

January 7, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor Gayle McLaughlin
Members of the City Council

From: Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee

SUBJECT: SUMMARY
Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee
Thursday, January 3, 2008, at 10:12 a.m.

Present: Chair Marquez, Members Sandhu, Thurmond and Vice Chair Bates.

Absent: None

Discuss the increase in homicides in the City of Richmond and receive a report from the Police Department in response to the homicides and make recommendations to contract with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) or other outside law enforcement agencies to increase police presence in the City.

Chief Chris Magnus and Office of Neighborhood Safety, Director, Devone Bogan, provided a report.

- Federal agencies have assisted the police department in many cases
- Physical environment impacts crime
- Gang Street Teams are being utilized to help curb violence
- Neighborhood Watch groups and community assistance help in violence reduction. Crime Prevention Specialist, Michelle Milam can be contacted at 510-620-6538 mmilam@richmondpd.net to assist with starting a neighborhood watch group
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Outcome: Chief Magnus and City Manager, Bill Lindsay, will provide updates to the Public Safety Committee and City Council on steps and an action plan. A motion by Councilmember Sandhu, seconded by Councilmember Bates, to take this matter to the full city council for discussion to gain support the state to allocate funding to Richmond in order for the California Highway Patrol to assist to patrol the city and use the city's lobbyists to assist in this effort, passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 a.m. The next Public Safety Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.