

City of Richmond - Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
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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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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.