



PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN TASK FORCE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Vice Chair Howes Call to Order
 1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Howes
- II. Approval of May 7, 2013 and May 29, 2013 Minutes
 1. May 7, 2013 and May 29, 2013 Minutes approved.
- III. Vice Chair Howes to Provide Background on Task Force Structure, Work Plan and Goals
 1. Vice Chair Howes thanked the TF and the community for attendance, provided background on the categorization of issues, and asked the community for input. Vice Chair asked those present to describe the behavior rather than the status of the individual when providing comments and feedback on their public safety concerns.
- IV. S. O'Hara to Moderate Community Input Session
 1. T. Scully: People are taking advantage of the De Anza Mobile Home Park. Many new transients are using facilities. Would like new collaboration between PD and Security Guards.
 2. M. Becker: Gave statistics on arrest rates. Crime trending up. Major concern is trying to deal with repeat offenders. HSC should require government IDs and background checks similar to San Mateo County.
 3. D. Wade: Concerned about the levee. Need needle drop boxes in public spaces.
 4. J. Tennent: Build awareness around public safety issues. Proof of residency to receive social services. Wants to see long-term solutions including a youth after-school program/indoor skate park.
 5. J. Fardette: Levee and City cleanliness should be top priority. Need for more garbage cans, keep City clean campaign, more restroom facilities. We need to focus on ideas to activate the levee.
 6. W. Miller: Vice Mayor on Santa Cruz City Youth Council. Youth safety survey. Youth generally don't feel safe and want a change. Look into the youth perspective because the youth use a lot of the City's resources.
 7. L. Cover: Tannery area needs clean-up. Need public garbage cans and restrooms. Need signage to promote a clean city. Can use local artists. Levee should be more active.

8. A. Mueller: Think about the Santa Cruz brand for each of the community target audiences: criminals, homeless, drug addicts.
9. H. Isherwood: Area behind the 1080 Emeline County building needs major clean up. There needs to be collaboration between city and county government.
10. K. Collins: We are losing business because of our reputation. We need our gateways to the City to be clean and welcoming.
11. G. Meade: Worried about unsolved violent crime. Need to encourage witnesses to get involved and funding to reward witnesses. Need more security cameras.
12. S. Falls: Need more permanent housing for homeless. Shelter isn't sufficient for 1500 people. Santa Cruz Sanctuary Camp can be a feasible solution to our illegal camping problem.
13. R. Zhang: City Attorney on Santa Cruz City Youth Council. Youth can be a great resource, need opportunities. Youth need job training and activities. Drugs amongst youth are prevalent. Need more drug treatment programs. Need to work on cleanliness of Cowell's beach. Needle exchange rate of 1 to 30 is a problem.
14. R. Orrizzi: Asked Chief Vogel for his perspectives. They include:
 - a. The negative impacts of AB109 on our community.
 - b. The negative impacts of the courts handling infraction citations through a civil process.
 - c. The negative impacts of lack of treatment programs for drug addiction.
 - d. The negative impacts of the high number of high risk alcohol outlets within the City of Santa Cruz.

Mr. Orrizzi feels we need more after school programs.

15. M. Bethke: American Community Solutions. Program to improve blight and crime. Change "Neighborhood Watch" sign.
16. G. Greensite: We need to focus on rape and sexual assault. Commission for Prevention of Violence Against Women is a good resource, but not enough.
17. M. Duffy: People feel our community is an unsafe place to live because of meth addicts and transients. The new Pogonip trail is very appreciated. We need to get more people in our public facilities. We need to better enforce our current laws.
18. D. Christian: Need to compare best practices for homeless support services. Businesses in Harvey West have many concerns in common: First Alarm is needed around the HSC, meal time is very chaotic, need more security at that time. RVs are a very large problem. Should be using drug detection dogs.
19. M. Joseph: Need to address these problems from a public health perspective. Need more substance abuse treatment services. Need for economic development for job creation. Crime prevention through environmental design. Leverage existing resources. Use local sourced data in solutions. Need to gather information from the silent majority, those that are in the middle and not on the extremes of the discourse.
20. S. Mora: Community partners should be identified. Violence prevention efforts should be explored.
21. B. Moorehead: Grant Street is ground zero of these issues right now. Needles found by neighbors on sidewalk, front yards. If the needles were a loaded gun, people would have a different reaction. It is the same difference to her. Neighbors are experiencing a lot of trauma. Bike thefts are used to buy drugs and should be prosecuted.
22. R. Weaver: Night Walks would be a good solution to high crime rate.
23. T. Altenberg: Smart solutions to address homeless. Advocate for proven, cost-effective, and evidence-based solutions. Need more substance abuse and mental health treatment.

24. J. Nelson: City Manager, Santa Cruz City Youth Council. Anonymous crime reporting should be encouraged. Need a Nixel App to report crime.
25. S. Lee: Homeless Connect Program. Homeward Bound is used in other areas to send people to Santa Cruz.
26. H. Allen-Young: Fire Chief, Santa Cruz Youth City Council. Youth homeless center is needed. Youth are underused. Youth care too and see things.
27. D. Harrington: Recidivism: need to locate and focus on repeat offenders. Deal with serial inebriates. Invite homeless to discuss the problems.
28. M. Martinez: HSC priority is to work with the community and partner. 180/180 program is successful. Other cities have decreased their homeless populations by 10-36%. Use Smart Solutions.
29. D. Elston: Santa Cruz Neighborhoods. We need more education. Everyone needs to be more involved.
30. E. Garcia: Need for a preventative approach involving the youth, safe public spaces, opportunities, creative outlets.
31. R. Mills: We need to let the police to their jobs. Need more resources for bus station, downtown. Who are the different homeless in town? Many are on and selling drugs. Need to enable First Alarm to do more.

Adjournment -- The Public Safety Citizen Task Force adjourned from the public meeting of June 12, 2013 at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room.

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