

CITY OF RICHMOND
Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 5:30 PM

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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 Small)**
- II. Roll Call (City Staff)**
- III. Agenda Review and Adoption (Chair Small)**
- IV. Meeting Procedures (City Staff)**
- V. Minutes Approval (Chair Small)**
 1. APPROVE the minutes of the January 26, 2022, regular meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
- VI. Public Comments**
- VII. Staff Reports**
 1. Task Force Decorum and City Code of Ethics
 2. Public Records Act Request Update and Next Steps
 3. Task Force Meeting Attendance Report
 4. Task Force Emails and Quorums (verbal update)
- 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. RECEIVE 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
 - d. Group four – YouthWorks
 2. RECEIVE reports from Task Force Subcommittees regarding current and future meeting schedules and assignments, and DISCUSS Subcommittee Brown Act requirements
 - a. Accountability as Safety
 - b. Community Based Solutions
 - c. Health and Safety
 - d. Smart Budgeting & Resource Allocation
 - e. Implementation Committee
 3. DISCUSS the potential creation of and approval process for Task Force Bylaws

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4. DISCUSS incidents involving Richmond Police Department K-9s and how the Task Force would like to move forward with that public safety issue
5. DISCUSS the potential closure of Urban Tilth farming collective and its impact on local communities, recognizing that food insecurity is a public safety concern

IX. Action Item Recap

X. Adjournment

Scheduled Upcoming Meetings:

- Implementation Subcommittee Meetings - Wednesday, March 2 and 16, 2022 - 5:30 pm
- Report to City Council - Tuesday, March 15, 2022
- General Task Force Meeting - Wednesday, March 23, 2022

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MEETING PROCEDURES & INFORMATION

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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Contra Costa County and Governor Gavin Newsom have issued multiple orders requiring sheltering in place, social distancing, and reduction of person-to-person contact. (See, for example, March 31, 2020 County Order extending the shelter-in-place order until May 3, 2020 and March 19, 2020 statewide shelter-in-place order.) Accordingly, Governor Gavin Newsom has issued executive orders that allow cities to hold public meetings via teleconferencing (Executive Order N-29-20).

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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Written comments will only be accepted via email to recreation@ci.richmond.ca.us by no later than 3 p.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting. The comments will be read at the top of the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Emails MUST contain in the subject line:

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

Emails that do not contain the correct identifying information in the subject line may be overlooked and may not become part of the record. Email received after 3 p.m. will not be read into the record. Email received after 3 p.m. will, however, be posted on-line following the meeting as part of the supplemental materials attached to the meeting minutes.

By Computer, Tablet, or Mobile Device:

Step 1: Tune in to the videoconference at the following link:

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being announced or as speakers are called upon at the start of each agenda item. Attendees will then have two (2) minutes to click the “**Raise Your Hand**” button at that time. Speakers will be called upon in the order they select the “Raise Your Hand” feature. When called upon, you will be unmuted. Speakers are allowed up to two (2) minutes on public comment and agenda items. After the allotted time, you will then be re-muted.

By Telephone:

Step 1:

Or iPhone one-tap :

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

Or Telephone:

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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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<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362663-Joining-a-meeting-by-phone>

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Record of public comments:

Public comments will be considered a public record, put into the official meeting record. Public comments will be available after the meeting as supplemental materials and will be posted as an attachment to the meeting minutes when the minutes are posted:

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=183>.

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MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

**video recording and meeting transcript available*

I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - AGENDA REVIEW

Meeting called to order by Chair Chacon at 5:32 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT*: 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, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto, T. Walker, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams
ABSENT: D. Joseph

*A. Lee and L. Mangels arrived at 5:37 P.M. J. Lee arrived at 6:04 P.M. A. Soto at 6:20 P.M. J. Schlemmer at 6:23 P.M.

III. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Staff Liaison LaShonda White requested to move agenda item VIII-3 up after staff reports; Chair Chacon approved.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by D. Small; seconded by M. Cantú; approved by the following vote:
Ayes: H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, M. Njissang, D. Small, T. Walker, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph, A. Lee, J. Lee, L. Mangels, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto

IV. MEETING PROCEDURES

V. MINUTES APPROVAL (CHAIR CHACON)

1. APPROVE the minutes of the December 8, 2021 special meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

A motion was made to approve the December 8, 2021 meeting minutes by L. Whitmore; 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, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, T. Walker, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. An emailed public comment submitted by Cordell Hindler was read into the record (attached).
2. Chair Luis Chacon made remarks about the late Mike Parker and acknowledged his passing and power and hoped that his legacy will carry on through the work that they do.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

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1. Public Records Act Request Update

Staff Liaison LaShonda White presented this report and City Attorney Heather McLaughlin provided support. She reminded Task Force members that Bruce Soublet is still awaiting several Task Force members to submit documentation that complies with the various Public Records Requests. Discussion ensued.

