

City of San José COVID-19 Recovery Task Force

Meeting Notes | September 15, 2022

Date / Time September 15, 2022 | 6:00 PM

Location Virtual Meeting – Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Housekeeping
2. COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Update
3. Community Engagement Plan Report
4. Breakout Group Discussion: Review Community Feedback
5. Public Comment
6. Next Steps
7. Adjourn

ATTENDANCE

Task Force Members: 28 of the 55 COVID-19 Recovery Task Force (Task Force) members were present at the meeting. See the end of this document for members in attendance.

Public: There were approximately four members of the public in attendance.

City Staff: Rosalynn Hughey, Deputy City Manager; Rob Lloyd, Deputy City Manager; Aurelia Bailey, Assistant to the City Manager; Carlos Velázquez, Assistant to the City Manager; Katerina Tubera, Staff Specialist.

MEETING SUMMARY

COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Update

Carlos Velazquez and Aurelia Bailey shared a recap of the Task Force's Community Resource Fair on August 20, 2022 at Seven Trees Community Center. The event connected individuals, families, and business owners in San Jose with existing recovery resources offered by the City and community partners. Counting registrations and walk-ins, approximately 500 people attended, primarily residents living in zip codes most impacted by the pandemic: 95111, 95122, 95127, 95112, and 95116.

Staff shared the remaining Task Force meetings scheduled are on October 13 and November 10 and will focus on finalizing the recommendations and budget allocations that will be going to City Council on December 6.

Task Force member updates:

Kyra Kazantzis of Silicon Valley of Nonprofits shared that they will be hosting a series of virtual Nonprofit Candidate Forums. For a list of the forums, [visit the SVCN website](#).

Monique Melchor of work2future shared that in partnership with San José Works, they are hosting the San José Career Expo on Friday, September 23, 2022 at the South Hall of McEnergy Convention Center.

Maribel Martinez of the Santa Clara County Division of Equity and Social Justice shared that the Office of Disability Affairs is collecting surveys to support the planning process for Santa Clara County's Office on Disability Affairs launching in fall 2022. They are looking to hear from individuals with a disability or a caregiver of a person with a disability to see how the County will prioritize disability needs. Surveys will be collected throughout September 2022. [Here is the link to take the survey](#). For additional information or to request an accessibility accommodation, please contact scc@wid.org.

Ivon Perez of Goodwill of Silicon Valley is looking for volunteers for Goodfest 2022, their annual employee appreciation event happening on Saturday, October 1, from 10am - 3pm in San Jose. If you are interested, reach out to Ivon at ivonp@goodwillsv.org.

Community Engagement Plan Report

Community Engagement Chair Araceli Gonzalez and Christian Ollano of Winter Consulting presented a summary of the [results and findings of the Task Force's community engagement](#) conducted this summer. [The complete presentation can be viewed here](#).

Viviana Barnwell, a member of the Lived Experience Group, a key part of the Task Force's community engagement, spoke about her experience as a mother of a child with a disability, the impacts of the pandemic and how, through the community activities she hosted as a Lived Experience Group member, people with disabilities felt heard and seen by the City and community.

Breakout Group Discussion: Review Community Feedback

Each committee was allotted a thirty-minute breakout to discuss the results of the [community engagement findings](#) and any connections to their draft recommendations.

Task Force members and members of the public broke into groups organized by committee to review the community engagement findings specific to the committees. Task Force members discussed how the findings could inform each committee's draft recommendations and impact targets.

Public Comment

No members of the public spoke.

The Task Force meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

Task Force Members in attendance:

Allie Lopez, Araceli Gonzalez, Araceli Sierra, Ben Roschke, Carmina Valdivia, Christine Fitzgerald, David Low, Derek Grasty, Dolores Alvarado, Dr. Anupama Balakrishnan, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Edwin Tan, Elizabeth Truong, Frederick Liang, Gerard Manuel, Hugo Garcia, Ivon Perez, Kyra Kazantzis, Laverie Foster, Louise Auerhahn (Alternate), Maribel Martinez, Mathew Reed, Monique Melchor, Quency Phillips, Rachel Monaco, Roy Hirabayashi, Samuel Kehinde, Victoria Ramirez