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REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 22, 2024
6:15 p.m.

@ 440 Civic Center Plaza – City Council Chambers
PLEASE NOTE HYBRID MEETING FORMAT



AGENDA

Personnel Board Members

Chair: Larry Wirsig

Vice Chair: Vernetta Buckner

Phillip Front

1. ROLL CALL
2. AGENDA REVIEW
3. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Regular Meeting of January 25, 2024.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. CONSENT AGENDA
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. APPROVE the Community Intervention Specialist Job Description
8. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS
9. REVIEW AND/OR ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA(S)
10. CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEMS AND REPORTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF RICHMOND, CA
HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

**PERSONNEL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
440 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
RICHMOND, CA 94804**

**January 25, 2024
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Rozma Paiz at 6:19 p.m. on January 25, 2024.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Larry Wirsig, Chair
Vernetta Buckner, Vice Chair
Phillip Front, Board Member

2. AGENDA REVIEW

- None

3. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Special Meeting of October 19, 2023

SPEAKERS:

None

Vice Chair Buckner made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2023. Board Member Front seconded the motion. The Special Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2023, were approved by the following vote:

YEA: V. Buckner, P. Front, L. Wirsig. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

- b. Special Meeting of December 13, 2023

SPEAKERS:

- Cordell Hindler: Stated he is a Richmond resident, and he has reviewed the previous meeting minutes and does not see a problem with them. Hopes the minutes are approved.

Board Member Front made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2023. Vice Chair Buckner seconded the motion. The Special Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2023, were approved by the following vote:

YEA: V. Buckner, P. Front, L. Wirsig. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT

SPEAKERS:

Cordell Hindler: Email received and read.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve the revision of Parks Supervisor job description.

SPEAKERS:

- Cordell Hindler: Stated he is a Richmond resident, and he has reviewed the job descriptions and has no objections. Would like the job descriptions to be approved by the Board and staff to work with the consultants on establishing a timeline for when the position is offered.

Human Resources Director, Sharrone Taylor, presented the revised job descriptions. Ms. Taylor advised the small revision is because the City Council voted several years ago to halt the application of toxic pesticides and that applicators license was still in the bulk of the job description. This revision removed the phase because it is no longer applicable to the current standards of operation. Deputy Director of Public Works, Tawfic Halaby, acting Parks Supervisor, Gregory Everetts and Human Resources Senior Analyst Jessica Somera were introduced and present to answer any questions.

Chair Wirsig asked Mr. Everetts if there were any issues. Mr. Everetts confirmed the City voted over 10 years ago to halt with spraying pesticides and herbicides and does need to be removed from the job description. Mr. Everetts stated he had two questions concerning the salary compensation between a lead worker and the salary of the supervisor and the variation in pay for supervisors in Local 21. Chair Wirsig inquired if the reason some are making more is if maybe they have been working with the City for a longer time.

Human Resources Director Sharrone Taylor informed the board that she can't speak specifically to the differences between the salary ranges that Mr. Everetts was referencing but all were reviewed in accordance with what is on the market, skill set, education level, etc. Ms. Taylor added that there are provisions in the MOU for a supervisor that is supervising a 1021 General Employee to receive a differential if it's found that there's some compassion and is addressed on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Taylor informed the board that it doesn't have purview over salaries, any salary issues would need to be taken to City Council.

Board Member Front confirmed that vote on the job description has no bearing on the salary.

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Chair Wirsig inquired if this is typically a position where the City would recruit from within or recruit externally. Ms. Taylor stated that the City is looking at an open promotional recruitment.