2. Task Force Meeting Attendance Report

Staff Liaison LaShonda White presented this report and reminded Task Force members about the attendance and excused absences policy in the City of Richmond Commission Handbook. Discussion ensued to clarify procedures, timing, and absences.

Public Comment:

1. Sara Cantor asked staff regarding actual consequences of not complying with the Public Records Request.
2. Carole Johnson asked why we cannot see all of the Task Force members on camera and compared with another public commission.
3. Adey Teshager commented on City Attorney Heather McLaughlin's comments regarding arrests and imprisonment and that it was a triggering comment.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. ELECTION of Chair

Chair L. Chacon announced that he is stepping down as Chair and will also step back from the Implementation subcommittee. Chair Chacon opened the floor for nominations. Discussion ensued.

A. Lee nominated D. Small; seconded by M. Cantú; D. Small accepted the nomination.

A substitution motion was made to keep nominations open by H. Burks; seconded by D. Gosney; 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, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes: A. Soto, T. Walker

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph

B. Therriault nominated J. Schlemmer; seconded by L. Whitmore; J. Schlemmer accepted the nomination. Chair Chacon closed nominations and discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Carole Johnson commented that Deborah Small would make a great chair.

The motion continued to nominate D. Small as Chair by A. Lee; seconded by M. Cantú; approved by the following vote:

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

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

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph

J. Schlemmer withdrew his nomination after the vote for D. Small as Chair.

2. APPROVE extending the public comment period to 2 minutes

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Chair Chacon presented this item. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to approve extending the public comment period to 2 minutes and follow City council protocol for public comment by R. Joseph; seconded by A. Soto; 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, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, A. Soto, T. Walker, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams
Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent: D. Joseph

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

3. **DISCUSS future Task Force community meeting protocol regarding promoting members as panelists and recording of meetings**

LaShonda provided a presentation on this agenda item in light of concerns brought up by a Task Force member at a recent Community Conversations meeting and clarified standard City protocol during public meetings. Discussion ensued.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes by A. Soto; seconded by R. Joseph; failed by the following vote:

Ayes: M. Cantú, R. Joseph, A. Soto, T. Walker

Noes: L. Chacon, D. Gosney, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, J. Lee, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Abstentions: H. Burks, E. Chacon, L. Mangels

Absent: D. Joseph

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

From: Cordell Hindler <cordellhindler@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:21 PM
To: Recreation
Subject: Public Comments

[You don't often get email from cordellhindler@ymail.com. Learn why this is important at <http://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>.]

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good Evening,

Chair Chacon, task force members and city staff,

I have a couple of comments for the Record

1. the taskforce members is invited to the Council of Industries general Meeting on Feburary 16th 2022, 12:00 pm via Zoom

Mayor Tom Butt will provide the state of the City address RSVP to Katrinka Ruk

2. the Taskforce members is also invited to a Performance of As You Like it at the Masquers Playhouse on Friday and Saturday evening at 8:00 pm 30.00 dollars per person, Proof of Vaccination is Required

Sincerely
Cordell



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

DATE: February 23, 2022
TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
FROM: LaShonda White, Interim Library and Community Services Director, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Task Force Decorum and City Code of Ethics

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

The Task Force is a diverse 21-member body that was created to serve as a “transition accountability task force composed by members of the public, including community organizations, individuals who were impacted by law enforcement, and law enforcement.” In order for the Task Force to do the job it was created to do, it is important that members act in a way that is in alignment with the City’s Code of Ethics for professional and respectful behavior.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE a reminder of the City’s Code of Ethics

DISCUSSION:

City staff would like to remind Task Force members of their responsibility as a Council-appointed body to abide by the City’s Code of Ethics. These can be found in the City of Richmond Boards and Commission Handbook ([Handbook](#) - Appendix D). It is important that we work collectively to cultivate a non-discriminatory, respectful and safe environment.

The Handbook includes a lot of helpful information for individuals serving on Richmond’s various Boards, Commissions and other Council-appointed bodies. The following section in the Handbook provides recommendations regarding relationships with other board, commission, or committee members.

