

CITY OF RICHMOND
Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 5:30 PM

Bermuda Room, Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

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Members:

Burks, Helene

Gliksohn, Michael

Gosney, Don

Joseph, Randy

Kilian-Lobos, Kristin

Lee, Armond

Murray, Lea

Njissang, Marcus

Pursell, Jamin

Schlemmer, Joey

Small, Deborah

Therriault, Ben

Walker, Tamisha

Whitmore, Linda

Williams, B.K.

This meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. *The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the Task Force members.*

A. Call to Order - 5:30 PM

B. Roll Call - 5:35 PM

C. Agenda Review and Adoption - 5:40 PM

D. Meeting Procedures - 5:43 PM

E. Minutes Approval - 5:45 PM

1. APPROVE the minutes of the May 22, 2024 meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

F. City Staff Reports (Verbal) (Public comment allowed under Public Comments) - 5:50 PM

G. Public Comments - 5:55 PM

H. Presentations, Discussions, & Action Items - 6:00 PM

Following discussion of each item, the Task Force may vote to make recommendations to staff or to the City Council.

1. RECEIVE updates from the Community Development Department and Office of Neighborhood Safety - **6:00 PM**
2. DISCUSS non-police parking enforcement and related traffic safety concerns raised by Richmond City Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin and Claudia Jimenez, and traffic safety initiatives - **6:30 PM**
3. ACKNOWLEDGE the service and accomplishments of the Task Force - **7:00 PM**

I. Action Item Recap - 7:25 PM

J. Adjournment - 7:30 PM

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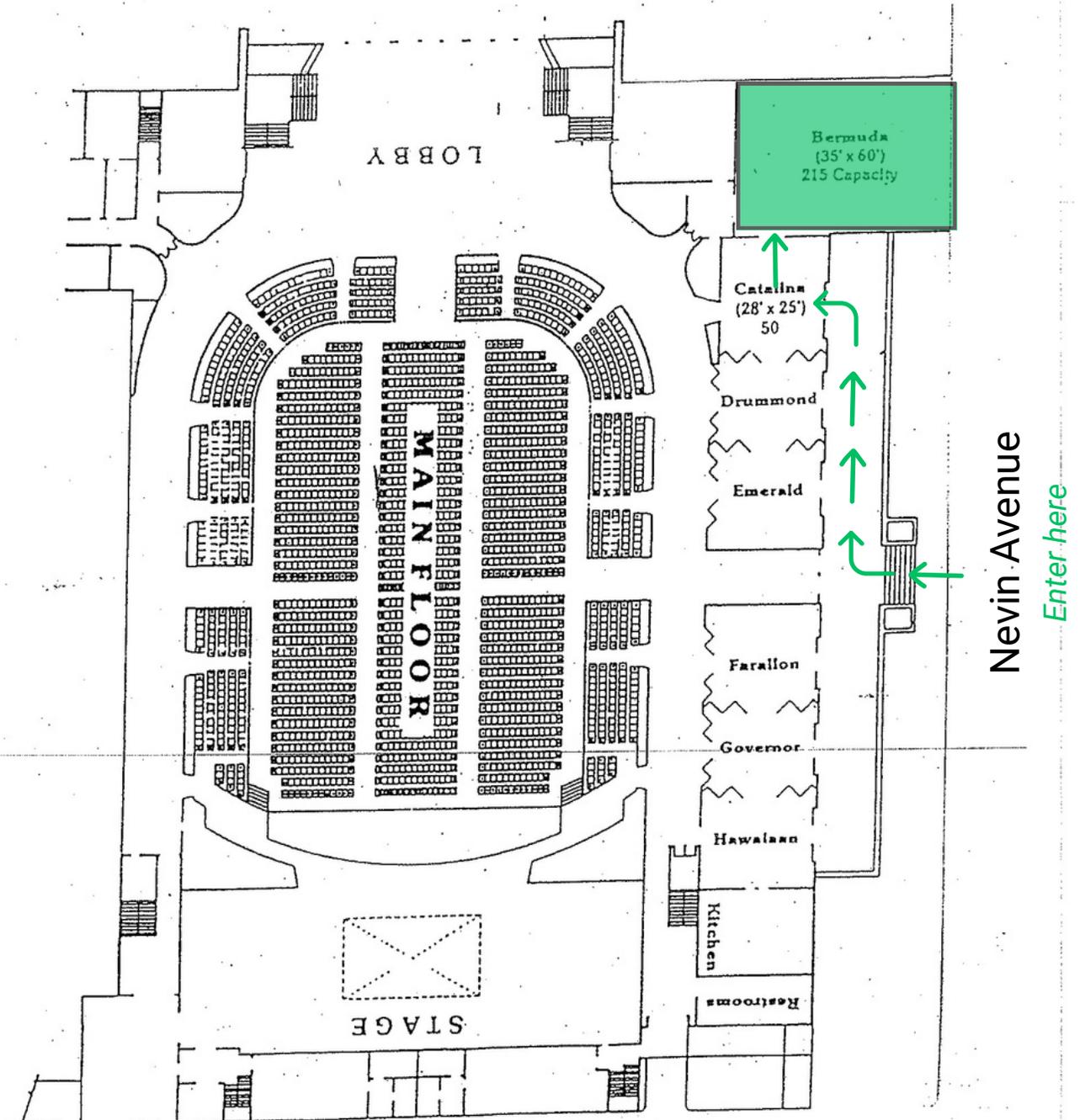