Board Member Front made a motion to approve the revision to the Parks Supervisor job description. Chair Wirsig seconded the motion. The revision to the Parks Supervisor job description was approved by the following vote:

YEA: V. Buckner, P. Front, L. Wirsig. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

b. DISCUSS nomination of and ELECT Personnel Board Chair and Vice Chair

SPEAKERS:

- Cordell Hindler: Mr. Hindler proposed the same Chair and Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Buckner nominated Larry Wirsig for Chair. Board Member Front seconded the motion. Larry Wirsig was elected Chair by the following vote:

YEA: V. Buckner, P. Front, L. Wirsig. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

Board Member Front nominated Vernetta Buckner for Vice Chair. Chair Wirsig seconded the motion. Vernetta Buckner was elected Vice Chair was by the following vote:

YEA: V. Buckner, P. Front, L. Wirsig. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

9. REVIEW OF SUBPOENA(S)

- None

10. CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEMS AND REPORTS

- None

11. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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Rozma Paiz

From: Cordell Hindler
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 5:24 PM
To: Personnel Board
Subject: Public Comments

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Hello Chair Wirsig, Board Members and Staff,

I AM Submitting the Following Items to Be Placed on the May 23th Personnel Board Agenda

1. Approve the Revision/Retitle of Chief Harbor Engineer to Deputy Port Director
2. Approve Revision to Job Description for Port Administrator

I had Been in Conversation with MR Gerard Prior to the Christmas Closure and He Is Looking into Having Additional Staff to Represent the Port at Council Meetings and Other Entities

Sincerely
Cordell



STAFF REPORT

HUMAN DEPARTMENT

DATE: February 22, 2024

TO: Chair Wirsig and Members of the Personnel Board

FROM: Sharrone Taylor, Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE COMMUNITY INTERVENTION SPECIALIST JOB DESCRIPTION

BACKGROUND

The Community Crisis Program (CCRP) began taking root in November 2020 amidst conversations within the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force (Task Force). CCRP's goal is to provide a diversion model to reduce reliance on police and criminal justice responses by offering a public health response. CCRP would navigate people to the right services at the right time by utilizing community responders with strong ties and connections to Richmond that can respond in a respectful and non-stigmatizing manner.

The City Council approved an allocation of \$1 million for this program as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 budget, which will cover the costs of implementing this new program in the current FY. The cost to implement the program annually is estimated to range from approximately \$2.8 million to \$3.4 million (if the program is to operate 24 hours per day and 7 days per week).

On July 26, 2022, the City Council approved a contract with Urban Strategies Council, selected through a competitive process, to conduct research and analysis of various CCRP options and set forth recommendations. Urban Strategies Council conducted a community survey, focus groups, community meetings, and direct interviews with Richmond residents and community stakeholders to understand their experiences with the 911 system, crisis resources, and their expectations for new response strategies.

On September 12, 2023, Urban Strategies Council, in collaboration with City staff, presented a program update and draft report outlining potential program components and options for CCRP implementation. After presentation and discussion, City Council provided direction for the following:

Direct staff, in partnership with Urban Strategies Council, to move forward with instituting the Community Crisis Response Program within an existing city department, specifically within the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS); bring the

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ONS director to the table to propose new community crisis response program division structural options by November 2023, presenting proposal for program design implementation plan and timelines for launch by August 2024; and draft job descriptions to ensure they are approved and posted publicly by December 15, 2023.

The City Council approved the formation of the Community Crisis Response Program division, which will be overseen by the Deputy Director of Community Services for the Office of Neighborhood Safety (Deputy Director of ONS). It is important to note that the Office of Neighborhood Safety and the Community Crisis Response Program will remain as separate programs. The CCRP program will offer conflict mediation and intervention services to the City of Richmond community. The Community Intervention Specialist will be the primary point of contact who will work directly with members of the community to provide support and services to reduce mid- to low-level instances being escalated to Public Safety.

RECOMMENDATION

The Human Resources Department recommends approval of the new job description of Community Intervention Specialist.

ANALYSIS

The Human Resources Staff, the Deputy City Manager of Community Services, the Deputy Director of ONS, and the Community Services Intern collaborated on developing a job description for the Community Intervention Specialist. They modeled the job description after similar programs in the Bay Area, with a focus on the specific needs identified in the City of Richmond community and the goals specified by the City Council.