The association with other board, commission or committee members is very important. Before talking about relationships, it may be well to point out a few facts about board, commission and committee members. Members come from various backgrounds - education, occupational, religious, social, economic, physical and cultural - and differences do exist. It is important to recognize that the reasons for serving on a board, commission, or committee will vary and perhaps some will have a special interest. Each member will contribute in his/her own way and is an important part of the decision-making process. Do not expect every member to give of his/her time, talent and knowledge to the same extent. Some will give more, and others will give less, but in the

end, the community will benefit. Bearing this in mind, the following may serve as a guideline:

1. Always respect other individuals' viewpoints even though they may be the opposite of your own.
2. Allow the other individual to articulate his/her own views and then attempt to make an objective evaluation of those views.
3. Evaluation of other members' viewpoints should be based on what is best for the total community and for all concerned.
4. There will be times when political action among the board, commission, or committee is apparent; strive to minimize whenever possible.
5. Be open and honest at all times.



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

DATE: February 23, 2022

TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

FROM: LaShonda White, Interim Library and Community Services Director, Staff Liaison
Bruce Soublet, Retired Annuitant, City Attorney's Office

SUBJECT: Public Records Act Request Reminder

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force members were asked to respond to a public records request that the City received regarding communication members had with Council Members, and others. The City Attorney's Office will discuss this request and next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

City staff requests that all Task Force members respond, as appropriate, to the Public Records request.

DISCUSSION:

Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force members were asked to respond to a public records request (request) that the City received regarding communication members had with Council members, and others. The details of the request were shared with all Task Force members. Some Task Force members have not yet complied with the request. Failure to respond is against California State Law which can result in adverse consequences for the City and Task Force members.

During the January Task Force meeting, a number of members stated that they had not responded to the outstanding PRA requests because their requests for clarification were not answered by the City Attorney's Office. Bruce Soublet, the attorney assigned to attend the Task Force meetings, maintains that emails were sent to the Task Force members that requested clarification as to what documents they needed to provide. If additional clarification is needed, Task Force members should reach out to Mr. Soublet immediately as it is important that copies of the requested documents be sent to Mr. Soublet on or before close of business on February 28, 2022. If Task Force members believe they don't have any communications relevant to the request they should send an e-mail to that effect to Mr. Soublet. On or around March 1, 2022, the City Attorney's Office will submit a list of Task Force members that were deemed as unresponsive and not in compliance with the request to the City of Richmond's Mayor's Office.



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DATE: February 23, 2022

TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

FROM: LaShonda White, Interim Library and Community Services Director, Staff Liaison
Guadalupe Morales, Administrative Aide, Recreation

SUBJECT: Task Force Meeting Attendance Report

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

City staff will provide a reminder to the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force (Task Force) of the rules regarding absences per the Commission Handbook adopted by Richmond City Council and a report on the Task Force meeting attendance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE an update on the Task Force meeting attendance.

DISCUSSION:

The following information is included on page 12 of the [Commission Handbook](#) regarding attendance, absences, and automatic resignation:

Attendance

Board members, commissioners, and committee members should inform the staff liaison in advance if they are unable to attend a meeting. Failure to comply with the following attendance rules can result in automatic resignation:

- a. Absence from more than three regular meetings within a twelve-month period shall be deemed an automatic resignation, with the following exception:

The absence of any member from more than eight regularly scheduled meetings of the Design Review Board within any twelve consecutive-month period constitutes an automatic resignation from the Design Review Board.

Within one week of the third absence (eighth absence for Design Review Board members), the board, commission, or committee staff liaison shall remind the board member or commissioner of the absence rule. Upon the fourth absence (ninth absence for Design Review Board members), the staff liaison shall notify the city clerk to issue a notice of automatic resignation and post the vacancy.

- b. 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.

Excused Absences

Board members, commissioners, and committee members may make a written request to the chair and staff liaison in advance of a meeting to excuse an absence due to scheduling conflicts and religious or cultural holiday. Requests for all other excused absences may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the staff liaison, with consultation from the city clerk (or his/her representative), as necessary.

Automatic Resignation

The following can result in automatic resignation:

- a. Failure to comply with the membership requirements outlined in this handbook.
- b. Failure to meet any eligibility requirements of the ordinance, resolution or other law establishing the board, commission, or committee or regulating its membership.

Automatic resignation from a board, commission, or committee does not disqualify an individual from subsequently being appointed to the same or any other board, commission or committee. However, if a member is automatically resigned more than two times due to any of the aforementioned reasons or any combination thereof, he/she may not be appointed again to any board, commission, or committee for one year. No board member, commissioner, or committee member shall be appointed to any board, commission, or committee if there are outstanding Conflict of Interest statements or fines; and no board member, commissioner, or committee member shall be appointed to any board, commission, or committee for a period of one year if automatically resigned more than once for failure to file such statements.

