

CITY OF RICHMOND
Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 5:30 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

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Members:

Burks, Helene
Cantu, Marisol
Chacon, Eddy
Chacon, Luis
Gosney, Don
Joseph, DeWanda
Joseph, Randy
Kilian-Lobos, Kristin
Lee, Armond
Lee, James
Mangels, Laura
Njissang, Marcus
Schlemmer, Joey
Small, Deborah
Soto, Andres
Therriault, Ben
Walker, Tamisha
Whitmore, Linda
Williams, BK

ALL TASK FORCE MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE VIA VIDEO OR TELECONFERENCE

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 (Chair Chacon)**
- II. Roll Call (City Staff)**
- III. Agenda Review and Adoption (Chair Chacon)**
- IV. Meeting Procedures**
- V. Minutes Approval (Chair Chacon)**
 1. APPROVE the minutes of the October 27, 2021 meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
- VI. Public Comments**
- VII. Staff Reports**
 1. Update on Requirements to Respond to Public Records Request - City Attorney and Staff Liaison
 2. Task Force Outreach - Staff Liaison
- VIII. 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. AUTHORIZE Chairperson to represent the Task Force or solicit volunteers to do so in response to requests for presentations/remarks - *Addendum A attached*
 2. RECEIVE reports from Task Force Subcommittees regarding current and future meeting schedules and assignments - *Addendum B attached*
 - a. Accountability as Safety
 - b. Community Based Solutions
 - c. Health and Safety
 - d. Smart Budgeting & Resource Allocation
 - e. Implementation Committee
 3. Verbal updates from the Implementation Subcommittee
 - a. Group one - Community Crisis Response Team
 - b. Group two - Unhoused Interventions
 - c. Group three - Office of Neighborhood Safety
- IX. Action Item Recap**
- X. Adjournment**

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Scheduled Meetings:

- Implementation Subcommittee Meeting - Wednesday, January 5, 2022 - 5:30 pm
- Community Conversations - Wednesdays, December 15, 2021 and January 19, 2022 - 6:00 pm
- Report to City Council - Tuesdays, December 21, 2021 and January 18, 2022
- General Meeting - Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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MEETING PROCEDURES & INFORMATION

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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY

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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.

DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, and consistent with Executive Order N29-20, this meeting will utilize video/teleconferencing only.

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

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Step 1:

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +16699009128,,99598896210# or +12532158782,,99598896210#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656

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MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 5:34 PM.

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

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

III. MEETING PROCEDURES

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

APPROVE - July 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Noes:

Abstentions: D. Gosney, B.K. Williams

Absent: E. Chacon, D. Joseph

APPROVE - August 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the August 25, 2021 meeting minutes by R. Joseph; seconded by M. Njissang; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Abstentions: D. Gosney, J. Lee, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Absences: E. Chacon, D. Joseph

APPROVE - September 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 22, 2021 meeting minutes by R. Joseph; seconded by L. Whitmore; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Abstentions: D. Gosney, B.K. Williams

Absences: E. Chacon, D. Joseph

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. B. Therriault wanted to clarify information about sideshows, their perceived danger, the assumption that it is just going to happen, and spectators. He hopes Council will be able to take it seriously and provide continuous direction to deal with it as it is very resource-intensive.
2. Sara Cantor asked B. Therriault for data to back up her assertion that sideshows are big dangers to the community and what he means by dangerous.
3. J. Schlemmer followed up on Sara Cantor's question about a sideshow from a couple of years ago where a police officer was injured and retired as a result of being hit by a car at a sideshow. He mentioned any notion that

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sideshows are not dangerous is false and that sideshows in other cities have also resulted in injuries and even death. He stated that driving a 3,000lbs vehicle in a reckless manner is dangerous. He agrees that it should be regulated in a facility.

