

CITY OF RICHMOND
Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 5:30 PM

TASK FORCE ZOOM MEETING LINK

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This meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 7:30 PM. The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the Task Force members.

I. Call to Order - Roll Call - Agenda Review

II. Meeting Procedures

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III. APPROVE -

February 10, 2021 minutes

February 24, 2021 minutes

March 10, 2021 minutes

IV. Public Comments

V. Staff Reports

VI. Presentations, Discussions, & Action Items

Following discussion of each item, the Task Force may vote to make recommendations to staff or to the City Council.

1. DISCUSS Process Clarifications Question Memo - Jim Nantell, Interim Community Services Director (45 minutes) - *Addendum A, attached*
2. Sub-Group Committee Reports and Recommendation Discussions
3. (60 minutes)
 - a. Smart Budget & Resource Allocations
 - b. Accountability as Safety
 - c. Health & Safety
 - d. Community Based Solutions

VII. Action Item Recap

VIII. Adjournment

Scheduled Meetings:

General Meeting - Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - 5:30PM

Community Round Table Session 3 - Thursday, April 15, 2021 - 6PM

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MEETING PROCEDURES & INFORMATION

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Both <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/> and <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3914/Richmond-Coronavirus-Info> provide updated coronavirus information. On April 29, 2020, the Health Officer of Contra Costa County issued a press release to inform the public that regional shelter-in-place orders will be extended through May 31, 2020, as some restrictions are eased.

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1. Public Comments
2. Public Comments agenda item #__ [include the agenda item number].

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To: Reimaging Public Safety Community Task Force
From: Jim Nantell, Interim Community Service Director
Date: 3/17/2021
Subject: Process Clarifications Question

ADDENDUM A

Having had the opportunity to screen all the previous Task Force Meetings and to sit in on many of the subcommittees meeting there are a number of process related questions that I believe would be important to have discussed. Clearly there are other process questions that you as Task Force Members would like to raise as well. At a minimum what I would hope to accomplish at your March 24th meeting is whether these questions are valid and worth answering? Are there others that should also be included? And as discussed in question number eight, who should be involved in answering them.

Process Clarification Questions

As background, below is the direction of the Task Force as shown on the Task Force Web Site page

On June 30, 2020, Richmond City Council heard Item I-1 to direct staff to prepare a plan to transition from Richmond's current "community policing" model to a plan conducive to the reduced police force and return to Council with the preferred policing model and a plan for implementation by the end of Fiscal Year 2020/2021. Following discussion on the item, the City Council directed staff to "create a transition accountability task force composed by members of the public, including community organizations, individuals who were impacted by law enforcement, and law enforcement."

1. There has been some discussion about the term "public safety" and whether that includes the fire department. Does the direction to the task force "*to transition from Richmond's current community policing model to a plan conducive to the reduced police force*" suggest you should be looking at the Fire Department as well?
 - a. If you are serious about looking at Public Safety Budgets should you be asking for a Fire Department budget information and presentations?
 - b. If you are uncertain about the intent of the City Council relative to looking at Fire expenditures for reallocation should we ask the City Council for clarification?
2. At this point it seems clear that the task force will develop a series of recommendations on investments of resources to fund the services and programs that would be required to transition to the *preferred policing model*. What is not as clear is the *role* the Task Force will play in regards to how to fund those costs.

At the previous Task Force "working meeting" of 2/24 the Smart Budget and Resource Allocation Subcommittee shared a possible funding mechanism that could be applied as a method to fund Task Force recommendations. The example shared was that all cost would be funded by 50% from Public Safety budgets and 50% from projected FY 20-21 General Fund carry over balance. The question is who develops the reallocation options

- a. One approach that has been mentioned is that the decision relative to reallocating existing police and other city budget resources is up to the City Council and staff to come up with.
 - b. Another approach is to have the Task Force develop recommendations on how to reallocate existing police budget funding and other city budget resources.
 - c. The answer to this question helps the Budget subcommittee understand what it expected of them.
3. Is the expectation relative to budget related recommendations that they will include estimated cost or just a description of the new service/program/equipment with an expectation that city staff will be asked to flush out the details and associated costs? Or a combination of those approaches?

4. Is there an expectation that all recommendations (budget and otherwise) will be viewed as the same priority or do you anticipate some type of priority classification or grouping?
5. Is there an expectation that all subcommittees will present written recommendations for approval by the task force members a whole?
6. If there are strongly held opposing opinions by members of the task force on one or more recommendations would you allow minority opinions to be included in what gets sent to the City Council?
 - a. Should there be a threshold level in terms of the number of task force members voting against a recommendation to warrant a minority opinion being included?
7. Is there a shared agreement that, even if the group decides not to prioritize the recommendations, it is unrealistic to prepare the 1st package of recommendations by April 15 for inclusion in the new budget year discussions in May?
Note: to do so would require changing the focus of the April 14th meeting from Children and Youth to review of subcommittee budget recommendations.
 - a. Some extension options:
 - i. Request an additional 3 to 4 months to allow budget related suggestions to still be considered for funding for most of fiscal year 2021/2022
 - ii. Request an extension until the end of the calendar year to ensure that there is time to include them in development of the 2022/2023 fiscal year budget.
8. How should the group address these process questions?
 - a. All should be addressed by the Task Force as a whole.
 - b. Some should be addressed by a subset of the task force and
 - i. Should then be implemented as that subgroup determined; or
 - ii. Be shared with the whole group in survey form and if the majority agrees the subgroup's decisions would be deemed as approved; or
 - iii. Be brought back to the whole group for discussion and approval.
 - c. How do you determine which one of these process questions should be referred to a subgroup of the task force?
 - i. By surveying the task force members
 - ii. By voting one each one at a task force meeting.