In conclusion, the Community Crisis Response Program is an essential program that will provide community-focused, trauma-informed, and healing-centered call responses by well-trained non-police personnel, such as Community Intervention Specialists, who can increase impacted individuals' access and connection to timely, appropriate, and safe community-based services and resources. The approval of the new Community Intervention Specialist job description will ensure that the program is successful in achieving its goals and providing much-needed services to the community.

CONCLUSION

On February 12, 2024, the City sent the draft revisions to the specification to SEIU Local 1021 and invited the union to meet and confer regarding the drafted description. HR staff recommends approval of the revisions of the classification of Parks Supervisor.

ANALYST: Sharrone Taylor, Human Resources Director

Attachments: Draft Community Intervention Specialist job description



Classification Specification

Classification Title	Community Intervention Specialist
Job Code	
FLSA Status	Non-exempt

GENERAL SUMMARY

Under general supervision of the Community Crisis Response (CCRP) Program Manager, the Community Intervention Specialist will be responsible for providing immediate assistance and support to Richmond residents facing crises within the community. As a Crisis Intervention Specialist, you will play a vital role in promoting mental health and well-being, offering timely intervention, and connecting individuals with appropriate resources.

The primary goal of CCRP is to provide non-police alternative response to a broad range of low-level emergency situations with well-trained teams who are deeply familiar with Richmond communities. The CCRP response focuses on de-escalation, mitigation, and prevention by connecting residents to appropriate services/supports. CCRP will utilize best practices for harm reduction, street outreach, trauma-informed and culturally competent care. The secondary goal of CCRP is to enable the Richmond Police Department (RPD) officers to focus on more serious calls, crimes, and investigations. CCRP is expected to be separate and independent of the RPD. CCRP hopes to foster positive relationships amongst residents by becoming a trusted and reliable community resource for the City of Richmond.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Individuals in the position are tasked with employing public health, trauma-informed, restorative, harm-reducing, equity-focused, and community-based methodologies for intervention. It is expected that individuals in this role will demonstrate sensible judgment when evaluating community members, implementing suitable responses, and providing recommendations for relevant services.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The intent of this job specification is to provide a representative summary of the major duties and responsibilities performed by fellows in this job. Fellows perform job-related tasks other than those specifically presented in this description. Essential duties and responsibilities will vary depending on the assignment.

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- Respond to low-level emergency and non-emergency calls within Richmond.
- Provide on-scene crisis and community intervention and referrals.
- Conduct thorough assessments of individuals in crisis to determine their immediate needs and level of risk.
- Utilize de-escalation techniques to defuse tense situations and ensure the safety of individuals involved.
- Operate a municipal vehicle in response to dispatched incidents, remain knowledgeable about Richmond's geography, and use maps and traffic navigation platforms to promptly reach designated call locations.
- Operate radio and mobile communication equipment.
- Record all individual observations and actions using program-specific forms and standards; ensure timely completion of reports and records; undertake data entry responsibilities while upholding confidentiality.
- Collaborate with local service providers and organizations to connect individuals with relevant resources, including mental health services and community support programs.
- Makes a warm hand-off to community providers when necessary and provide follow-up support to individuals post-crisis, ensuring they have ongoing access to necessary resources and assistance.
- Attends community and staff meetings and present information regarding CCRP.
- Participate in trainings as needed.
- Build and maintain positive relationships with community members, organizations, and stakeholders to enhance crisis response effectiveness.
- Ability to work flexible hours including nights and weekends.
- Performs related work as required.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work requires the occasional direction of helpers, assistants, seasonal employees, interns, or temporary employees.

HUMAN COLLABORATION & JOB IMPACT

This area describes the personal interaction with others outside direct reporting relationships as well as the impact the job has on the City of Richmond, the department or unit objectives, the output of services, or employee or public satisfaction.

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- Work may require providing advice to others outside direct reporting relationships on specific problems or general policies. Contacts may require the consideration of different points of view to reach agreement. Elements of persuasion may be necessary to gain cooperation and acceptance of ideas.
- The impact the job has on the City of Richmond is limited in terms of time, money, or public/employee relations.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

This section describes the accountability and participation if any, as it relates to the fiscal accountability within department or assigned area(s) of responsibility.