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Minutes*
Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

**video recording and meeting transcript available*

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Tamisha Walker called the regular meeting to order at 5:38 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: H. Burks, M. Gliksohn, D. Gosney, A. Lee*, K. Kilian-Lobos, L. Murray*,
M. Njissang, J. Pursell, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, and Vice Chair T. Walker
*Arrived after Roll Call

ABSENT: R. Joseph, J. Schlemmer, B.K. Williams, and Chair D. Small

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy City Manager-Community Services Director (Staff Liaison to the Task Force) LaShonda White; Assistant Administrative Analyst Guadalupe Morales; Associate Administrative Analyst Stephanie Ny; YouthWORKS Program Manager Bouakhay Phongboupha and City Attorney Alison Flowers

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

The agenda was accepted, as presented.

D. MEETING PROCEDURES

Assistant Administrative Analyst Guadalupe Morales, staff to the Task Force, identified the meeting procedures and the public's ability to speak during the meeting. She announced that anyone may make an oral comment even if a written comment had previously been submitted; however, each speaker may raise their hand only once to make one oral public comment per each agenda item. She added that an announcement would identify the time to make public comment for each item.

E. MINUTES APPROVAL

1. APPROVE the Minutes of the April 24, 2024 Meeting of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

Motion by Taskforce Member Gliksohn, seconded by Taskforce Member Whitmore to adopt the minutes of the April 24, 2024 meeting, as submitted, carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: H. Burks, M. Gliksohn, D. Gosney, K. Kilian-Lobos, M. Njissang, J. Pursell,
B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, and Vice Chair T. Walker

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NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: R. Joseph, A. Lee, L. Murray, J. Schlemmer, B.K. Williams, and Chair D. Small

