

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

MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022, 5:30 P.M.

**video recording and meeting transcript available*

A. CALL TO ORDER (CHAIR SMALL)

Meeting called to order by Chair Small at 5:33 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL (CITY STAFF)

PRESENT: H. Burks, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, K. Kilian-Lobos, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

ABSENT: M. Cantú, R. Joseph, A. Lee, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto, B. Therriault

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION (CHAIR SMALL)

Concerns regarding the voting quorum and the need to approve the agenda by quorum were brought up by the Chair and Task Force members.

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented by L. Chacon; seconded by H. Burks; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, K. Kilian-Lobos, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes: D. Gosney

Abstentions:

Absent: M. Cantú, R. Joseph, A. Lee, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto, B. Therriault

D. MEETING PROCEDURES

E. CITY STAFF REPORTS (VERBAL)

No staff reports.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Gayle McLaughlin invited the Task Force and the public about an event on April 30th from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. regarding the Historic Iron Triangle Neighborhood to kickoff of a comprehensive revitalization initiative she is hosting this with Rebuilding Together. She stated there will be free food, a tiny home exhibit, an opportunity for free home repairs, and more activities at this event.
2. Leisa Johnson requested Task Force members turn on their cameras for the length of the meeting due to concerns regarding active presence in a meeting. She recalled an incident where Council Member Demnlus Johnson in a previous Council meeting had attend several meetings at once.

G. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. REVIEW and DISCUSS City of Richmond FY 2021-22 Mid-Year Budget Report and Task Force expenditures to-date

Chair Small led the discussion on this item but wanted to discuss item G-1 first.

2. REVIEW, DISCUSS, and APPROVE Task Force meeting schedule

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Chair Small led the discussion on this item to meeting biweekly temporarily until the end of June. Task Force member D. Gosney and L. Whitmore raised concerns on voting on this item with many Task Force members absent. Task Force members L. Mangels, H. Burks, and L. Chacon agreed to have more meetings. Further discussion ensued. Due to discussions, Chair Small moved this agenda item to the regular Task Force meeting on April 27, 2022.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Recess - 6:05 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.

During discussion for this agenda item, the Task Force took a ten (10) minute recess at 6:05 P.M. and rejoined at 6:15 P.M. due to a temporary loss in quorum. Roll call was taken again with the following Task Force members in attendance:

PRESENT: H. Burks, E. Chacon, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, K. Kilian-Lobos, L. Mangels, M. Njissang, D. Small, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

ABSENT: M. Cantú, R. Joseph, A. Lee, J. Lee, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto, B. Therriault

3. REVIEW and DISCUSS Task Force presentation schedule to City Council

Chair Small led the discussion on this item. She stated the next presentation is scheduled for the upcoming Tuesday, April 18 and she is presenting this month. She stated she would present on updates about the Community Conversations, Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP), unhoused interventions, and the hiring of Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS). She asked any additional suggestions for updates be sent to her and recommended scheduling Task Force members to give reports to Council in future meetings. She further mentioned making a new joint document to share notes and updates. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

4. REVIEW, DISCUSS, and APPROVE Task Force working group structure and membership

Chair Small led the discussion on this item. She recommend the new four working group structures consist of each group focusing on a proposal that was approved in addition to general Task Force work. Chair Small noted that H. Burks was to be the point person for the YouthWorks proposal, R. Joseph would be the point person for the Unhoused Interventions proposal, A. Lee and M. Njissang would be the point persons for ONS proposal. There is also the CCRP proposal. Discussion ensued and included topics such as implementation, evaluation, budget management, and other efforts that are not under a specific proposal such as dispatch. The following working group structure was discussed thus far:

1. Community Based Solutions - will be accountable for managing implementation of Unhoused Intervention programs. Randy Joseph has agreed to serve as point person/liaison for the Working Group whose members include - Eddy Chacon, Tamisha Torres-Walker and Armond Lee
2. Health and Safety - will be accountable for managing implementation of the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). Kristin-Killian Lobos has agreed to serve as point person and will be assisted by fellow members B.K. Williams and Laura Mangels.
3. Smart Budget & Finance is now Community Investment and will be accountable for implementation of initiatives involving YouthWorks and the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS). Helene Burks has agreed to serve as point person and will be assisted by fellow members Luis Chacon and Marcus Njissang.
4. Police Practices and Accountability will be accountable for implementing initiatives related to the Richmond Police Department (RPD). Members at present include Joey Schlemmer, Linda Whitmore, Ben Therriault, James Lee and Deborah Small

Public Comment:

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1. Leisa Johnson wanted staff to provide clarity from the CCRP meeting with City Attorney Bruce Soublet on the Brown Act requirements for the subcommittees/working groups.
2. Sara Cantor responded to Leisa Johnson noting some comments that City Attorney Bruce Soublet clarified that if it was not a fixed meeting and each had a specific purpose, then it was not subject to the Brown Act according to her understanding.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.