Notification to Members of Absences

Per the Handbook, "Within one week of the third absence..., the board, commission, or committee staff liaison shall remind the board member or commissioner of the absence rule. Upon the fourth absence ..., the staff liaison shall notify the city clerk to issue a notice of automatic resignation and post the vacancy."

City staff will directly contact Task Force members that are close to non-compliance with the stated attendance rules and are in jeopardy of automatic resignation.

Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
Meeting Attendance, October 27, 2021 - Present

	LAST	FIRST	10/27/21	1/26/22	2/23/22									Absences
1	Burks	Helene	P	P										0
2	Cantu	Marisol	P	P										0
3	Chacon	Eddy	E	P										0
4	Chacon	Luis	P	P										0
5	Gosney	Don	P	P										0
6	Joseph	DeWanda	A	A										2
7	Joseph	Randy	P	P										0
8	Kilian-Lobos	Kristin	P	P										0
9	Lee	Armond	P	P										0
10	Lee	James	P	P										0
11	Mangels	Laura	P	P										0
12	Njissang	Marcus	P	P										0
13	Schlemmer	Joey	P	P										0
14	Small	Deborah	P	P										0
15	Soto	Andres	P	P										0
16	Therriault	Ben	P	P										0
17	Walker	Tamisha	P	P										0
18	Whitmore	Linda	P	P										0
19	Williams	BK	P	P										0
20	VACANT													
21	VACANT													

P = Present

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.



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

DATE: February 23, 2022
TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
FROM: LaShonda White, Interim Library and Community Services Director
SUBJECT: Implementation Subcommittee Group Updates

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

Implementation Subcommittee groups will provide status updates on work performed to-date and future tasks.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE verbal updates from the Implementation Subcommittee (Group one - Community Crisis Response Team, Group two - Unhoused Interventions, Group three - Office of Neighborhood Safety, and Group four – YouthWorks).

DISCUSSION:

A subset of Task Force members serve on the Implementation Subcommittee which focuses on developing projects/programs that were recommended for funding by the Task Force to the Richmond City Council. The Implementation Subcommittee meets 1-2 times monthly and individual groups might meet more often to develop and implement programs. The following groups, which consist of Task Force members, City staff, and experts, will provide verbal updates during the Task Force meeting on February 23, 2022.

Implementation Subcommittee groups and members are included in the table below:

Grp 1 - Community Crisis Response Program:
Joey Schlemmer
Sara Cantor
Kristin Kilian-Lobos
LaShonda White
Armond Lee
Marisol Cantu

Grp 2 - Homeless Interventions:
Luis Chacon
Alison Gill
Daniel Barth
Michelle Milam
Lina Velasco
Grp 3 - Office of Neighborhood Safety:
Helene Burks
Marcus Njissang
Sam Vaughn
Deborah Small
Grp 4 - YouthWorks:
Eddy Chacon
Bouakhay Phongboupha
Cinthia Hernandez

The following updates are taken from the February 15, 2022, Implementation Subcommittee meeting:

Group	Notes, Updates, and Announcements
Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP)	<p>The CCRP team is currently developing a Request for Proposals to hire a consulting group to assist with CCRP implementation. The consultant will support the team to determine the best path forward to ensure successful implementation of the program in light of the city’s hiring challenges and the current capacity of city staff.</p> <p>The CCRP team is also partnering with council members Jimenez and McLaughlin to host additional community roundtable discussions about the new program. These roundtables may take place in March and/or April 2022. The RFP process was discussed and will be ready to go, hopefully within a couple of weeks.</p>
Unhoused Interventions	<p>Twenty two active employees at Safe Organized Spaces Richmond (SOS) serve all Richmond neighborhoods 8 hours/day, 5 days/week. SOS currently has workforce relationships with a total of 64 unhoused neighbors who are either active or are still eligible for further work to improve Richmond neighborhoods and encampments. Four teams include <i>Mobile Engagement</i> (trash and outreach in two teams of 4 employees), <i>Mobile Showers</i> (in teams of 3), <i>Local Stewards</i>, and <i>RV Repair</i> teams.</p> <p>SOS arrives on the scene within 24 hours in response to neighborhood calls to address trash or provide a gentle touch to improve neighborly relations between housed and unhoused residents. SOS provides regular service to twenty encampments and is growing. Its current four shower events per week will expand to eight by early March.</p> <p>Homelessness is part of each neighborhood. Richmond residents can share the goal of working together to find the best interim measures to improve our neighborhoods and change living conditions for our unhoused neighbors.</p>