F. CITY STAFF REPORTS

Deputy City Manager-Community Services Director LaShonda White, Staff Liaison to the Task Force, referred to flyers available to the Task Force announcing a free Youth and Young Adult Career Fair on Friday, May 24, 2024 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. in the Richmond Auditorium; Juneteenth on Saturday, June 22, 2024 with a parade from 10:00 A.M. from Kennedy High School to Nicholl Park where the Festival would start at Noon and where Police Chief Bisa French and Battalion Chief Rinco Rincon would be honored; and Richmond Rainbow Pride on Saturday, June 2, 2024 with a Pride Parade starting at Nicholl Park at 10:00 A.M. and with event at the Civic Center from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. She also identified the City Manager’s Weekly Report and an I Heart Richmond Resource Guide in English and Spanish available to all in the Bermuda Room.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Helene Burks thanked Taskforce Members Gosney and Lee, and Deputy City Manager White for planning to attend Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School’s Career Day on May 24, 2024. She added that alumni of King and Pullman Elementary schools had been invited to attend an event on Monday, June 3, 2024 from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. That event would be a combination of a promotion ceremony for Sixth Grade students, and Celeste Beal, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Great Niece would be addressing the promotees as well as dedicating a mural that had been completed by King alum Dionte Allen whose grandmother had been a beloved teacher at King and Pullman. She added that the mural that had been funded by the City of Richmond’s grant process was a good element to promote safety.

Tamisha Torres Walker, co-founder and Executive Director of Safe Return Project, announced that in celebration of Richard Boyd and his leadership in the City of Richmond, the Safe Return Project would celebrate the sixth cohort of graduating organizing Fellows on May 31, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at 1011 Macdonald Avenue. The Fellows were committed to movement work in Richmond and throughout Contra Costa County. She urged everyone to celebrate Richard Boyd and the graduating Fellows, and advised that registration for the event was at www.safereturnprg.org Level of Leadership Event.

H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, AND ACTION ITEMS

1. RECEIVE an Update from City Staff Regarding the Status and Continuation of Task Force Proposals

Deputy City Manager White stated that in June 2021, after the Task Force had recommended a budget for four intervention areas, the City Council had approved those budget allocations for a total of \$6.38 million to expand the YouthWORKS program and make it year-round (\$1.198 million); and to expand the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) to allow them to expand their service area and their reach with respect to the reduction of gun violence (\$2.1 million).

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To address the unhoused population, Deputy City Manager White explained that \$1.8 million had been allocated for that purpose; and for the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP) the initial allocation of \$1.0 million had been expanded to \$2.9 million for the next fiscal year for a Project Manager and to fund additional Community Intervention Specialist positions. The total proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25 would now be \$8.8 million. She emphasized that with further direction or recommendation from the Task Force, City staff was making sure that there were budget allocations to the four intervention areas to be able to continue to implement those programs.

Deputy City Manager White explained that Community Development Department staff, which oversaw the unhoused intervention areas, would not be able to attend this meeting, and Sam Vaughn who oversaw the ONS and the CCRP was in Washington, D.C., where ONS had been celebrated as the first of 60 violence prevention programs in the nation.

At this time, Deputy City Manager White referred to the CCRP and presented a slide of that new program that had been authorized by the City Council in September 2023, with an in-house program under the auspices of the ONS. She explained that Sam Vaughn would continue to lead ONS while a new Program Manager had been secured for the CCRP.

Deputy City Manager White introduced the Task Force to the new CCRP Manager Michael Romero.

Michael Romero, Program Manager of the CCRP, stated he had been a psych nurse since 1992 and had 20 years' experience working in mental health at hospitals in Southern California. In 2017, he started working out-patient mental health in Orange County out in the streets to make sure the services were made available to those who needed the help. In 2021, he started working with Be Well OC in Huntington Beach, one of the first companies that had started crisis mobile response, which had been successful with 24-hour service coverage and where he had learned a lot. He thanked the City of Richmond and stated he would work hard for everyone, do everything he could for the CCRP.

Deputy City Manager White thanked everyone for the creation of the CCRP, noted there had been over 40 interested applicants for the head of the CCRP, and the interview panel consisted of the Richmond Fire District (RFD), Richmond Police District (RPD), City staff and others including Kristin Kilian-Lobos, and after the process four candidates had been interviewed, which had resulted in the selection of Michael Romero as the Program Manager for the CCRP. Mr. Romero would be located at 440 Civic Center Plaza, second floor, and his email and phone number would be provided to the Task Force.

