



**CITY OF VALLEJO
AD-HOC CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR
555 SANTA CLARA STREET, VALLEJO**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. COMMUNITY FORUM

Anyone wishing to address the Committee on any matter not listed on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee to resolve, may speak after stating his/her name and address for the record.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2012 MEETING

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B. PRESENTATION BY DR. MARK CORREIA

- a. Dr. Mark Correia, San Jose State professor is scheduled to make a presentation.

C. REPORT FROM VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

- a. Brief update on department activities and initiatives. No staff report enclosed.

D. REPORT FROM VALLEJO FIRE DEPARTMENT

- a. Brief update on department activities and initiatives. No staff report enclosed.

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Reports from subcommittees. No staff report enclosed.

F. AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. Discussion of draft schedule of agenda topics for future meetings and by motion adopt schedule of agenda topics.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Written communications are enclosed.

H. REPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- a. Comments by members of the Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF VALLEJO
AD-HOC CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 20, 2012**

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Schivley.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted:

Present: Kathy Beistel, Karol Heppe, Kevin Kelley, Joanne Schivley, Robert Schussel, Burky Worel, William Tweedy, Sid DeJesus and Pat Dunn.

Absent: None.

Staff present: Dawn Abrahamson and Alan Cohen.

4. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Gary Wettstein Marian Swanson, Ann Smith, Maryetta Falk, Coleen Cole, Herman Blackwell, and Mustafa Abdul-Ghane.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Committee member Worel and carried unanimously by members present, the agenda and the Consent Calendar was approved with revisions to the minutes of June 6, 2012 to correct the spelling of Commissioner DeJesus' name.

A. Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2012 Meeting

Action: Approved minutes

6. OLD BUSINESS – None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gomes provided a report.

B. PRESENTATION REGARDING BEAT HEALTH PROGRAM

Police Chief Nichelini and Tony Pearsall made a presentation and responded to

questions.

C. REPORT FROM VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Committee member DeJesus made a report.

D. REPORT FROM VALLEJO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Committee member Dunn made a report.

E. APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Action: Moved by Committee member Worel and carried unanimously to make the following appointments to subcommittees, including changing the name of the "Revenue" subcommittee to "Finance" subcommittee and "Communications" subcommittee to "Community" subcommittee:

Operations

Committee member Heppe

Committee member Kelly

Committee member Worel

Finance

Chair Schivley

Vice Chair Schussel

Committee member Worel

Community

Committee member Beistel

Vice Chair Schussel

Committee member Tweedy

F. AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The schedule of agenda topics was discussed.

G. REPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Comments were made by members of the Committee.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.



Date: July 11, 2012
TO: Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee
FROM: Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager *CW*
SUBJECT: AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and approve by motion agenda topics for upcoming meetings.

DISCUSSION

Staff has prepared a draft schedule of agenda topics. This schedule will be updated regularly by the Committee.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Draft Agenda Topics

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Ad Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee – Draft Agenda Topics

July 11, 2012

July 25, 2012

Presentation regarding Emergency Medical Services provided in Vallejo.

Presentations regarding Police Department and Fire Department web-sites

Subcommittee reports

August 8, 2012

Sid DeJesus – Presentation regarding City of Vallejo Internal Affairs Division

Brief presentations regarding Police Officer Bill of Rights and Firefighters bill of rights.

Subcommittee reports

August 22, 2012

A review of best practices in other cities of Citizens Police Commissions, including approaches, powers, limitations and the impact of various models of citizen review.

Subcommittee reports

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Date: July 11, 2012
TO: Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee
FROM: Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager *CS*
SUBJECT: WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Written communications sent to the Committee's e-mail address are attached. Staff has responded to the individuals and indicated the e-mails have been forwarded to the Committee as part of tonight's agenda packet.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

6/20/12 e-mail from Jim Davis
6/20/12 e-mail from Gary Wettstein
6/20/12 e-mail from Ann Smith, Coleen Cole and Marian Swanson

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Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee - Marijuana Clinics

From: "Jim Davis" <jimfromohio@att.net>
To: <CitizensPublicSafetyAdvisoryCommittee@ci.vallejo.ca.us>
Date: 6/20/2012 6:24 AM
Subject: Marijuana Clinics

Why don't the police simply cruise by the clinics and tell hangers-out or smokers to move along? Or have code enforcement people demand that the premises and surrounding property be kept in good order? Like other businesses. Why do they close down the entire operation? It seems like overkill. Thank you. Jim Davis

From: Gary Wettstein <garilla@pacbell.net>
To: <CitizensPublicSafetyAdvisoryCommittee@ci.vallejo.ca.us>
Date: 6/20/2012 1:24 PM
Subject: Action requested

The corner of Sonoma Blvd. and Tennessee Street is and has had issues with loitering etc. for some time. A couple years ago on my way to work early in the morning I noticed a Vallejo police officer parked at one of the gas stations at that intersection. His presence all but eliminated any loitering. I pulled over and thanked the officer for hanging out there. I also sent a letter to the Times Herald that was published thanking the officer for taking what seemed like a genuine interest in that area. After that I never saw him or any other officer parked there again. The continuing problems at this intersection give a negative impression of Vallejo to out of towners passing through it on their way to the Napa Valley and beyond. Why is this situation allowed to fester? The simple act of officers occasionally stopping, perhaps while they do a report or make calls would greatly reduce loitering or other undesirable activities. This city's ability to continue to pay premium wages to its public safety personnel depends also on our ability to attract visitors and businesses and to generate more revenue. To not make an honest all out effort to tackle issues such as this will only eventually come back to haunt us all.

Sincerely,

Gary Wettstein

Ad Hoc Citizens Public Advisory Committee
Proposal by Ann Smith, Coleen Cole, and Marian Swanson 6/20/12

I believe Vallejo is seriously lacking in a cohesive plan to reduce crime in our city. After speaking with other concerned citizens we have come to the consensus that we would like to see the police department develop a 5 year plan to reduce and target crime in our city. A plan would assure citizens that they have not been forgotten and also require an accountability to the citizens that has been lacking up till now.

We believe that such a plan should include:

1. Using innovative, low cost methods such as community policing and Beat Health as well as traditional law enforcement. We would like to see the use of retired and reserve officers, as well as cadets to manage lower priority calls. We could also utilize private security.
2. We would like this plan to target and reduce gang activity, shootings, drug dealing, burglaries and property crimes, as well as prostitution.
3. We would like to see the police department applying for all crime reduction grants. We may need a full time grant writer or a volunteer for this position.
4. We would like this plan to include crime reduction education classes for citizens as well as the inclusion of citizens in a police emergency preparedness program such as the fire department has in CERT.
5. We would like all crimes to have reports as well as follow through by the police department, whether officers complete the follow through or volunteers.
6. Lastly we would like to have quarterly reports delivered to the open city council meetings that will allow the city manager, council, and the citizens to know what steps are being taken to reduce crime and the effectiveness of such a plan.

The San Francisco Chronicle on Sunday, June 17, 2012 stated that there had been a reduction in violent crime in 13 Bay Area cities due to a better use of police, courts, and outreach. Vallejo was not on the list. We need to look at what these cities are doing and copy their behavior.