	<p>In January, SOS gained initial support from the Santa Fe neighborhood to allow for the establishment of Richmond’s first off-street safe parking site, which will start by housing 4 RV-dwelling households at S. 2nd and Maine streets. This workforce housing will help SOS employees to secure their safety as they improve Richmond. This demonstration project, which must first be permitted by the city, will suggest a neighborhood-based interim solution to the growing problems in the neighborhood’s encampments and address dumping on surrounding streets. SOS hopes to enlist other neighborhoods in this partnership.</p>
<p>Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS)</p>	<p>ONS has moved forward its hiring process for new positions after the City Council passed a resolution approving the salaries. ONS is in the process of onboarding two new administrative hires who should be starting by the end of the month. ONS has not moved forward with hiring additional Neighborhood Change Agents as it is still negotiating with HR regarding what constitutes adequate compensation for this position.</p>
<p>YouthWorks</p>	<p>Worksite Spotlight-Rich City Rides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Received: 511 • In-person intakes Completed: 320 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently working, completed WEX or have completed the intake process and are doing workshops (waiting to be placed) • Due to Omicron surge worksites are not allowing interns-Placement on hold • Youth have expressed the allowable 100/300 hours are not enough to gain the work experience they desire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We hope to increase number of hours youth receive next fiscal year from 100→300 for youth ages 16-17 and from 300→ 500 hours for youth ages 18-24 • Possible CAREER Pilot Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To build a pipeline for youth to obtain permanent employment with the City of Richmond departments ○ Gaining skills needed for the job/ network, resources relating to job, get to know the key players of local government, full knowledges of government entity, understanding of government employment process



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2022

TO: Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force Members

FROM: LaShonda White, Interim Library and Community Services Director, 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. This information will help determine which, if any, subcommittees fall under the Brown Act.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- RECEIVE reports from Task Force Subcommittees regarding current and future meeting schedules and assignments, and DISCUSS Subcommittee Brown Act requirements
- 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. This information, in addition to other factors (i.e. number of members, duration of subcommittee, tasks, etc.), will help the City Attorney's Office determine if any of the subcommittees are subject to the Brown Act.

<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)



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DATE: February 23, 2022
TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
FROM: LaShonda White, Interim Library and Community Services Director, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Creation of Task Force Bylaws

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

The Task Force Chair requested an agenda item to discuss the potential development of Task Force bylaws.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DISCUSS the potential creation of and approval process for Task Force Bylaws

DISCUSSION:

The City of Richmond Boards and Commission Handbook ([Handbook](#)) was approved by City Council and contains guidelines and instructions for all City of Richmond Boards and Commission. Members will discuss the potential of creating specific bylaws for the Task force, which will not be in conflict with information included in the Handbook, but will provide greater clarity where needed.



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DATE: February 23, 2022

TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

FROM: LaShonda White, Interim Library and Community Services Director, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Incidents involving Richmond Police Department K-9s

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

The Task Force Chair requested an agenda item to discuss incidents involving Richmond Police Department K-9s and how the Task Force would like to address this public safety issue.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DISCUSS incidents involving Richmond Police Department K-9s and how the Task Force would like to address this public safety issue.

DISCUSSION:

Recent articles have discussed incidents involving Richmond Police Department K-9s. The Task Force Chair requested an agenda item to discuss this topic and how the Task Force would like to address this public safety issue.



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DATE: February 23, 2022

TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

FROM: LaShonda White, Interim Library and Community Services Director, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Urban Tilth Farming Collective

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

The Task Force will learn about Urban Tilth's Farming Collective and discuss the impacts of its potential closure on the Richmond community and public safety.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DISCUSS the potential closure of Urban Tilth farming collective and its impact on local communities, recognizing that food insecurity is a public safety concern.

DISCUSSION:

A Task Force member asked that an agenda item regarding the potential closure of Urban Tilth's farming collective be placed on the agenda for discussion. Task Force members will learn about Urban Tilth and discuss their impact on local communities, recognizing that food insecurity is a public safety concern.

Per Urban Tilth's website, the organization "inspires, hires, and trains local residents to cultivate agriculture, feed our community, and restore relationships to land to build a more sustainable food system, within a just and healthier community." More information about Urban Tilth's work can be found at www.urbantilth.org.