Deputy City Manager White highlighted what had occurred with the CCRP in the past few months when interviews had connected with a variety of response programs. She reported that Oakland had been helpful, as had Eugene, West Hollywood and Long Beach, and there had been a ridealong with Oakland. She noted that Mr. Vaughn and his intern had been part of the Harvard Kennedy Government Performance Lab Community of Practice, which convened similar programs doing the same work, and which had been helpful. The City was learning how to get Medicaid reimbursement, hoped to get grant funds to offset the impact to the General Fund that was currently paying for the CCRP, would talk with the Contra Costa County A-3 program and continued to meet to avoid duplicating services.

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Deputy City Manager White reported she had attended monthly meetings with the A-3 program, which had been growing, to get updates and wanted to make sure they were collaborating and not duplicating services. She noted that Mr. Vaughn and his intern had been participating with the Vera Institute, and the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform, and the City of Richmond had been invited to be part of a learning cohort with a few other jurisdictions nationwide including New Orleans and Albuquerque that were unique in that there was both a violence prevention program and a CCRP under the same roof.

Deputy City Manager White added that staff had gone to the Personnel Board in March 2024 to share the Community Intervention Specialist position described for those with lived experiences who would be part of a team, who would talk with the unhoused where they were and make resource connections, and hoped to go to the City Council soon to release the position after dealing with Meet and Confer requirements. Staff had also met with the RPD to discuss dispatch and call types, and noted the desire of the dispatchers to make sure they were supportive and whoever was being sent out would be safe.

Deputy City Manager White explained that work was ongoing about a dashboard to clarify the data being collected. Staff was also in the process of securing an Administrative Analyst to help with the work. She presented the draft budget, noted the majority of funding was in personnel, and stated there were some operating costs. There was \$2.9 million in the budget for FY 2024/25. She described the tasks that still needed to be completed before the roll out.

Taskforce Member Burks referred to the Analyst position and asked if that job description had already been posted, and Ms. White stated the Analyst position was an existing classification within the City of Richmond and there was already an active list. If the right candidate was not available, the position could be put out with or without a specific reference to the CCRP. If pushed out, the Task Force would be so advised to be able to recommend anyone who might be able to fit the bill.

Taskforce Member Pursell noted that the City Council would be on break soon and he asked staff if there was anything the Task Force could do to help recruit for positions on the Community Advisory Board (CAB), and Ms. White described what could be done to help move the item forward.

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

Taskforce Member Lee arrived at 6:12 P.M.

For the update on YouthWORKS, Tamara Walker, Deputy Director of Community Services for Employment and Training and the creator of YouthWORKS in 1999 with Program Manager Gilbert Pete, noted that YouthWORKS staff was currently preparing for the Youth Career Fair where over 80 vendors and 250 young people had signed up.

Gilbert Pete, Project Coordinator, YouthWORKS, introduced himself and reported on the intention to elaborate on some of the work being done with the funding received.

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Ms. Walker reported that the mission of Richmond YouthWORKS was to assist Opportunity Youth, which she defined as youth aged 16 to 24 who were not in school and who were not working, meaning those young people who had dropped out of high school or someone who had graduated and was not in school or did not have a job, to gain livable wage employment through participation in paid internships, career coaching, job readiness workshops, vocational training and apprenticeships.

Ms. Walker identified all of the programs offered through YouthWORKS, which included the federally funded Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, California For ALL grant (\$2.9 million) and the Richmond Reimagining Fund, and now had been given American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for ages 16 to 24. She noted that over 800 young people had applied this year. She clarified that young people were being served (high school youth 16-17 years of age) coming to the program for work experience and the process was that all applications were on-line where a QR code was being used for registration and exit evaluations. Assessments were conducted by case managers, participants attended job readiness classes, participated in subsidized employment and after that employment was up were in follow-up services (quarterly) to see if additional support was needed until they graduated.

