



## **PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN TASK FORCE PUBLIC MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

Civic Auditorium (Tony Hill Room)  
307 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### **MINUTES**

#### **I. Call to Order**

1. Scott Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### **II. Introduction from City of Santa Cruz Mayor Hilary Bryant and Staff**

1. Mayor Hilary Bryant welcomed the Task Force members and the public, reiterated the direction from the City Council on the charge of the Task Force, and thanked everyone for the commitment to public safety and the community. Recognizing the gravity and complexity of the work, Mayor Bryant recommended that the Task Force take time to understand and be educated on the issues with an open mind.

#### **III. Introductions**

1. Task Force members introduced themselves.
  - a. Jeff Cole, Fire Captain, City of Mountain View
  - b. Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director, Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center
  - c. Renee Golder, Teacher, Santa Cruz City Schools
  - d. Jim Howes, Asst. Director Regional Occupational Program, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, (retired Santa Cruz Police Officer)
  - e. Rod Libbey, Executive Director, Janus of Santa Cruz
  - f. Danielle Long, Social Worker, Santa Cruz County
  - g. Kristin Long, Family Attorney (retired Asst. District Attorney)
  - h. Kris Reyes, Director of General Services & External Relations, Santa Cruz Seaside Company
  - i. Reyna Ruiz, Commission member, Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women
  - j. Steve Schlicht, Marketing Director, Ezonthei
  - k. Dennis Smith, Commission member, Santa Cruz Port District Commission, (retired Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Lieutenant)
  - l. Kim Stoner, Real Estate Appraiser and Consultant
  - m. Bernie Tershy, Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz
  - n. Deborah Tracy-Proulx, School Board Trustee, Santa Cruz City Schools
  - o. Patty Zoccoli, Business Co-Owner, Zoccoli's Deli

#### IV. Task Force Goals and Objectives

1. Scott Collins introduced Santa Cruz County Treasurer Fred Keeley, long-time Santa Cruz politician and community advocate. Mr Keeley made several suggestions to the Task Force to consider:
  - a. Decide on rules of engagement early in the process. Expected meeting decorum and governance structure are fundamental components to the process.
  - b. Understand that conventional wisdom about issues and policy are not always the truth, particularly after studying and analyzing the issues closely over a 6 month period of time.
  - c. Understanding the diversity of opinion base around the issues, the overarching goal of the Task Force should be to “manage principled compromise where no one compromises their principles”. Principles are very different from ideas, opinions or notions.
  - d. Recommended work plan should include four components:
    1. Study
    2. Analysis
    3. Solutions
    4. Recommendation
  - e. Recommendations should be measurable, adjustable and efficient.

#### V. Election of Task Force Chair and Vice Chair

1. Kris Reyes and Jim Howes voiced their interest in the Chair position.
2. By consensus, the Task Force appointed Kris Reyes as Chair and Jim Howes and Vice Chair.

#### VI. Task Force Structure

1. Susie O’Hara gave brief overview of options for governance structure, with a recommendation of commencing with an Advisory Body structure and making adjustments based on changing priorities. While not a Brown Act meeting, the fundamentals around Advisory Body governance, punctuality, preparation, patience and practicality, should be employed by Task Force members.
2. Chair Reyes led a discussion on preferred work plan and governance structure. Chair Reyes suggested that the group adopt parliamentary procedure and Robert’s Rules of Order in decision making. Several Task Force members stated preferences on work plan procedure. Decision was made to direct staff to prepare a City-oriented presentation on the totality of public safety issues in Santa Cruz. Presentation should include the following elements:
  - a. Comparative data
  - b. Budget data
  - c. Best practices
  - d. Case studies
3. Task Force members discussed the question of how to include the public. Several options were presented:
  - a. Facebook page
  - b. Email address
  - c. Public input meetings
4. Scott Collins noted that there is an email address available for the public to send comments and feedback. That email address will be available on [www.cityofsantacruz.com/publicsafetytaskforce](http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/publicsafetytaskforce).

#### VII. Establish preliminary 6-month Work Plan

1. Task Force discussed the critical safety issues presented. By consensus, the Task Force recommended that staff begin the process of grouping and narrowing down the critical issues and use the list to develop the presentation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
2. By consensus, the Task Force agreed on the immediate short-term work plan:
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to take place on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 6:00 pm at the Police Department Community Room. The meeting will be televised by CTV. Focus of meeting will be to receive comprehensive presentation on public safety from City staff. A Task Force question and answer period will follow.
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to take place on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 6:00 pm at the Police Department Community Room. This meeting will be devoted to public comment.
3. Long-term work plan will be established after 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

#### VIII. Next Steps and Next Meeting Logistics

1. Task Force meetings will take place every other Wednesday, starting May 29, 2013 through November, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Adjustments will likely have to be made throughout the 6-month period to accommodate major conflicts of space and time.
2. Tentative meeting schedule:
  - a. May 29, 2013
  - b. June 12, 2013
  - c. June 26, 2013
  - d. July 10, 2013
  - e. July 24, 2013
  - f. August 7, 2013
  - g. August 21, 2013
  - h. September 4, 2013
  - i. September 18, 2013
  - j. October 2, 2013
  - k. October 16, 2013
  - l. October 30, 2013
  - m. November 13, 2013

**Adjournment** -- The Public Safety Citizen Task Force will adjourn from the public meeting of May 7, 2013 to its next meeting, date and time to be determined.

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