- None.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent. Accredited coursework or a degree in social work, sociology, psychology, counseling, or related field desired but not required.
- Two (2) years of experience in an outreach/advocacy role
- Personal or familial lived experience with alcohol or other substance use, homelessness, detention/incarceration, mental or behavioral health conditions, and other relevant experiences is highly desirable.
- Former or current Richmond resident and/or those experienced working with Richmond community members is highly desirable.
- Any equivalent combination of training, education, and experience that provides the required skills, knowledge, and abilities.

Required Licenses or Certifications

- Possession of a valid California driver's license and satisfactory driving record is an ongoing requirement.
- Possession of a training certificates required by end of probationary period: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR), Stop the Bleed Training, Narcan, Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), and First Aid
- Other specific trainings necessary to fulfill the job duties, as specified by the Human Resources Department and/or Community Services Department

REQUIRED KSA FOR SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE OF JOB DUTIES

Knowledge of:

- Richmond's diverse community and techniques for outreach and engagement amongst residents.

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- Working with vulnerable populations and crisis case management.
- Richmond's Health in all Policies and Race and Equity Work.
- Crisis intervention techniques.
- Public contact and community engagement techniques that foster collaborative community exchanges.
- Interviewing and counseling techniques.
- Basic computer system and software applications, electronic equipment, and other mobile devices.
- Available health and wellness resources in the city, county, and state.

Skill in:

- Understanding human behavior, especially of high-risk vulnerable populations.
- Understanding educational and social service resources.
- Assessing an individual's mental, social, and functional status; engage individuals in problem-solving processes when necessary.
- Crisis intervention strategies and techniques.
- Computer systems and software applications such as Microsoft Word and Outlook.

Ability to:

- Maintain composure in high stress situations and make quick, sound decisions.
- Maintain effective community relations by using empathy, patience, tact, and courtesy when serving and delivering services to the community.
- Serve as a trusted liaison between system partners, community-based organizations and community members.
- Work primarily in the field.
- Understand and support equity and inclusion in practices; work effectively with people from diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and lived experiences.
- Coordinate efforts with other first responders on scene.
- Perform under difficult and stressful conditions and manage confrontations with community members who may be or become hostile.
- Recognize relevant information and make informed decisions in a timely appropriate manner.
- Exercise sound independent judgement.
- Safely operate a city vehicle.
- Express thoughts in a clear, respectful manner.
- Communicate effectively in oral and written format.

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- Work collaboratively and cooperatively with other departments and agencies.

WORK ENVIRONMENT/CONDITIONS

The work environment and exposures described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Work Environment	Seldom or Never	Sometimes	Frequently or Often
Office or similar indoor environment		X	
Outdoor environment			X
Street environment (near moving traffic)	X		
Construction site	X		
Confined space	X		
Vehicle			X
Warehouse environment	X		
Shop environment	X		
Other	X		
Exposures	Seldom or Never	Sometimes	Frequently or Often
Individuals who are hostile or irate		X	
Individuals with known violent backgrounds	X		
Extreme cold (<i>below 32 degrees</i>)	X		
Extreme heat (<i>above 100 degrees</i>)	X		
Communicable diseases	X		
Moving mechanical parts	X		
Fumes or airborne particles	X		
Toxic or caustic chemicals, substances or waste	X		
Loud noises (<i>85+ decibels such as heavy trucks, construction</i>)	X		

WORKING CONDITIONS & PHYSICAL DEMANDS

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The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- This position is relatively free from unpleasant environmental conditions or hazards. Office Environment.
- **Sedentary Work** - Incumbents may be required to exert up to 10 pounds of force occasionally, a negligible amount of force frequently, and/or constantly having to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects, including the human body. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time. Jobs are sedentary if walking and standing are required only occasionally, and all other sedentary criteria are met.

Date approved by the Personnel Board:

Date(s) Revised:

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