Ms. Walker explained there were two types of Opportunity Youth and two programs they could be enrolled in. They would then be enrolled in another program where they would receive higher wages and longer hours, used to support those students to ensure their graduation. If over 18, YouthWORKS would partner with adult programs that would offer additional services. Opportunity Youth, those who had graduated and were not working, would complete an on-line assessment, would be assigned a case manager, and the assessment would identify what would come next. She reported that stipends were also provided for young people. Some young people were not actually working but working with the RFD, for instance, to learn a trade. YouthWORKS supported Richmond High School with work in career programs and many young people were receiving stipends.

Ms. Walker identified the youth served in 2023/24 through 1,075 applications; 518 were aged 16-17 (high school students), 567 were aged 18 and above, and 50 young people had participated in occupational skills training that could be anything from health care, truck driving, and office administration. There were also 30 young people in part-time and full-time employment. She stated there was about \$270,000 remaining in the Richmond Reimagining Fund.

Ms. Walker also explained that YouthWORKS supported special projects such as the City of Richmond Lifeguard Boot Camp and had been able to recruit the lifeguards needed by the City to be able to open its pools. YouthWORKS had also created the City of Richmond's Public Service Academy to address a shortage of people working and a shortage of people applying for jobs with benefits and good wages in City Departments, to then be able to learn the skills necessary to apply for jobs when they opened up. YouthWORKS also funded the RFD Explorers Program where there were 30 young people learning how to become firefighters, with a stipend and no wages. YouthWORKS also worked with Kaiser in Richmond with the Kaiser Permanente Intro to Healthcare careers to help young people learn about the career opportunities in healthcare, and if over 18 and interested, paid for those young people to go to the School of Allied Health, which offered a number of special training programs.

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Ms. Walker stated that YouthWORKS would hire one more Workforce Specialist, had created a program called Building Bridges to Career Opportunity that would be rolled out this summer, and given that YouthWORKS had been charged with making sure that those served were on a road to high-wage opportunities, Building Bridges to Career Opportunity would build pathways for young people to go directly to work after graduation.

Since YouthWORKS was fully staffed, it would now focus on the employment and training aspect of the work to make sure youth had a job, where 25 percent would secure part-time and full-time employment for those 18 and above. It would also expand healthcare occupational training for those interested in the healthcare field, one of the industries that had the highest need and one of the highest growths.

Taskforce Member Therriault suggested adding the RPD Explorers to the YouthWORKS program and Ms. Walker stated they were in conversations to do that but not with Reimagining funds.

Taskforce Member Gosney verified with Ms. Walker that stipends were the same across the board, at \$100/week. He noted with respect to the building trades that there were apprenticeship programs and tests that had shown a problem in many cases with candidates who had insufficient skills in basic arithmetic to be able to do the job. He recognized the different training provided but noted that some of the biggest problems with all applicants once in the program was showing up for work five days every week and showing up to work on time, and he added there were also required pre-employment drug screening and random drug tests involved.

Vice Chair Walker asked how many participants in the Explorer program had become firefighters, and Ms. Walker stated this was the first time partnering back with the RFD and YouthWORKS would monitor the program and gather the data this year and make sure that participants secured their EMT License given the EMT program was supported by YouthWORKS. She confirmed, when asked, that YouthWORKS also tracked data on age, race, gender preference and economic status and she could make that data available on the website for public access.

As to follow-up services, Vice Chair Walker was pleased with the upcoming Job Fair, and she asked about the number of individuals who reached permanent or part-time employment through YouthWORKS or because of YouthWORKS, and Ms. Walker explained that information was tracked. There would now be data through California For ALL, and that tracking mechanism would be used moving forward.

Vice Chair Walker emphasized the importance of follow-ups.

Taskforce Member Burks clarified with Ms. Walker that multiple funding streams were allowing YouthWORKS to offer different services for different young people based on the age and stage of their lives, and because a young person who had dropped out of high school needed more services, a different funding stream was being used for those participants.

Ms. Walker added that grants had been received for different things and the different funds, including federal dollars, were used to provide different services for young people.

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Ms. Walker added that the Reimagining funds allowed YouthWORKS to serve 518 high school students versus those who had dropped out.

