

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

MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 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: M. Cantú, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, A. Soto, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

ABSENT: H. Burks, E. Chacon, M. Njissang

T. Walker left the meeting at 6:00 P.M. B. Therriault left the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

M. Cantú requested to move agenda item G-6 up before agenda item G-5 and Chair Small accepted.

D. MEETING PROCEDURES

E. CITY STAFF REPORTS (Verbal)

Staff Liaison LaShonda White provided several staff reports. Liaison White and City Attorney Heather McLaughlin introduced new City Attorney Alison Flowers who will replace former City Attorney Bruce Soublet in staffing the Task Force meetings. Liaison White provided a brief explanation and update about the Form 700 that Task Force members are subject to and will be sending additional information via email. She also invited Task Force members and the general public to attend a Community Forum the following night on May 26 at 6:00 P.M. for an update on the Community Crisis Response Program hosted by Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin and Claudia Jimenez.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Leisa Johnson urged Task Force members to turn on their cameras so the public can observe that Task Force members are present and participating in the meeting. She also requested City Attorney Flowers to send her contact information for questions and concerns regarding the Task Force.
2. Carole Johnson asked about the April deadline for the Form 700 and wanted clarification on the matter.
3. Steve Bischoff mentioned he has heard about the upcoming Community Forum for the Community Crisis Response Program in the meeting and found out recently about the past April Community Forum. He mentioned he is the president of the May Valley Neighborhood Council and would like to stay informed about these meetings and recommended that the City have a larger distribution list.
4. Andres Soto mentioned that 20 years ago on May 5, 2002 was the Richmond Police riot where the Police Department attacked the largely Latino community on 23rd Street. He mentioned he and his sons were the first victims that night. They had the Police Chief removed and the City Manager resigned due to health reasons but also left the City in a deficit. These incidents are what led the community to organize against how the City was run. He also mentioned it was the 10th year anniversary of the Chevron explosion that happened on August 6, 2012. He urged everyone to remember their history.
5. Randy Joseph noted it was the second year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd which was a major influence on creating the Richmond Task Force to reimagine how public safety is conducted with community support. He urged everyone to continue doing the work that is needed.

G. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

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1. **RECEIVE presentation from Safe Organized Spaces (SOS) updating Task Force on implementation of Unhoused Interventions proposal**

Daniel Barth and Alison Gil provided a joint presentation on the status of the Unhoused Interventions proposal. He provided updates on the demographics on the current Workforce, noted which specific activities are funded by the City of Richmond, explained how the Neighborhood-Based Change Model works, reported on current activity outcomes, key performance indicators, expenses, and budget, noted their field partners, provided an overview of their organization chart, SOS programs, and safe spaces. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Leisa Johnson asked when the results of the audit regarding this program will be presented to the Richmond City Council and public.

2. **RECEIVE update from the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP) Working Group**

Staff Liaison LaShonda White provided a brief update on this agenda item. She provided updates on the Community Forum presentation, Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Community Crisis Response Program model, Measure X, and Contra Costa program model updates. She also reminded Task Force members to join the Community Forum meeting the following night. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Leisa Johnson recognized Staff Liaison White's work on the RFP but also mentioned the public has concerns about the RFP and its three directives/priorities for a standalone City program, a nonprofit collaborative program, and a City/County A3 collaborative program. She stated that County will already have a county program in place and is concerned about where funding will come from.
2. Sara Cantor pointed out that Staff Liaison answered Leisa Johnson's questions and concerns in the RFP update.

3. **REVIEW, DISCUSS, and APPROVE Task Force meeting schedule for June and July 2022**

Chair Small presented this agenda item and moved into a discussion with Task Force members to ask if they were interested in continuing on a monthly or schedule additional meetings. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

4. **REVIEW and DISCUSS Task Force presentation schedule to City Council**

Chair Small presented this agenda item. She asked Task Force members who would be available to present to City Council in June and July 2022. Discussion ensued. It was confirmed that A. Soto would present in June and R. Joseph in July.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

5. **REVIEW, DISCUSS, and APPROVE the Task Force working group structure and membership for the next six months**

Item was moved for discussion after agenda item G-6.

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6. REVIEW and DISCUSS City of Richmond FY 2021-22 budget report and Task Force program expenditures to-date

This agenda item was discussed after G-4. Staff Liaison White provided a report on this item. She provided updates on each of the proposals that were pushed through the Task Force, including YouthWORKS, Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), Unhoused Interventions, and Community Crisis Response. She reported on their budgets, expenditures, staffing, and other administrative updates from Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

1. Sara Cantor commented that she would also agree that we should pay our youth workers more.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to extend to the end of the budget item discussion by R. Joseph; seconded by D. Gosney; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, M. Cantú, L. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, A. Soto, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes: B. Therriault

Abstentions:

Absent: E. Chacon, M. Njissang, T. Walker

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.