4. Sara Cantor wanted to talk more about the due process that the Task Force members are subject to. She reiterated the decision that the City Council had to officially subject them to the intel.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

1. Jim Nantell clarified the policy on responses to criticisms in response to criticisms towards D. Gosney the last meeting. Task Force members are allowed to respond to criticisms and will follow that moving forward.
2. Jim Nantell urged for the remaining Task Force members to respond to Public Records Request. He stated that there will be consequences for the City if members do not respond.
3. Jim Nantell clarified information and policies moving forward on the City Council's decision during the prior City Council meeting regarding Task Force absences.
4. City Attorney Bruce Soublet remarked about not being appropriate for a closed session to J. Schlemmer's previous item. He also advised Task Force members to not delete any emails, text messages, and other messages due to repercussions by the Public Records Request. He further elaborated on the context surrounding policies of the City of Richmond's Commission Handbook.

VII. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. **CONSIDER staff recommendation to select a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Task Force - Addendums C, D, E attached.**

A motion was made to nominate L. Chacon as Chair by A. Soto; seconded by D. Small; accepted by L. Chacon. A motion was made to nominate H. Burks as Chair by L. Chacon; seconded by J. Lee; declined by H. Burks. A motion was made to nominate J. Schlemmer as Chair by L. Whitmore; seconded by B. Therriault; accepted by J. Schlemmer. L. Chacon was elected as Chair by the following vote tally:

L. Chacon: 12 votes

J. Schlemmer: 5 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

Absences: E. Chacon, D. Joseph

A motion was made to nominate T. Walker as Vice-Chair by M. Cantú; seconded by K. Kilian-Lobos; accepted by T. Walker. A motion was made to nominate D. Small as Vice-Chair by B.K. Williams; seconded by L. Whitmore; declined by D. Small. A motion was made to nominate L. Whitmore as Vice-Chair by J. Lee; seconded by J. Schlemmer; accepted by L. Whitmore. T. Walker was elected as Vice-Chair by the following vote tally:

T. Walker: 10 votes

L. Whitmore: 6 votes

Abstentions: 1 vote

Absences: E. Chacon, D. Joseph

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

2. **DISCUSS and CONFIRM general meeting dates for the months of November and December due to major holiday season.**

A motion was made by R. Joseph to move the general meeting of the Task Force to Wednesday, November 17, 2021, the week before Thanksgiving; seconded by A. Soto; the motion was withdrawn due to conflict with the Community Conversations series.

A motion was made by R. Joseph to cancel the November general meeting of the Task Force and hold a special meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021; seconded by L. Whitmore; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes: D. Gosney, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Abstentions:

Absences: E. Chacon, D. Joseph

A substitute motion was made by J. Schlemmer to cancel the November and December general meetings of the Task Force and reconvene in January 2022 with staff providing an official list of meeting dates for the 2022 year; seconded by D. Gosney; failed by the following vote:

Ayes: D. Gosney, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, L. Whitmore

Noes: H. Burks, M. Cantú, L. Chacon, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, A. Soto, B. Therriault, T. Walker

Abstentions: B.K. Williams

Absences: E. Chacon, D. Joseph

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes by D. Small; seconded by M. Njissang; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absences: E. Chacon, D. Joseph

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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Meeting Attendance, October 27, 2021 - Present

	LAST	FIRST	10/27/21	12/8/21											Absences
1	Burks	Helene	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
2	Cantu	Marisol	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
3	Chacon	Eddy	E	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
4	Chacon	Luis	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
5	Gosney	Don	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
6	Joseph	DeWanda	A	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	1
7	Joseph	Randy	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
8	Kilian-Lobos	Kristin	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
9	Lee	Armond	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
10	Lee	James	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
11	Mangels	Laura	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
12	Njissang	Marcus	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
13	Schlemmer	Joey	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
14	Small	Deborah	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
15	Soto	Andres	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
16	Therriault	Ben	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
17	Walker	Tamisha	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
18	Whitmore	Linda	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
19	Williams	BK	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
20	VACANT		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0
21	VACANT		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0

** = Special Meeting

A = Absent

E = Excused Absence

Note: A member must be present at least one hour, or 50% of the entire meeting, whichever is less, to be counted as present for purposes of attendance.



