

Richmond Reimagining Public Safety Task Force

Implementation Committee Update 12.21.2021



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

OCT 20, 2021

YOUTHWORKS

NOV 17, 2021

UNHOUSED INTERVENTIONS

DEC 15, 2021

COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

JAN 19, 2022

OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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1. Unhoused Interventions

- SOS Richmond has become responsive to daily complaints from City departments, community members, and electeds about neighborhood problems that require the soft touch of SOS' unhoused employees.
- SOS has also committed to conducting weekly trash abatements in neighborhoods asking for these services.
- Please keep sending work requests related to complaints and abatement requests to Daniel Barth via call/text/email. An electronic reporting system is forthcoming in January. SOS has removed more than 125 tons of trash in the past 6 months.

1. Unhoused Interventions

- SOS and City leaders are responsive to Caltrans' offer of land to create 2 companion small villages in the Santa Fe neighborhood at 580.
- This City/SOS team is also assessing the feasibility of the Mayor's proposed Parkway Viaduct site in Parchester Village. Both locations have provisional support from the neighborhood councils.

1. Unhoused Interventions

- WayPointe Christian Fellowship Church is the first faith organization to submit a permit application to City Planning to launch the city's Safe Parking Host Program. Four RV-dwelling households will move to that site, hopefully by Christmas.
- The City/SOS team is seeking County support to allow for similar uses at church sites in adjacent streets of Unincorporated Richmond.

2. Community Crisis Response

The task force held a successful Community Conversation about the Crisis Response program on December 15. We heard from three community members about their experiences with behavioral health crisis and the implementation team presented an update on decisions that have been made about the program. Go to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force website to watch!

2. Community Crisis Response

The team will be finalizing program design in the new year. Once the program design is approved, we will begin the work of creating job classifications and moving forward with hiring. We hope for the program to be fully operational in mid 2022.

3. Office of Neighborhood Safety

- The reimagining public safety task force will be holding a community conversation on January 19 regarding ONS and updates around implementation.
- ONS will be presenting information regarding data on service referrals, community members served, shootings and mediations.
- ONS is also hoping to give an update on new employment positions;
- There will be a portion of the meeting focused on Q&A for any community members who might have questions about ONS;
- The overall goal of the community conversation is to not only to inform the community what ONS is doing and has been doing, but also to give a summary on how the reinvested money that was approved by the city council is being used.

4. YouthWORKS

- Reallocation allows YouthWORKS to serve up to 500 youth with up to 300 hours of work experience per youth.
- As of December 6, 2021, YouthWORKS had received 460 applications and placed 306 youth at 72 worksites with 54% of those being aged 18-24 and 46% of those aged 14-17.
 - In contrast, in 2020, YouthWORKS served 175 youth with up to 100 hours of work experience per youth aged 16-17 and up to 300 hours for youth aged 18-24.
- Two Employment Specialists were hired in November 2021
- Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqrgSiyQbA8>