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

2. DISCUSS Additional Budgetary Allocations for Task Force Proposals – Specifically, YouthWORKS and the Community Crisis Response Program

Deputy City Manager White noted that when City staff got direction from the City Council to implement programs, staff followed Council direction and staff had been recommending allocations for the budget since 2021 for the various intervention areas. She explained that some budgets had stayed the same such as the budget for YouthWORKS at \$1.9 million and unhoused intervention at \$1.8 million. In the case of ONS, the budget had initially been lower but had been ramped up to provide staff and the current budget for 2024/25 was \$2.1 million. For the CCRP, the initial allocation had been \$1 million but for 2024/25 would be \$2.9 million, which included positions as well as funding for operating costs. The total 2024/25 budget request to be submitted to the City Council in the next few budget meetings for the Reimagining Intervention Areas would be \$8.8 million, all from the General Fund.

Taskforce Member Lee verified with staff that increases in salaries and minimum wage would impact the number of people to be served, but there were also other funding sources that could be utilized and there was a fair amount of money that would be spent on young people in 2024/25.

Deputy City Manager White clarified for Taskforce Member Therriault that the Chair at the last meeting had requested this item to ensure that the Task Force had the opportunity before sunsetting to request additional funding from the City Council for the intervention areas.

Taskforce Member Murray verified with Ms. White that the budget as just presented to the Task Force for the intervention areas had already been presented to the City Council, and the City Council now had three meetings before the final adoption of the budget. It was clarified that the \$8.8 million budget for the intervention areas was a small portion of the City's proposed \$252 million General Fund budget.

Deputy City Manager White explained that the additional budgetary allocations could be presented in writing after the meeting.

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

3. DISCUSS Non-Police Parking Enforcement and Related Traffic Safety Concerns Raised by Richmond City Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Claudia Jimenez, and Traffic Safety Initiatives

Deputy City Manager White stated this item had been requested by Chair Small, who had been contacted by Councilmember McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Jimenez to request that the Task Force explore the feasibility of non-police parking enforcement.

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The request was also to provide a recommendation to the City Council for consideration in fiscal year 2024/25. Currently, parking enforcement was staffed through the RPD. The item had previously been on the Task Force agenda but had not yet been discussed.

Given the absence of the Chair, the item was recommended for continuance to the next meeting in June.

Taskforce Member Gosney understood that “meter maids” who were non-sworn RPD personnel enforced parking.

Taskforce Member Gliksohn questioned the lack of information and the reason for the Task Force’s review of the item.

Taskforce Member Therriault also questioned the reason and the need for review and commented that oftentimes sworn officers were required to become involved in parking issues for one reason or another.

Taskforce Member Burks questioned whether the item should be continued, suggested the feasibility of any consideration of the item would be questionable given the imminent sunset of the Task Force, and suggested parking issues were not within the scope of the Task Force.

Vice Chair Walker commented that parking enforcement and related traffic safety concerns were two different issues. Without the context of the request and in the absence of Chair Small, she was inclined to continue the item to the next and potential last meeting of the Task Force. She suggested there was still time to advocate for something in next year’s budget.

Taskforce Member Burks requested clarification of the request and an identification of the traffic safety concerns, and in addition to a continuance she sought a written clarification of what was being proposed.

A reference to SB 50 that would allow for the ability of a civilian parking enforcement mechanism was noted as the potential reason for the item, as were the City’s speeding issues.