AGENDA REPORT

REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFTEY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

MEETING DATE: December 8, 2021

TO: Task Force Members

FROM: Jim Nantell, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Formalize Authority to Represent the Task Force

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

Although the Task Force has a clear past practice for handling requests for presentation/remarks on the work of the Task Force, it is recommended that the Task Force codify that practice to ensure clarity for all.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

AUTHORIZE Chairperson to represent the Task Force or solicit volunteers to do so in response to requests for presentations/remarks. (Jim Nantell (650-274-9941))

DISCUSSION:

Some practices of the Task Force have evolved over the past year since its first meeting in October 2020. Since, at the recommendation of Task Force, the City Council has extended the term of the Task Force for an additional three years, staff is recommending that the Task Force formalize its procedures/practices to ensure a shared understanding of those procedures/practices going forward. The recent request for presentations by a Berkeley high school has led staff to suggest that the Task Force formalize its practice on handling such requests. For most City Commissions the request to make presentations on their work is fairly rare, however that has not been the case for the Task Force over the past six months. For most Commissions the representation duties fall primarily on the Chairperson. However, if the past is a predictor of the future, asking the Chairperson to cover all requests could well be impractical.

Draft motion to approve policy regarding requests for presentations/remarks of the Task Force:

“Move to authorize Chairperson to represent the Task Force or solicit volunteers to do so in response to requests for presentations/remarks by members of the public or other

City of Richmond commissions or similar bodies. This will also apply to the City Council unless otherwise specified by the City Council. When soliciting volunteers, the Chairperson will select from Task Force volunteers responding after allowing 24 hours for volunteering unless the request does not allow at least a 48-hour advance notice of the request for representatives to speak. In those cases, the Chairperson will select on a first come basis.”

An example of the City Council specifying differently is their request a few weeks ago that the members of the Implementation Subcommittee provide monthly updates at the third Tuesday of the month City Council Meetings.



AGENDA REPORT

REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

MEETING DATE: December 8, 2021

TO: Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force Members

FROM: LaShonda White, Lead Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Status of Subcommittee Work

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

Although time has not allowed for Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force (Task Force) subcommittee status updates at more recent meetings, staff is interested in receiving reports from subcommittees regarding current and future meeting schedules and assignments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE reports from Task Force Subcommittees regarding current and future meeting schedules and assignments:

- a. Accountability as Safety
- b. Community Based Solutions
- c. Health and Safety
- d. Smart Budgeting & Resource Allocation
- e. Implementation Committee

DISCUSSION:

Based on current staff knowledge, the table below lists the five (5) subcommittees established as part of Task Force, summarizes each subcommittee's purpose, and lists known task member participants. With the exception of the Implementation Committee, staff is unsure if the other subcommittees are continuing to meet and what each subcommittee is currently working on and/or plans to work on in the future. In the case that subcommittees are continuing to meet, staff would like assistance in completing and/or correcting the information included in the table.

<u>Subcommittee Purpose</u>	<u>Current Meeting Schedule</u>	<u>Assignments (Current and Future)</u>	<u>Task Force Members (# of members)</u>
1. Smart Budget and Resource Allocation - Focus on budgetary and other resource allocation issues including support for programs such as ONS & Ceasefire, and creating synergy between law enforcement and human services resources.			Cantu, Schlemmer, Small, Soto (4)
2. Accountability as Safety - this group would focus on RPD staffing, training, basic processes for departmental accountability including complaints and misconduct.			Burks, Joseph R., Lee J., Mangels, Schlemmer, Small, Therriault, Walker, Whitmore (9)
3. Health & Safety - areas of focus, mental and behavioral health, substance abuse, homelessness with an emphasis on public health-oriented approaches that alternatives to traditional law enforcement			Chacon L., Joseph D., Killian-Lobos, Njissang (4)
4. Community Based Solutions - this subgroup would focus on alternatives to policing for common problems and areas where we need to meet people's needs - e.g. mutual aid, housing counseling and assistance, immigration issues, interpersonal disputes, family reconciliation, and other issues that people often turn to police to address that could be better resolved using community solutions.			Chacon E., Chacon L., Joseph R., Lee A., Walker, Williams (6)
5. Implementation Committee – work with staff to implement the four program recommendations approved by the City Council which are Youth Jobs, Increased Services from Office of Neighborhood Safety, Unhoused Interventions and Community Crisis Response program.	Meeting monthly with specific working groups meeting more frequently		Burks, Cantu, Chacon E., Chacon L., Lee A., Njissang, Schlemmer, Small (8) Additional as resource members when needed Joseph R., Killian-Lobos (10)