

City of Richmond - Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
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MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021, 5:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - AGENDA REVIEW

Meeting called to order by Jim Nantell at 5:35 P.M.

PRESENT: M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, J. Lee, L. Mangels, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, A. Soto, T. Walker

ABSENT: H. Burks, D. Joseph, A. Lee, M. Njissang, B. Therriault, D. Tucker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

NOTE: The published agenda included incorrectly numbered agenda items. For purposes of consistency, the minutes will reflect the published agenda item numbers.

Moved item VII.4.d. Smart Budgeting & Resource Allocation to follow IV. Public Comment. Moved item V. Staff Reports to follow VII. Presentations, Discussions, & Action Items.

III. MEETING PROCEDURES

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Katrinka Ruk commented that the Chief of Police will not be able to investigate car accidents or property damage. Insurance will not cover anything unless you have a police report. Katrinka hopes that the task force or the implementation team will take a look at this and consider ways that we can ensure that that type of need for the community is covered.
2. Cordell Hindler e-mailed an invitation to the Labor Worker's dinner on September 25 from 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. at the Craneway Pavilion for \$150/person. Hindler also e-mailed a suggestion for future meetings to be in person.
3. Randy Joseph extended an invitation to the Stop the Violence Caravan on August 7 at 11:30 P.M. at the City Hall parking area. The caravan would travel through the City of Richmond and end at Nicholl Park around 1 P.M. and will start the community towards a path of unity and peace.

V. STAFF REPORTS

No staff reports.

VII. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSS Community Conversations - Marisol Cantú

M. Cantu reported that the implementation team would like to educate and engage community members through Community Conversations. D. Small noted each Conversation would focus on the task force proposals that were adopted by City Council and on what implementation looks like. The Conversations would also be co-hosted by the task force and neighborhood council, and it would be important to have Spanish interpreters present. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Aleta Toure hopes that there will be translation at the Community Conversations. Toure also talked about partnering with the People's Movement Assembly to include all so that everyone has a democratic process, since not all people can speak in 30 seconds.

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2. DISCUSS state of policy recommendations

Jim Nantell reported that at the May City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff relative to budget items but did not include direction relative to policy issues. Nantell suggested that task force subcommittees bring forth policy recommendations in August so that they can be packaged together and brought to City Council for direction. Discussion ensued.

There was no public comment.

3. RECEIVE presentation of proposed recommendations

a. Accountability as Safety - Chief Bisa French and the GreenKey trial period

R. Joseph reported that the proposed recommendations will be postponed to August, and instead, Chief French will provide an update under item VII.4.a.

There was no public comment.

4. RECEIVE reports from Task Force Subcommittees, including answers to the following questions: Are you still meeting? Have you completed your work? Will you be presenting additional recommendations to the Task Force? If so, when?

a. Accountability as Safety

R. Joseph reported that this subcommittee is still meeting and there will be policy recommendations coming forward.

Chief Bisa French provided an update on the GreenKey system. Discussion ensued.

There was no public comment.

b. Community Based Solutions

No report or public comment.

c. Health and Safety

No report or public comment.

d. Smart Budgeting & Resource Allocation

M. Cantú provided an update about working with the implementation team and City staff to obtain a line item budget for transparency and accountability of the \$6.8 million funding reallocation.

D. Small discussed the extension of the task force for three years, noting that in several other cities, similar task forces are operating on 2-3 year timelines because of the amount of time it takes to realize the recommendations. D. Small also noted that the task force would need to discuss the conditions under which an extension would happen such as what the structure would look like and how the task force would operate moving forward. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by A. Soto to ask City Council to extend the life of the task force for three years; seconded by L. Chacon. Bruce Soublet expressed concern over the way in which the recommendation was agendized. Soublet recommended that the task force fully agendize the recommendation at the next general meeting so that the public knows the exact request and has an opportunity to weigh in on it. If passed at the next general meeting, the recommendation would still be able to be agendized at a City Council meeting in September. Discussion ensued. Based on Soublet's recommendations, the motion was withdrawn by A. Soto; agreed to by L. Chacon. The recommendation of the task force extension will be agendized in the August general meeting of the task force.

There was no public comment.

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e. Implementation Team

No report or public comment.

VIII. ACTION ITEM RECAP

1. Put a placeholder item on SIRE for the September 14, 2021 Richmond City Council meeting regarding the extension of the task force.
2. Agendize the recommendation of the extension of the task force for the August 25, 2021 general meeting of the task force.
3. Agendize the Accountability as Safety subcommittee's recommendations for the August 25, 2021 general meeting of the task force.
4. Agendize the topic of Community Conversations for the September 22, 2021 general meeting of the task force.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M. due to lack of quorum.