Special thanks to Executive Assistant Lisa Chambers and Deputy Law Director Ronald Mills who have served PARC since its inception.

We would also like to recognize and thank past and present PARC members.

Listed in chronological order dating from 1998-present

Sterling Owen, IV *

Rev. John Butler

Bridget Bailey

Waneta Long

Robyn Askew*

Rabbi Beth Schwartz

Rev. Reginald Butler*

J. Laurens Tullock

Dr. Joe Johnson

Steven Fisher*

Kamau Kenyatta

Robbie Arrington

Rev. Jim McCluskey

Cynthia White

Vivian Gwinn

Ann Barker

Dr. Avice Evans Reid*

Rosa Mar*

Rev. George W.C. Lyons, Jr.

Melford Robinson

Santos Aguilar

Jered Croom

William Cole*

H. Frank Shanklin

Robert Murrian

LaKenya Middlebrook

Lysette Aviles-Kok

Robert Gibson

Ola Blackmon-McBride*



Police Advisory & Review Committee 20 Years of Service Recognition Reception



Friday, September 21, 2018 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Small Assembly Room City County Building, Main Level



^{*} Served as PARC Chairperson

Brief History of PARC

Realizing there was an urgent need to restore trust between the Knoxville Police Department and the citizens they serve, Mayor Victor Ashe issued an Executive Order to create the Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) on September 22, 1998. The civilian oversight model was comprised of a 7 member volunteer citizen committee and a full-time executive director. That model is still in use today.

Based on its success, PARC became a formal part of the City of Knoxville's Code of Ordinances in May 2001 (Ordinance No. 0-194-01). PARC is designed to strengthen the relationship between the citizens of the City of Knoxville and the Knoxville Police Department. Additionally, PARC provides an independent review of police activity and makes recommendations to the police chief.

Through PARC's quarterly public meetings, citizens have an opportunity to hear case statistics and learn about the types of issues being address by the committee. These meetings also provide a framework for citizens to ask questions and express concerns with KPD's chief and command staff.

Over the past 20 years, 29 citizens have served the community as PARC committee members and all of our executive directors have provided national leadership by serving on committees or as board members of the National Association for Civilian Oversight. PARC is the longest continuously running citizen police advisory board in Tennessee.

Order of Program

Opening Remarks Madeline Rogero, Mayor

City of Knoxville

Overview of PARC Clarence L. Vaughn III

Executive Director, PARC

Reflections Bernard E. Bernstein, Esq.

Chair, Bernstein Commission

Carol A. Scott Former Executive Director, PARC

Sterling Owen IV
Chair, 1st PARC Committee
Former Chief of the
Knoxville Police Department

Rev. Dr. John A. Butler Former Committee Member, PARC President, Knoxville Branch of NAACP

Eve Thomas Chief of the Knoxville Police Department

Closing Remarks

Avice Evans Reid
Senior Director,
Community Relations Department
Former Executive Director, PARC