

**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, MAY 26, 2021, 5:32 PM**

*\*video recording and meeting transcript available*

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

Meeting called to order by Johann Fragd at 5:32 P.M.

PRESENT: H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, J. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore

ABSENT: D. Joseph, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

**II. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by L. Whitmore; seconded by E. Chacon; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, J. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:** D. Joseph, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

**III. MEETING PROCEDURES**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no email comments and one (1) public speaker.

1. Sara Cantor thanked the Task Force for their work on the proposals and having them passed at the City Council meeting. She commented that the community has their back.

**V. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Jim Nantell provided an update and clarification on what the City Council did at their May 11 meeting and some remarks made by the City Manager, Task Force members, and others.
2. Johann Fragd updated the Task Force on a new link on the website to provide additional information on research and documentation on other models of public safety and research on alternatives to policing.

A policy brief will be sent and a short video on the City of Richmond Race Equity team (G.A.R.E.). The Race Equity team partnered with LEAP on a project with the community on civic engagement. They conducted a survey and will send a policy briefing on findings. The community gave feedback similar to what the Task Force brought forward and has mirrored many ideas.

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

**1. UPDATE on City Council Budget Meetings**

Jim Nantell provided an update regarding some of the budget-related program and funding proposals on consideration from the City Council. Meetings regarding further direction, implementation, and staff budgeting will be on the June 1, June 15, and June 22, 2021 City Council agendas. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Katrinka Ruk asked Jim Nantell about the City staff recommendations and whether Police Chief French was involved in those recommendations.
2. Sara Cantor commented that she was confused about the RFP process for the CCRP program and asked to clarify about it--she commented that if it is a whole new department, it would not require an RFP process and would not be contracted out.

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### 2. **DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION regarding requests for public presentations.**

Jim Nantell provided an overview of the recent process of having Task Force members and/or staff present at various community and neighborhood council groups across the city. Jim inquired Task Force members about possible modifications, scheduling, transparency, slide decks, misinformation, and streamlining processes. Discussion ensued.

There was no public comment.

### 3. **DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION regarding timeline for developing implementation plans for budget related recommendations**

Jim Nantell provided an update about scheduling time with the implementation team for further direction on the budget-related proposals. Jim Nantell inquired about timing and scheduling with the team for implementation by June 15 but likely looks like more time may be needed. Discussion continued.

#### Public Comment:

1. Sara Cantor commented on the City's perception of supporting the City Manager's recommendations instead of implementation work with the Task Force proposals. She finds it does not reflect what the community is asking for.
2. Eli Moore is curious about the budget that staff had to develop based on Task Force recommendations. He commented that staff have not produced that budget but there is a lot of talk about meetings and it seems like stalling to him.

### 4. **RECEIVE and CONSIDER any additional Recommendations from Task Force Subcommittees:**

#### **a) Health and Safety**

Subgroup member L. Chacon provided a brief update about the subgroup meeting with Daniel Barth from SOS about implementation and having documentation ready when the implementation team starts to meet.

There was no public comment.

## VII. **ACTION ITEM RECAP**

1. Johann Fragd commented that the next Task Force meeting is Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.
2. Staff will post the new alternative models link on the City website.
3. Scheduling will move forward with the implementation team via email.
4. Jim Nantell will also move forward with scheduling a meeting with the Health and Safety subgroup and the Richmond Fire Chief.

A motion was made to make a request to have the Police Chief and City Manager come to their next meeting by L. Chacon; seconded by R. Joseph; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, J. Lee, M. Njissang, D. Small, T. Walker, L. Whitmore

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:** D. Joseph, L. Mangels, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto, B. Therriault, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

## VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 7:28 P.M.