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

Motion by Taskforce Member Pursell, seconded by Taskforce Member Lee to continue the discussion of non-police parking enforcement and related traffic safety concerns raised by Richmond City Councilmember McLaughlin and Vice Mayor Jimenez, and Traffic Safety Initiatives, carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES:	H. Burks, M. Gliksohn, D. Gosney, A. Lee, K. Kilian-Lobos, L. Murray, M. Njissang, J. Pursell, B. Therriault, L. Whitmore, and Vice Chair T. Walker
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	R. Joseph, J. Schlemmer, B.K. Williams, and Chair D. Small

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4. DISCUSS the Social Host Ordinance and APPROVE Recommendation to City Council

Deputy City Manager White read the staff report related to a presentation at the January 23, 2024 City Council meeting from Nabila Sher-Oliver, Alcohol, Marijuana, and Prescription Drug (AMPD) Coalition Coordinator about a Social Host Ordinance that would make it illegal for adults to provide an environment where underage drinking or drug use occurred. At that time, Councilmember Melvin Willis suggested soliciting the insight of the Task Force on the ordinance. Staff had offered a link to the ordinance in the staff report. She added the item had come from Chair Small and not from City staff.

Taskforce Member Gosney suggested it was already illegal for adults to provide an environment where underage drinking or drug use occurred.

Taskforce Member Gliksohn questioned how such an ordinance would be enforced.

Taskforce Member Pursell noted that an advocacy group had brought the item forward and had suggested this originally to Councilmember Soheila Bana to bring forward. It was noted that there was already a law at the state level, the request was redundant, and the idea would be to make enhancements, which had been suggested to the already general laws against providing alcohol or drugs and being the host of the house. He added that the bigger problem would be that kids might do drugs in a house and the owners might not know about that use, but when caught, the property owners would be responsible which could expand punitive measures.

The question was raised again about the Task Force's role in regards to this issue.

Vice Chair Walker stated there were already statutes enforced by local law enforcement. She suggested that the Task Force recommend increased public education through the RPD to civilians in the community around the potential problems that could occur when hosting a party with minors, alcohol and prescription drugs.

Taskforce Member Therriault supported that recommendation.

Taskforce Member Gliksohn did not recommend that the item be carried forward.

Taskforce Member Pursell noted the numbers utilized in the presentation had been cited from old 2010 data and there had been a national decline in young people using drugs and alcohol. He did not think the item was necessary but education was always important.

Taskforce Member Burks did not support moving forward with the item.

Taskforce Member Gosney referred to a case around Saratoga where a mother had facilitated drug and alcohol use at parties and he noted that some communities were doing something about similar situations. He did not think that education would have made a difference in that case. He suggested that the item should return to the City Council.

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Deputy City Manager White identified what the AMPD presentation had recommended for the City of Richmond to do with respect to the issue.

Vice Chair Walker identified the consensus of the Task Force for ‘not here, not in our name, and send it back to the City Council.’

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

Legal Counsel Alison Flowers clarified that a Roll Call was not required if there was no opposition to a motion.

Motion by Taskforce Member Burks, seconded by Taskforce Member Gliksohn to recommend that the City Council not adopt a Social Host Ordinance, carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSS the Extension of Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force and APPROVE Recommendations to City Council

Deputy City Manager White explained that the City Council on September 14, 2021 had extended the term of the Task Force to June 30, 2024, and without a request for extension and action by the City Council, the Task Force would naturally sunset on June 30, 2024. There was one regular meeting left.

Legal Counsel Flowers advised that if the Task Force did nothing, the Task Force would automatically sunset. Any desire for an extension would require a motion to do so.

There were no comments to extend.

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

6. DISCUSS Possible Alternative Names for the Community Crisis Response Program and APPROVE Recommendations to City Council

Deputy City Manager White stated currently the program had been called the Community Crisis Response Program and it was staff’s intent not to retain that name. She asked for ideas and suggestions and explained that there was a desire for an acronym that meant something.

It was noted that Chair Small had made a suggestion for Holistic Alternative Response Team (HART), and it was recommended that the task to rename the CCRP be given to City staff and the CAB. It was also noted that outreach and polls had made a number of suggestions, none of which were currently supported.

Vice Chair Walker understood that the CAB would take on the task of renaming the CCRP. She also supported a competition with young people to rename the CCRP.

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

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Motion by Taskforce Member Gliksohn, seconded by Taskforce Member Pursell to recommend that the new Community Advisory Board rename the Community Crisis Response Program through a community engagement element and working with City staff, carried unanimously.

