

**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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

*\*video recording and meeting transcript available*

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

Meeting called to order by Jim Nantell at 5:40 PM.

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

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

**II. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

**III. MEETING PROCEDURES**

**IV. APPROVE - July 28, 2021 meeting minutes and August 25, 2021 meeting minutes**

A motion was made to approve the July 28, 2021 meeting minutes by D. Small; seconded by L. Chacon; approved by the following vote:

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

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** L. Whitmore

**Absent:** H. Burks, D. Joseph, J. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, A. Soto, B. Therriault, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

A motion was made to approve the August 25, 2021 meeting minutes by Linda Whitmore; seconded by M. Cantú; approved by the following vote:

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

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** E. Chacon

**Absent:** H. Burks, D. Joseph, J. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, A. Soto, B. Therriault, D. Tucker, B.K. Williams

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. D. Gosney commented on a friend's experience having their yard broken into in Richmond and stealing thousands of dollars worth of tools and equipment. The police mentioned they no longer have the resources to investigate this matter and mentioned consequences of reducing funds from the department.
2. R. Joseph discussed comments made by D. Gosney regarding attending the implementation subcommittees at previous City Council meetings and mentioned he is allowed to attend them.
3. E. Chacon also discussed comments made by D. Gosney regarding attending the implementation subcommittees and highlighted comments made by R. Joseph.
4. Cordell Hindler's written comment was read and invited Task Force members to a performance of *Our Town* on October 1st through October 31st at Contra Costa Civic Theater.

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Jim Nantell provided an update regarding the City Council's decision to extend the life of the Task Force until June 30, 2024.
2. Bruce Soublet updated the Task Force on the passage of AB361, a bill that allows continuance of virtual meetings. He will keep the Task Force updated to see what needs to be submitted to remain virtual.

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

1. **DISCUSS and IDENTIFY next steps for Community Conversations regarding Task Force work**

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- a. CONSIDER a suggestion that the third Tuesday of the month Implementation Subcommittee meetings over the next few months be used to provide Community Conversations on the efforts underway to implement the programs approved by the City Council in response to the recommendations of the Task Force.

Jim Nantell provided an overview on the scheduling of the Community Conversations series in lieu of hosting the second Implementation Subcommittee meetings of the month. It was clarified it should be the third Wednesday, not third Tuesday of the month, with each subgroup of the implementation subcommittee presenting at the Community Conversation meeting. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: No public comment.

### 2. RECEIVE reports from the Implementation Subcommittee

- a. **Group one - Community Crisis Response Team** - Subgroup member K. Kilian-Lobos briefly provided a report regarding future staffing and training for the Response Team and communications with Contra Costa County.
- b. **Group two - Homeless Interventions** - Subgroup member L. Chacon briefly provided a report on SOS! Richmond expanding its streets teams and an RFP closing for interim sheltering sites analysis.
- c. **Group three - Office of Neighborhood Safety** - No report was provided.
- d. **Group four - Youth Jobs** - Bouakhay Phongboupha provided a report regarding recruitment for youth employment and briefly highlighted training youth for their workforce program. Discussion ensued.
- e. **Group five - Policies** - Subgroup member M. Cantú provided a report on policies enacted within the Richmond Police Department such as deprioritizing minor traffic stops, vehicle searches, and other policies. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: No public comment.

### 3. 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** - Subcommittee member L. Whitmore briefly provided a report regarding the meeting as a subcommittee and research on police accountability and transparency. Discussion ensued.
- b. **Community Based Solutions** - No report was provided.
- c. **Health and Safety** - No report was provided.
- d. **Smart Budgeting & Resource Allocation** - No report was provided.

Public Comment: No public comment.

## VIII. ACTION ITEM RECAP

1. Jim Nantell will prepare a document to lay out the order of presentations for the third Wednesdays of the month in terms of the Community Conversations series and will take that to the Implementation subcommittee on the first Wednesday of next month.
2. Jim Nantell discussed voluntary resignation after missing three meetings in a 12-month rolling period. Jim will consult with Bruce Soublet and the City Attorney's Office on this item. Discussion ensued.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.