

**City of Richmond - Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force**  
Meeting held via Zoom: [https://richmond.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=38](https://richmond.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=38)

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020, 5:30 PM**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - AGENDA REVIEW**

Meeting called to order by Johann Fragd at 5:33 PM. Johann Fragd announced new task force member Eddy Chacon.

PRESENT: Eddy Chacon, Luis Chacon, Randy Joseph, Kristin Kilian-Lobos, James Lee, Shirley Leslie, Laura Mangels, Marcus Njissang, Tania Pulido, Joey Schlemmer, Deborah Small, Andres Soto, Nakari Syon, Ben Therriault, David Tucker, Tamisha Walker, Linda Whitmore, BK Williams

ABSENT: Don Gosney, DeWanda Joseph, Armond Lee

**II. APPROVE OCTOBER 14, 2020 MINUTES**

Motion to approve the October 14, 2020 minutes by Joey Schlemmer; seconded by David Tucker; approved. Marcus Njissang noted incorrect spelling of last name.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**IV. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Johann Fragd, Staff Liaison - oral report
2. Christopher Whitmore, Mayor's Office - oral introduction
3. Timothy Simmons, Richmond Police Department - oral introduction
4. Michelle Milam, Richmond Police Department - oral introduction
5. Eva Mann, Code Enforcement - not present
6. Patrick Seals, Department of Children and Youth - oral introduction
7. Irene Perdomo, City Manager's Office - oral introduction

**V. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS**

1. Brown Act reviewed by James Atencio, Assistant City Attorney.
  - a. Member Comment
    - Nakari Syon and Tamisha Walker asked for handouts about the Brown Act.
    - Tamisha Walker and Randy Joseph asked about Brown Act compliance when participating in multiple working groups.
  - b. Public Comment
    - Sara Cantor asked about email threads where there is discussion from members on the task force.
  - c. *Staff to follow up and provide further information to members via e-mail about the Brown Act.*
2. Richmond Police Department (RPD) presentation provided by Police Chief Bisa French, Captain Tirona, Captain Albert Walle, Crime Prevention Manager Michelle Milam, Captain Timothy Simmons.
  - a. Member Comment
    - Marcus Njissang asked about the status of the safe parking program.
    - Andres Soto asked about civilian status of jailers; veteran bonus points on police applications; language competency and number of bilingual staff; frequency of implicit bias training for officers; public availability of the implicit bias training curriculum; and closure rate for the Special Investigations Section.
    - Nakari Syon asked about the police department's vision for the Richmond Greenway,

public access to information about officer-involved shootings, and ethnicities of felony suspects.

- Shirley Leslie asked about the funding source for the mental health staff, and how that staff reaches someone before the person is in crisis; community partners on the safe parking program; clarity on staffing levels.
  - Randy Joseph asked about the results of police calls; pushback from communities on the safe parking program; Project Room Key.
  - Kristin Kilian Lobos asked for clarity about mental health training for officers and on reports taken.
  - Luis Chacon asked about trainings and curricula; existence of a gang task force; process for mental health cases.
  - Joey Schlemmer asked whether there is still a use of force review committee and about outcomes from reviews.
- b. Public Comment
- Sara Cantor asked about decision making for officer dispatch during calls for service.
- c. *Staff to follow up and provide further information, via e-mail or staff report at next meeting, on the following items: implicit bias training curriculum, ethnicities of felony suspects, information about officer-involved shootings, police call clearance, and general police training curriculum and learning domains. Staff responded to all other items not noted for follow up.*
3. Task Force Facilitator Selection Updates provided by Sal Vaca, CSD Director.

#### **VI. MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Luis Chacon asked for clarity on the general timeline for the task force, and who will follow up with RPD about documents mentioned in their presentation.
2. David Tucker asked if the City Council or administration has broken out the department's budget by fixed funds and discretionary funds.
3. Andres Soto asked about realignment of beats and zones in response to district elections and about compliance with SB1421.
4. *Staff to follow up and provide further information, via e-mail or staff report at next meeting, on the above items.*

#### **VII. ACTION ITEM RECAP & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Staff to follow up on items listed in V-1-c, V-2-c, and VI-4.
2. Discuss the general timeline for the task force and other working items.
3. Hear from Richmond Reimagining Public Safety Working Group at November 12, 2020 general meeting.
4. Request followup on Richmond Police Department presentation at the November 12, 2020 general meeting.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion approved to extend the meeting at 7:34 pm.  
Meeting was adjourned by Johann Fragd at 8:16 pm.

#### **IX. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Reimagining Public Safety Task Force Meeting - Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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