

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

MINUTES*
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022, 5:30 P.M.

**video recording and meeting transcript available*

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Small at 5:32 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: H. Burks, E. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, D. Small, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

ABSENT: M. Cantú, L. Chacon, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Agenda adopted by the Task Force to move up agenda item H-4 right after H-1.

D. MEETING PROCEDURES

E. MINUTES APPROVAL

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

A motion was made to approve the March meeting minutes by R. Joseph; seconded by D. Gosney; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, D. Small, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes:

Abstentions: E. Chacon

Absent: M. Cantú, L. Chacon, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto

2. APPROVE the minutes of the April 13, 2022 special meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

This agenda item was tabled for the next regular meeting of the Task Force to clarify details on a recess taken during the meeting.

3. APPROVE the minutes of the April 27, 2022 regular meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

A motion was made to approve the minutes by R. Joseph; seconded by B. Therriault; approved by the following vote:

Ayes: H. Burks, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, L. Mangels, D. Small, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

Noes:

Abstentions: E. Chacon, D. Gosney

Absent: M. Cantú, L. Chacon, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto

F. CITY STAFF REPORTS (Verbal)

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Staff Liaison LaShonda White gave a report. She thanked the Task Force and the general public that were able to attend the Juneteenth event at Nicholl Park and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Third of July event and fireworks. She further encouraged the Task Force to attend a few upcoming community meetings on July 6 and July 11 in regards to the American Rescue Plan Act COVID-19 relief funds that the City of Richmond received.

Chair Small and other Task Force members asked questions regarding details about the Form 700 that Staff Liaison White mentioned in the previous meeting. Discussion ensued. City Attorney Alison Flowers noted these questions and is planning on bringing back more information at the next meeting.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. (Written) Cordell Hindler sent in an emailed public comment inviting the Task Force to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on June 22, 2022. Emailed comment is attached to the minutes.
2. O'Neill spoke on his experience with SOS! Richmond and thanked them for their support. He mentioned being able to be employed and stay sober along with his girlfriend and keep housing and support others on Castro as well.
3. Jose Galaz is the operations manager for SOS and recognized work that is being done at the encampments with SOS such as showers being available for the residents.
4. Randy Scott is an employee of SOS and spoke about the impact of the program. He mentioned being able to have a checking account, phone, and an automobile due to the support. He was also able to get off parole early and attain employment. He mentioned he feels like a legitimate member of society now.
5. (Written) Arto Rinteela send in a flyer for career fair on June 25 from 10 AM - 2 PM at Hilltop Community Church. Emailed comment and flyer is attached to the minutes.
6. Daniel Barth acknowledged all the previous speakers and mentioned an upcoming with Employment and Training to create an apprenticeship program for the SOS crew and hopes to continue with collaborations.
7. Don Gosney urged Task Force members to keep their cameras on to ensure there is quorum.
8. Kristin Kilian-Lobos encouraged Task Force members to attend a community event hosted by Recovery Non-Profit which she was on the board of for a number of years on June 25 at the Martinez Waterfront Picnic Area.
9. Randy Joseph urged everyone to continue to keep health and wellness in mind and that COVID-19 is still prevalent and folks should still continue to mask and stay safe.

H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. RECEIVE presentation from Matrix Consulting on a comprehensive study of emergency services in Richmond

Richard Brady and Devon Clunis from Matrix Consulting hosted a presentation and the second community input session on a comprehensive study of emergency services in Richmond. They touched on several topics throughout the presentation such as evaluating police and fire workloads and service delivery to maximize efficiency in the use of personnel and different models that could be used in place. Questions asked for input included: What has been the relationship between the RPSTF and Richmond Police and Fire services since the TF was created? Has this relationship worked well? Opportunities for improvement? What outcomes would you like to see from this study? Specifically, what roles should the RPSTF play public safety in Richmond in the future? Input was gathered from the Task Force members. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment

1. Katrinka Ruk asked to have the consultants share their contact information with the general public.
2. Steven Bischoff thanked Matrix for their presentation and noted the communication between the Task Force and the community and it was hosted well.
3. Don Gosney encouraged Matrix Consulting to share their contact information on various platforms and can do so with his online newspaper. He also asked when the other four input sessions will be.

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4. Tamisha Walker appreciated listening to all the feedback this session and also noted that it may not feel like a safe space for some folks on the Task Force and wanted to create that space. She noted that Richmond is number one in reform because organizations like the Safe Return project because they help create seats at the table for the formerly incarcerated, as an example. She noted tht the effort moves forward and the hard work is valuable whether they have residency or not.

I. ACTION ITEM RECAP

No recap was made.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.