up to ten members appointed by the Mayor and up to eleven members appointed by the City Council. The membership shall reflect the ethnic and the cultural diversity of Minneapolis and be co-chaired by one community representative and one government representative. If possible, the seats will include members from at least five different wards, with preference given to communities of color or representatives of those communities that are disparately effected by violence, and the following sectors: financial/business, health care, research/academia, law enforcement, faith communities, non-profit and/or youth-serving community organizations, an agency focused on workforce development, community organizers, as well as representatives from the Mayor's Office, the City Council, a representative from Hennepin County, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, and the Minneapolis Board of Education.

The Committee shall also include up to 10 non-voting members as identified and approved by the Committee, to provide expertise on violence prevention and to serve as a liaison between the Committee and other City-affiliated projects and/or programs. This may include representatives from the Group Violence Intervention Executive Committee, the Juvenile Supervision Center Workgroup, Resilience in Communities After Stress & Trauma (ReCAST) advisory group, Collaborative Safety Strategies Initiatives committee members, and representatives of other public safety strategies from within the City enterprise.

10. Supporting department: Health.

11. Reporting requirements:

- a. Oversee and review the development of a board competency matrix report. The matrix will include the board's current makeup compared to its list of needed competencies, plus an analysis showing areas to emphasize in recruitment of new members.
- b. Participate in and review the board self-assessment report. Each member will take a self-evaluation survey that will provide data for an annual report on overall governance and progress achieved by the board (every one or two years).
- c. Advise and review the annual Youth Violence Results Minneapolis. Provide expertise as needed for the city-wide data management report that tracks progress on youth violence.
- d. Additional project specific reports as needed and relevant throughout the year.

12. Selection of officers: The Mayor and two co-chairs (appointed by the Mayor) preside over the meetings.

13. Open meetings: Meetings shall be open to the public, subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

The Steering Committee will:

- Oversee the process of reviewing and updating the City's comprehensive violence prevention strategic plan (currently known as the Blueprint for Action).
- Oversee marketing, branding, and creation of a strategic communications plan.
- Oversee the general implementation of the City's comprehensive Violence Prevention strategic plan, including prioritizing focus areas, making decisions about programming and resources, and informing future violence prevention work in the City.
- Provide advice, recommendations, and support with high level strategic policy and legislative issues.
- Review the need for and recommend the establishment of specialized work groups/subcommittees.
- Promote and engage a cross-section of community stakeholders and partnerships in the implementation of the City's violence prevention strategic plan.
- Ensure City initiatives related to violence prevention and public safety are aligned.
- Explore and maintain strategies related to community-police relations.
- Approach the work with a lens that proactively seeks to eliminate racial inequities that lead to disproportionate rates of violence in some communities and parts of the City.
- Identify and recommend potential financial resources, advocate for funding for broader public safety, and violence prevention strategies.