

**City of Richmond - Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force**  
Meeting held via Zoom: [https://richmond.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=38](https://richmond.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=38)

**MINUTES\***  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022, 5:30 P.M.**

*\*video recording and meeting transcript available*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chair Small at 5:35 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: S. Bischoff, H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, A. Soto, B. Therriault, T. Walker, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

ABSENT: L. Chacon, L. Mangels

E. Chacon and B. Therriault joined the meeting at 5:39 P.M., R. Joseph joined the meeting at 5:43 P.M., and T. Walker joined the meeting at 6:13 P.M. E. Chacon left the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

**C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

The agenda was adopted as it stands.

**D. MEETING PROCEDURES**

**E. MINUTES APPROVAL**

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes by D. Gosney; seconded by H. Burks; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, M. Njissang, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

**Noes:**

**Abstentions:** S. Bischoff, J. Schlemmer, A. Soto

**Absent:** L. Chacon, L. Mangels, T. Walker

**2. APPROVE the minutes of the May 25, 2022 regular meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force**

A motion was made to approve the minutes by A. Soto; seconded by M. Cantú; approved by the following vote:

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

**Noes:**

**Abstentions:** S. Bischoff, E. Chacon, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer

**Absent:** L. Chacon, L. Mangels, T. Walker

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## F. CITY STAFF REPORTS (VERBAL) (PUBLIC COMMENT ALLOWED UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS)

Staff Liaison LaShonda White provided several staff reports. She welcomed Steve Bischoff to the Task Force. She informed the Task Force on how to request an excused absence from staff and the Chair ahead of time and reminded members to review the Commission handbook. She encouraged Task Force members to attend National Night Out on August 2 at 5:00 P.M. in various block parties in Richmond. Police Chief Bisa French re-introduced herself to the Task Force.

## G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Shawn Dunning welcomed Police Chief Bisa French back and also thanked Chair Small for her comments regarding the importance of listening, keeping an open mind, and ethos being maintained.

## H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

1. **DISCUSS and APPROVE Task Force meeting schedule, specifically adjournment for month of August (next Task Force update report to City Council mid-October)**

Chair Small presented this item. She requested that the Task Force adjourn for the month of August to align with other commissions and City Council protocol.

A motion was made to adjourn for August by J. Schlemmer; seconded by M. Njissang; approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:** S. Bischoff, H. Burks, M. Cantú, E. Chacon, D. Gosney, R. Joseph, K. Kilian-Lobos, A. Lee, M. Njissang, J. Schlemmer, D. Small, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, B.K. Williams

**Noes:**

**Abstentions:** A. Soto

**Absent:** L. Chacon, L. Mangels, T. Walker

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

2. **RECEIVE verbal updates from City staff and/or Task Force members regarding: Community Crisis Response Program, Unhoused Interventions, Office of Neighborhood Safety, or YouthWorks**

Staff Liaison LaShonda White provided a quick update on the Community Crisis Response program. She announced that City Council approved a contract with Urban Strategies to do the work of community engagement data analysis and to support an implementation. She encouraged the Task Force to review the Council staff report for more information and to ask further questions.

Sam Vaughn, Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) Program Manager, provided a brief update on their hiring process--some candidates were being considered for several positions, but have fallen through due to other job commitments or assumptions about the work at hand. The contract with the school district is in progress.

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Daniel Barth from SOS! Richmond provided an update on their program in the encampments and employment. SOS reported 557 events over three quarters with 1268 showers given and 317 tons of trash picked up at 26 encampments. He also provided some brief updates on employment partnership opportunities with the City to create a career development pathway for the SOS participants. R. Joseph gave an update in regards to the sunset of Rydin Road on August 31 and his efforts with City staff to extend to the end of October. Michelle Milam, Crime Prevention Manager provided brief updates on the unhoused interventions. She provided some clarifying details regarding Rydin Road, announced the \$4.8 million grant that the City received for encampment resolution had gone out to bid and encouraged the public to apply for some funding through that grant.

City Manager Shasa Curl provided details regarding several City updates. She provided details about opportunities for affordable housing in the City such as the Terraces at Nevin. She also mentioned her work and direction she takes with the encampments and highlighted some of the struggles but also opportunities to work effectively on these growing issues.

R. Joseph gave a brief update on the YouthWorks Work Experience program. He stated there were 695 youth applicants, 402 intakes, and 228 active workers from 2020-2022. Since June 2022, they have 273 applicants, 126 intakes, and 61 pending for appointments for intake.

Discussion ensued through the updates presentation.

### Public Comment:

1. Lea Murray from Collaborising stated it is a dire situation at Rydin Road and hopes the Council meets soon to discuss the closure. She is concerned for the residents and is urging any City staff to help create resolution and funding for the encampment.

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M.