

COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKING PROCESS
KAHNAWÀ:KE JUSTICE SYSTEM
Meeting #6 – First Hearing

Karonhianonha School Gym
28, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2012
6:00 – 8:30 PM

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

FACILITATORS:

Kahente Horn-Miller (Lead - CDMP)
Joe Delaronde

RESOURCE PEOPLE:

Ron Skye (Lead – Resource Person)
Jo-Ann Stacey

RECORDERS:

Leslie Skye (Lead/Logistics)
Sophia Dupont (Main Screen)
Brandi Meloche (Group 1)

6:00 P.M. OPENING – Kanento Patton

6:05 P.M. INTRODUCTION/MEETING GUIDELINES – Ron Skye & Joe Delaronde

6:10 P.M. KAHNAWÀ:KE JUSTICE SYSTEM - Ron Skye

6:15 DELIBERATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

8:15 NEXT STEPS – Ron Skye

8:30 CLOSING – Ka’nahsohon Deer

28. DEFINITIONS:

The definition section will be revised with the additions recommended from the previous sessions.

DISCUSSION: ANNEX 1: REGULATIONS – JUDICIAL ETHICS

1.1

- End at “Justice”. → Remove “*Our Society*” (see question section)

1.2

- a) No questions or concerns.
- b) No questions or concerns.
- c) No questions or concerns.
- d) Invidious → Change to “Unfair”.
- i) No questions or concerns.
- ii) No questions or concerns.
- iii) No questions or concerns.
- iv) Remove “The” before Kahnawake.
- v) Remove complete section.
- vi) No questions or concerns.
- (e) Administrative responsibilities
 - i) No questions or concerns
 - ii) No questions or concerns
- (f) Disciplinary responsibilities
 - i) “*This Part*” → Change to “these regulations”. Some concern with “*appropriate action*”. Should the “action” be further defined? Transparency?
Suggestion→ Annual report of Chief Justice should be submitted to the Justice Commission.
 - ii) Change “*The Code*” to → “their code”. Change “Professional Responsibility” to lower case.
 - iii) Remove complete section.
- (g) Disqualification
 - i) No questions or concerns.
 - ii) No questions or concerns.

1.3

- No questions or concerns

COMMENTS:

- **Suggestion** →The Justice Commission should be incorporated or included in the Kahnawà:ke Justice Act. Need accountability. This is not the “MCK’s Justice System”.
- Justice Commission can ensure transparency and accountability by publishing annual reports on activities to the community. All institutions that are delegated authority through the MCK are ultimately responsible to the community.
- Is there a need for a community oversight body to be put in place to oversee the Justice Commission?
- This may add more bureaucracy. What is the objective of an oversight body?
- Although it was suggested that the Justice Commission be independent from the MCK, it was not adopted.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

- Section 1.1 - Do you want to use the word “Society”? Can mean a lot of things. Add **“the term society will be removed and re-worded.”**

PARKING LOT ITEMS:

- Feedback received by e-mail from community member →Concerns will be addressed by the Justice Commission and sent back to community member by email. Remove the person’s name and insert community member.

Approved by:

Ron Skye, Director of Justice

Date

**There was no Chiefs Advisory present to approve the Final Minutes due to conflict in meeting scheduling.*