

Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force  
Policy Team Minutes – April 25, 2014

**Present:** Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, Police Chief Larry Esquivel, Supervisor Cindy Chavez, Montez Daviz, Jeff Bautista, Carl Mitchell, Angel Rios, Suzanne Wolf, Karen Fletcher, John Hirokawa, Chris Arriola (in lieu of Jeff Rosen), Molly O'Neal, Dan Peddycord, Rudy Herrera (in lieu of Dr. John Porter), Laurie Smith, Mariah Artley, Vamsey Palagummi, , Cora Tomalinas, Evan Suzuki, Judge Patrick Tondreau, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan,

**Absent:** Mayor Chuck Reed, Councilwoman Rose Herrera, Julie Edmonds Mares, Chris Funk, Norberto Duenas, Pastor Tony Ortiz, Xavier De La Torre, Jeff Ruster

**Staff:** Jose Salcido, Senior Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office; Kristina Peralta, Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office, Charlie Hall, PRNS, Kevin Hirabayashi, PRNS

Vice Mayor Nguyen began the meeting at 8AM with members of the Task Force and the public introducing themselves.

Vice Mayor Nguyen called for a motion to accept the February 28 minutes. The policy team accepted the minutes unanimously.

**1. Climate Discussion**

Lt. Laurence Ryan from the SJPd provided the Climate Report.

In February 2014, of the gang related violent crime types, 1 were homicides, 8 were aggravated assault, 12 were robbery, and 0 were rape. In March 2014, of the gang related violent crime types, 0 were homicides, 9 were aggravated assault, 10 were robbery, and 0 were rape. Of the reported violent gang related incidents that occurred in February and March, the majority of known offenders were 17-18 years old and the majority of known victims were between the ages of 15-17.

**2. Subcommittee Updates**

**a. Community Engagement**

Jose Salcido provided an update on the Community Engagement Subcommittee. After this year's the Crime and Gang Prevention Summit concluded, the Community Engagement Subcommittee updated its work plan for 2014. The updated mission of the Community Engagement Subcommittee works to strengthen partnerships with residents, neighborhood groups, schools, businesses, and community stakeholders to help keep residents informed of the work conducted by the Task Force and actively engage them in crime prevention. The subcommittee has requested to have our Mayor champion a private partnership before his term expires to ensure it remains a goal with the upcoming leadership. Updated goals include: Create an online database that connects service providers and community members to local resources that address gang prevention. Support the faith based community in engaging community volunteers for the Night Walks pilot program, which will serve as a presence of peace in gang impacted areas. And, for our Youth Voice Initiative, we will be having our youth representatives at our next meeting to update their objectives as we have achieved our objectives to select the youth and have them involved at the subcommittee. As for the Faith Initiative, **Beautiful Day** will be taking place May 16th, 17th, & 18th. Like the last three years, the Beautiful Day Team, Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, the San José City Council, in partnership with the faith based community is collectively completing service projects throughout the City of San José (and Santa Clara County) to reclaim and provide hope to the areas hardest hit by blight and gangs. In addition to these faith efforts, we had the City of San Jose's Housing Department present at the Faith Executive Group and the Larger Faith Group in efforts to better collaborate with faith based organizations addressing homelessness for an effective collaboration.

b. Interagency Collaborative

Angel Rios reported for the Interagency Collaborative. He provided an update on the Department of Public Health's Violence Prevention Social Media Campaign. He also provided an update on the implementation of the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Support) grant and stated that the Interagency Collaborative will serve as the entity's policy team. He deferred the Medical Marijuana update to Angelique Gaeta, who will be providing an update later in the meeting. Lastly, Rios introduced Leah King as the new Executive Director of the Silicon Valley Talent Partnership, which seeks to strengthen public/ private partnerships.

c. Technical Team

Mariah Artley reported for the Technical Team. Community Based Organizations and City Intervention staff are gearing up for this year's Cinco de Mayo, which has historically been an event with high activity. In preparation, Intervention staff will be taking a group for an out of town trip. BEST funded agencies met in a Community of Learning group during the last Technical Team meeting to continue learning about evidence based practices and discuss ways to implement these practices in their work.

d. School/ City Collaborative

There was no update from the School/ City Collaborative

3. **Night Walks Update**

Mario Maciel provided an update on Night Walks. After many months of preparation and coordination between the City, SJPD, and Faith Initiative, the first Night Walks took place on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The walk was sponsored by St. John Vianney Church and St. Phillips Church. Modeled after the Faith Walks in Salinas and Boston, the purpose of the Night Walk is to serve as a presence of peace in gang impacted areas.

4. **Medical Marijuana Update**

Angelique Gaeta provided the Medical Marijuana update. Specifically, she reported on the status update, the implementation of the City Council's direction, and the Planning Commission's zoning recommendations. She also announced upcoming meetings. On Saturday, April 26, the administration will meet with the public to discuss the proposed medical marijuana regulatory program drafted pursuant to the Council's direction of December 10, 2013. On Tuesday, May 13, City Council will consider the proposed medical marijuana regulatory program as reflected in the ordinances the City Attorney's Office drafted pursuant to the Council's direction of December 10, 2013.