I. ACTION ITEM RECAP

Deputy City Manager White reported that for Item 1 an update had been received from the CCRP and YouthWORKS, and in June there would be an update from the Community Development Department about the work being done around the unhoused population along with an update from the ONS. For Item 2, City staff had presented information about the proposed \$8.8 million for FY 2024/25 and there had been no recommendations from the Task Force to increase any budget allocations. For Item 3 with respect to police parking enforcement, the request was to continue the item for Chair Small's return at the next meeting on June 26, 2024, to provide more context and to understand the problem attempted to be solved and other models or information that needed to be evaluated, and to understand traffic safety concerns, particularly around speeding. For Item 4, it was unanimously recommended that the City Council not approve the Social Host Ordinance. For Item 5 with respect to an extension of the Task Force, no action was taken and the Task Force would sunset on June 30, 2024 after its last regular meeting on June 26, 2024. For Item 6 related to the renaming of the CCRP, a recommendation was made and action taken for the CAB to support the development of a name in partnership with City staff and community engagement.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M. to a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 in the Bermuda Room, Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804.



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

DATE: June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

FROM: LaShonda White, Deputy City Manager – Community Services, Task Force Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Updates from the Community Development Department and Office of Neighborhood Safety

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

City staff will present updates on Task Force recommendations and proposals related to the Community Development Department and Office of Neighborhood Safety.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE updates from the Community Development Department and Office of Neighborhood Safety.

DISCUSSION:

The Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force has four major implementation areas: the Community Crisis Response Program, YouthWORKS, Office of Neighborhood Safety, and Unhoused Interventions.

The Chair requested an agenda item to discuss the status and continuation of all Task Force recommendations and proposals. The purpose of the agenda item is to provide Task Force members with a clear sense of the status of the various proposals and discuss any additional needs before permanently adjourning.

At the May 22, 2024 meeting, the Task Force received updates from the Community Crisis Response Program and Youth Works. Task Force members will receive an update from the two other implementation areas: Unhoused Interventions and Office of Neighborhood Safety.



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DATE: June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

FROM: LaShonda White, Deputy City Manager – Community Services, Task Force Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Non-police Parking Enforcement

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

The Task Force will discuss non-police parking enforcement and related traffic safety concerns.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DISCUSS non-police parking enforcement and related traffic safety concerns raised by Richmond City Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin and Claudia Jimenez.

DISCUSSION:

Richmond City Councilmembers Gayle McLaughlin and Claudia Jimenez contacted Chair Small to request that the Task Force explore the feasibility of non-police parking enforcement and provide a recommendation to the City Council for consideration in fiscal year 2024-2025. Currently, parking enforcement is staffed through the Richmond Police Department.



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DATE: June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force

FROM: LaShonda White, Deputy City Manager – Community Services, Task Force Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Task Force Acknowledgment

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

Since October 2020, the Task Force has undertaken numerous projects to reimagine public safety in the City of Richmond. The Task Force will be acknowledged for its service and accomplishments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ACKNOWLEDGE the service and accomplishments of the Task Force.

DISCUSSION:

On June 30, 2020, Richmond City Council heard Item I-1 to direct staff to prepare a plan to transition from Richmond's current "community policing" model to a plan conducive to the reduced police force and return to City Council with the preferred policing model and a plan for implementation by the end of Fiscal Year 2020/2021. Following discussion on the item, the City Council directed staff to "create a transition accountability task force composed by members of the public, including community organizations, individuals who were impacted by law enforcement, and law enforcement."

City Council appointed twenty-one (21) members to the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force on October 6, 2020. The Task Force was initially set to sunset on June 30, 2021. On May 19, 2021, City Council extended the term of the Task Force to September 30, 2021. On September 14, 2021, City Council extended the term of the Task Force to June 30, 2024.

With the final meeting of the Task Force scheduled for June 26, 2024, the City of Richmond would like to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of all current and former members of the Task Force.