

**MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2018
PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING**

Vice Chair Chuck Page called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Linda Callon Conference Room at City Hall at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue in Saratoga.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Ray Cosyn, Rebecca Jepsen, Chuck Page, Arun Venkatachar
ABSENT: Member John Hirokawa
ALSO PRESENT: Crystal Bothelio, Deputy City Manager
Captain Rich Urena, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
Esther Park

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Deputy City Manager Crystal Bothelio reported that the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on June 22, 2018.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public Safety Task Force Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve draft minutes from the May 24, 2018 meeting.

COSYN/VENKATACHAR MOVED TO **APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MAY 24, 2018 MEETING.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: COSYN, JEPSEN, PAGE, VENKATACHAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: HIROKAWA.

2. Public Safety Metrics

Recommended Action:

Review monthly update to public safety metrics. Metrics will be provided at the meeting.

Captain Rich Urena discussed metrics from the month of May and addressed questions from the Task Force. He also shared information about National Night Out.

The Task Force requested that the City share information about National Night Out and the Neighborhood Watch grant with residents.

3. Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018

Recommended Action:

Review the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 and provide the City Council with a recommendation on whether to support the initiative. The Task Force's recommendation is scheduled to go before the City Council on August 1, 2018.

The Task Force agreed to continue discussion on the item at the July meeting.

Esther Park commented on the agenda item.

4. Neighborhood Watch Lead Survey

Recommended Action:

Discuss results of the Neighborhood Watch Lead survey.

The Task Force requested that the survey be emailed directly by staff to leads only and agreed to consider the results at the July meeting. The Task Force also requested that a summary of the survey results be shared with Neighborhood Watch leads.

5. Public Safety Task Force Transition Plan

Recommended Action:

Begin development of a transition plan and final recommendations to the City Council, as directed by the City Council at the March 2018 Work Plan Study Session.

The Task Force discussed the transition plan.

Task Force Member Jepsen recommended that the City continue to have a body people tied to the City focused on growing and maintaining interest in Neighborhood Watch. She also recommended that the City serve as the only source of Neighborhood Watch messaging to avoid conflicting information or inconsistencies. She also recommended holding the Safety Fair again in the future

Esther Park commented on the agenda item.

The Task Force agreed to schedule it for further discussion at the July meeting.

6. Neighborhood Watch Initiation, Protocols, and Privacy Concerns

Recommended Action:

Discuss and consider Neighborhood Watch initiation, protocols, and privacy concerns.

The Task Force discussed personal contact information provided as part of the Neighborhood Watch program.

7. Future Agenda Items

Recommended Action:

Consider agenda items for upcoming meetings. The next meeting is on July 26, 2018.

The Task Force agreed to include the following items on the July agenda:

- Transition Plan
- Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018
- Neighborhood Watch Lead Survey
- Fall Neighborhood Watch Gathering

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Page adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, Deputy City Manager
City of Saratoga