

Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force
Policy Team Minutes – April 22, 2009

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Regular Meeting-Night Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2009
200 E. Santa Clara Street, Room W118-120**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Chuck Reed, Mayor; Madison Nguyen, Councilmember, Nora Campos Councilmember; George Shirakawa Jr. Santa Clara Board of Supervisors; Rob Davis, Chief of Police; Albert Balagso, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS); Angel Rios, Deputy Director Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services; Norberto Duenas, City Managers Office; Bob Nunez, Superintendent East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD); John Porter Jr., Superintendant Franklin-Mckinley Elementary school District; Cora Tomalinas, People Acting in Community Together (PACT); Dolores Carr, SCC District Attorney; Lindley Zink, Commander of SCC Sheriff's Department; Sheila Mitchell, SCC Chief Probation Officer; Jeff Bornefeld, California Community Partnership for Youth; Laura Lam, Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI); George Rios, City Attorney's Office; Jeff Ruster Work2Future; Edward Flores, Santa Clara County Department of Corrections Chief, Patricia Chiapellone, Executive Director-Alum Rock Counseling: Alternate for Foothill Division; Susie River-Director of High Touch Division: Southern Division Lead; Jose Guzman, SCC Assistant Public Defender

Absent: Tony Ortiz, California Youth Outreach; Evan Suzuki, California department of rehabilitation parole agent; Mario Ozuna Sanchez, MACSA; Judge Patrick Tondreau, California State Superior Court Juvenile Division; Mary Green Wood, Santa Clara Public Defenders Office

Staff: Melanie Jimenez- Mayor's Office; Khoa Nguyen- Mayor's Office

1. Welcome, Introductions and Adoption of the February 27, 2009 Policy Team Minutes

Mayor Chuck Reed began the meeting 7:05pm and members of the Task Force and public introduced themselves.

Mayor Chuck Reed asked for a motion to accept the February 27, 2009 minutes. *Upon a motion by Cora Tomalinas the minutes were approved unanimously.*

2. Climate Discussion

Lt John Spicer- San Jose Police Department provided the Policy Team with an update on current gang climate in San Jose.

3. Subcommittee Updates

Councilmember Madison Nguyen provided an update on the Community Engagement Subcommittee meeting that was held on March 26, 2009. The topics discussed were; Ways to engage the Faith Community and the purpose statement of the 2009 Community Crime and Gang Prevention Summit.

Upon a motion by Albert Balagso and second by Dolores Carr the report was accepted unanimously.

Angel Rios and Chief Mitchell reported on the interagency collaborative subcommittee. The subcommittee updated the taskforce on the current status of the transition center

Upon a motion by Dolores Carr and Second by Paula Mitchell the report was accepted unanimously.

Mario Maciel reported on the Tech Team Subcommittee. The Tech Team Subcommittee met on March 11 and April 8, 2009. (Click to See Full Report)

Upon a motion by Patricia Chiapellone the minutes were approved unanimously.

Norberto Duenas from the City Managers office provided a verbal update on the school collaborative.

4. Hot Spot Exercise

Mario Maciel and Laura Lam provided a report to the Mayors Gang Prevention Task Force policy team on the hot spot exercises that was conducted by PRNS.

5. Summer Jobs for Youth, Work Experience Program

Jeff Ruster of the City of San Jose, Work2future program, provided a verbal update on the summer work experience program. The program is funded through the Federal Stimulus Package and will serve youth 15-24 over the 09 summer.

6. 2009 Anti-Graffiti Survey

Albert Balagso, Director of Park Recreation and Neighborhood Services reported on the 2009 Graffiti Survey. 2009 saw an increase in reported graffiti in San Jose, in part due to an increase sq footage being covered and new technology being used.

Councilmember Nora Campos asked if the department has enough resources to meet their target numbers and removal time.

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Cora Tomalinas expressed that there needs to be community involvement in helping to eradicate graffiti and that events need to be fun and positive to encourage voluntarism.

Susie Rivera expressed her concern that people need to feel safe, and that there will not be retribution from gang members, if volunteers help remove graffiti.

7. Open Forum

Penny Aguilar expressed her concern with the Cuts to Mental Health Programs there will be an increase in crime and gang activity in Santa Clara County.

DA Carr invited members of the Policy Team and public to attend her press conference on the guns and gangs media campaign.

Hewlett Joiner of the Aquarius Project spoke about the collaboration between his agency, Captain Edwards and CM Ash Kalra in dealing with the Brown and Black conflicts happening around Oak Grove High School.

Mayor Reed reminded the public about upcoming meetings and events that the City of San Jose will be hosting like: The Foreclose seminars, Community Budget Meetings, and the 2010 Census.

8. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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