

**City of Richmond - Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force**  
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**MINUTES\***  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022, 5:30 P.M.**

*\*video recording and meeting transcript available*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chair Small at 5:41 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: M. Cantú, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, A. Soto, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

ABSENT: H. Burks, L. Chacon, E. Chacon, D. Joseph, J. Lee

A. Lee joined the meeting at 5:52 P.M., B. Therriault at 5:57 P.M., J. Schlemmer at 6:02 P.M.

**III. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented by L. Whitmore; seconded by A. Soto; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** M. Cantú, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, A. Soto, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

**Noes:**

**Abstentions:**

**Absent:** H. Burks, L. Chacon, E. Chacon, D. Joseph, A. Lee, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, B. Therriault

**IV. MEETING PROCEDURES**

**V. MINUTES APPROVAL (CHAIR SMALL)**

**1. APPROVE the minutes of the January 26, 2022, regular meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force**

A motion was made to table the approval January 26, 2022 meeting minutes until conversations and action items are included by the City Attorney by D. Small; seconded by M. Cantú; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** M. Cantú, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, A. Soto, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

**Noes:**

**Abstentions:**

**Absent:** H. Burks, L. Chacon, E. Chacon, D. Joseph, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, B. Therriault

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Sara Cantor also encouraged that the meeting minutes be changed to reflect the conversations.

**VII. STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Task Force Decorum and City Code of Ethics**

Staff Liaison LaShonda White gave an update on this staff report. She reminded Task Force members of the City of Richmond's Code of Ethics that members need to abide by due to Task Force comments made last week. Discussion ensued.

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## 2. Public Records Act Request Update and Next Steps

Staff Liaison LaShonda White presented this staff report. She provided a brief update and Task Force status on the two public records requests and reminded Task Force members to submit their responses. City Attorney Bruce Soublet commented he responded to two requests for clarification to explain the PRA process for the first PRA request. Chair Small commented that she does not believe Mr. Soublet responded adequately to her letter in November requesting clarification that cited California case law for her concerns for the overly broad request. Mr. Soublet clarified the City Attorney's Office will apply all exemptions for the records prior to being released. Discussion ensued.

## 3. Task Force Meeting Attendance Report

Staff Liaison LaShonda White gave an update on this staff report. She provided an updated attendance of Task Force members at the regular meetings. Discussion ensued.

## 4. Task Force Emails and Quorums (verbal update)

Staff Liaison LaShonda White gave a brief update on this staff report. She confirmed the number of Task Force members needed for a quorum is eleven (11) and that City of Richmond emails cannot be issued to non-City of Richmond employees but folks can create Taskforce-specific emails.

### Public Comment:

1. Sara Cantor commented on the issue of decorum and ethics and comments that were made at the previous Task Force meeting.

## VIII. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

### 1. RECEIVE Verbal updates from the Implementation Subcommittee

#### a. Group one - Community Crisis Response Team

Sara Cantor gave an update on this item. She mentioned an RFP being issued out for bid for a consultant team to assist with this program and possibly conducting more community roundtables for additional community input. Discussion ensued.

#### b. Group two - Unhoused Interventions

R. Joseph provided an update on this report. He commented that SOS! has 22 folks working with them with the Shower Power program, they are going through the City contract and budget details, and gave details on the status regarding the Tiny Village project. Michelle Milam also provided a status on the scattered sites program, grant application update, and best practices for interventions.

#### c. Group three - Office of Neighborhood Safety

M. Njissang and ONS Director Sam Vaughn gave this update. He commented that ONS is hiring two administrative staff, salary adjustments are being made for Neighborhood Change Agents, and contracts with the school district.

#### d. Group four – YouthWorks

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Bouakhay Phongboupha commented that the YouthWorks program received 532 applications for YouthWorks and the majority have done intake, they are coordinating industry training, and currently have 200 youth actively working, and provided other administrative updates. New Employment & Training Director Tamara Walker was introduced. Discussion ensued.

### Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

## **2. RECEIVE reports from Task Force Subcommittees regarding current and future meeting schedules and assignments, and DISCUSS Subcommittee Brown Act requirements**

Chair Small suggested that subcommittees and its structures be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Mr. Soublet clarified that an ad hoc committee not subject to the Brown Act needs a limited scope and has a limited time of term, similar to the working groups.

### **c. Health and Safety**

K. Kilian-Lobos provided an update that they have not met because subcommittee members are working on the implementation subcommittee.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.