

City of Richmond - Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force
Meeting held via Zoom: https://richmond.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=38

MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022, 5:30 P.M.

**video recording and meeting transcript available*

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Small at 5:34 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: D. Joseph, A. Lee, J. Lee, A. Soto, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore

A. Lee joined the meeting at 6:24 P.M. Ben Therriault joined at 6:40 pm. BK reports she will log off at 6:55 pm.

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Staff Liaison LaShonda White stated that E-1 should be moved to the next meeting as there was a request to provide additional information in the minutes. L. Chacon stated he was unable to confirm the speaker for item H-5 and asked for it to be removed.

A motion was made to adopt the agenda with agenda items E-1 and H-5 moved to another meeting by D. Gosney; seconded by H. Burks; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes: J. Schlemmer

Abstentions: E. Chacon

Absent: D. Joseph, A. Lee, J. Lee, A. Soto, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore

D. MEETING PROCEDURES

E. MINUTES APPROVAL (CHAIR SMALL)

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

This item was removed from the agenda.

2. APPROVE the minutes of the February 23, 2022 regular meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022 regular meeting by R. Joseph; seconded by M. Cantú; approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Abstentions: E. Chacon, L. Chacon

Absent: D. Joseph, A. Lee, J. Lee, A. Soto, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore

F. CITY STAFF REPORTS

No staff reports were made.

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G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Cordell Hindler invited Task Force members to attend the weekly Richmond Rotary Club meeting on May 6th at 12:30 P.M. at the Richmond Country Club. He added that tickets were \$25 and includes lunch and the guest speakers will be the City Manager's Office Economic Development Division that will be sharing about potential businesses that will be coming to Richmond.
2. Randy Joseph had two comments to make. He invited Task Force members and everybody in the public to the RYSE Common's free grand opening event on May 14th to celebrate the new building being built. He also commented about people who have a lot to say about the Task Force but are not involved in the work. He added that he is fed up with the comments but are not present during Task Force meetings. He added that people should reach out to the Task Force to learn more about what folks are doing.
3. LaShonda White invited the Task Force and the general public for "An Evening of Poetry and Health", held on Thursday, April 7th in the City Council Chambers from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. hosted by Richmond Poet Laureate David Flores and Librarian Angela Cox. Local poets will perform spoken word and will precede open mic.
4. Don Gosney commented on Randy Joseph's comments earlier. He mentioned that this is a problem with community groups where contact information is not provided. He mentioned an earlier incident where Task Force members did not want to share their email addresses with the public and suggested creating a 'dummy' email for communications.

H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSS the status of the Implementation Subcommittee and Subcommittee Brown Act requirements

Chair Small led the discussion on this item. She discussed that the Implementation subcommittee, as it was acting, was subject to the Brown Act and therefore any following and future meetings of the Implementation Subcommittee were cancelled. She further discussed that it was considered a standing committee and that it was initially a City staff request to create this subcommittee as a way for other working subcommittees to report on and work with staff on their proposal updates. She recommended to return to the working group structure. More discussion ensued regarding Brown Act transparency issues, external partners participation in the Implementation Subcommittee, efficient working structures, implementation documentation transparency, and concerns making this agenda item an actionable item to further the work. City attorney Bruce Souplet recommended creating subcommittees that consist of only Task Force members that constitute less of a quorum and have external partners act as subject matter experts. Further discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Cordell Hindler commented on an experience he had with a library commission in an adhoc meeting regarding who would be the chair for their commission and reporting back to the main commission. He recommended keeping the working groups as is to have subject matter experts present.
2. **RECEIVE reports from Task Force Working Groups regarding current and future meeting schedules and assignments, and DISCUSS whether to retain or revise the current Working Group structure:**
 - a. **Accountability as Safety**
 - b. **Community Based Solutions**
 - c. **Health and Safety**
 - d. **Smart Budgeting and Resource Allocation**

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Chair Small led the discussion on this item. She discussed restructuring the working groups to support the work that was being done with the Implementation Subcommittee and the approved proposals but not overlap with with other working group's work. Discussion ensued regarding current scheduling, staff capacity, and working group attendance.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

3. DISCUSS Task Force meeting schedule for April and May 2022

Chair Small led the discussion on this item. She commented about the previous biweekly schedule of the Task Force prior to the creation of the Implementation Subcommittee and recommended the Task Force meet twice a month to provide evaluations on the Task Force proposals and budgets and to evaluate and assess Task Force work. After concluding, the Task Force would return to a monthly meeting after June. Discussion ensued regarding staff and city attorney capacity for biweekly meetings, bylaws allowing for a meeting schedule change, and Task Force member availability.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

4. DISCUSS proposed Task Force Bylaws drafted by Chair Small

Chair Small led the discussion on this item. She discussed providing bylaws for the Task Force in addition to adhering the City Commission Handbook. Task Force member D. Gosney discussed the meaning of several terms including "joint authority", "communities", and other terms, the functions and purpose of the Task Force, and other concerns he noted in the draft bylaws. Discussion ensued and City Attorney Bruce Soublet provided clarity on how to provide Bylaw feedback to the Chair and staff. Task Force member R. Joseph wanted clarity on purpose of bylaws and Chair Small stated it was to provide direction for the next three years of the Task Force as it was extended for that length of time. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

6. RECEIVE an update on the Public Records Act request and DISCUSS next steps

City Attorney Bruce Soublet led the discussion on this item. He updated the Task Force on some clarifying information regarding the public records requestor's ask to narrow their scope. He mentioned the requestor did narrow it some. He further added that the City Attorney's Office is responsible for determining what records are exempt as deliberative process documents and that they are up to request #7 in their rolling record requests. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to extend the meeting for fifteen (15) minutes by R. Joseph; seconded by T. Walker; approved by the following vote:

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Noes: L. Chacon, D. Gosney,

Abstentions:

Absent: E. Chacon, D. Joseph, J. Lee, A. Soto, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.