

City of Geneva Reform and Reinvention Collective Group Update

- The Collective (for those who have not been following) is a group of stakeholders in our community complied to submit recommendations and suggestions on current policies in place for the City of Geneva Police Department. The Collective is charged to ensure that said policies are reformed to help reflect the needs of the community, moreover the needs of communities that have disproportionately impacted by systemic racism with respect to policing. This has led to or resulted in distrust of government intuitions including the distrust of the GPD.
- Collective group hosted virtual public comment meetings, given the low volume of residents for the public comment, collective will seek a 3rd public comment session virtually in the future. Co-Chair Erica Collins, encourages residents whom do not feel comfortable speaking publicly about their experiences with the GPD (positive or negative) to reach out to her via email or phone call. There is also a space on the City website to submit feedback and input to the group. This ongoing journey for the collective is open for residents to comment not only on experiences with the GPD but also to offer suggestions and recommendations for said policies. All materials and policies are available on our City website under 'Police Reform'
- Also, to note once a rough draft has been completed there will be a public hearing set prior to City Council adoption
- Collective Group finished meeting #8 last night; they have established key community needs (list of needs identified are available on our City page as well) and are currently diving into Use of Force Policy and will have edits and suggestions completed for Tuesday.
- The Collective has divided into 3 subgroups tackling certain sections of said policy. Those subgroups will meet this week independently to edit and offer suggestions on their assigned sections. Subgroup leaders will submit edits to Erica by Monday for discussion in next Tuesday's meeting. The group will then move onto to next policy for dissection.
- Again, if anyone would like to offer suggestions, or recommendations for any of the policies currently being discussed you're encourage to submit them to Erica as well.
- Meetings are streamed LIVE via the City's YouTube Channel, Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact Erica Collins at ecollins@geneva.ny.us
- I extend gratitude and thanks to the Collective group for their proactive work and discussions thus far, I am excited to be on the this journey with them, helping to heal and move Geneva forward.