

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE
5:00 PM, LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM
8085 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

**MINUTES
July 15, 2020**

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Wiegelman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Robert Duff	X
Dr. Janet Castanos	X
Jamal McRae	X
Susan Wayne	X
Caitlin Tiffany	X
Patricia Dillard	X
Rev. Frank Willey	X
Joshua David Morse	X
Steven Evans	X
Jack Shu	X
Vacant (Police Beat 4 Resident Representative)	

Others present: Megan Wiegelman, City Clerk; Lieutenant Chad Bell La Mesa Police Department; Community Service Officer Nora Allsberry, La Mesa Police Department

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Wiegelman and Lieutenant Bell read aloud the emailed public comments submitted by 3:00 p.m. the day of the Task Force Meeting.

Sarina Dahlan submitted a comment regarding standards for law enforcement officers.

Vinton Omaleki submitted a comment regarding his objection to having a police officer on the future La Mesa Police Oversight Committee.

Dave Palmer submitted a comment regarding his support of the Task Force and their possible transition to an official citizen review board.

Breanne Leinum submitted a comment regarding her support of a town hall meeting and a Police

Oversight Committee.

Andy Trimlett submitted a comment regarding NACOLE's principles.

Demetrius and Rebecca Antuna submitted a comment regarding potential oversight committee members.

Cheri Robertson submitted a comment regarding the components she would like in an Independent Citizens Police Oversight Board.

Emily Green submitted a comment regarding her support for a citizens oversight board.

Anonymous submitted a comment regarding the support of a police officer as a voting member for a potential oversight committee.

Sasha Jonestein submitted a comment regarding her support for the Task Force's work.

Ann M. Johns submitted a comment regarding her opposition to having a police officer on the La Mesa Oversight Commission.

Sarah Young submitted a comment regarding her support for LMPD and an independent citizen oversight board.

Melissa submitted a comment regarding her appreciation for the work the Task Force is doing.

Debbie Kinsinger submitted a comment regarding the need for community conversation.

Jessyka Heredia submitted a comment regarding her approval of, and appreciation for an independent citizens police oversight task force.

Missy Solis submitted a comment regarding her support for the Task Force.

Patricia Harris submitted a comment regarding her support for the Task Force.

The following comments were not received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline, and therefore were not read aloud during the Task Force Meeting:

Ashley Brown submitted a comment regarding her support for a police oversight committee.

Emily McDonald submitted a comment regarding how the La Mesa Citizen Police Review Board members should be selected.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE SPECIAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY JULY 1, 2020

ACTION: Motioned by Member Duff and seconded by Vice Chair Shu to approve the minutes for the Citizen Public Safety Oversight Task Force Special Meeting held Wednesday, July 1, 2020, as

amended, to change Bill Larson to Dale Larson on page 4 and add the names of the Subcommittee Members to Item 6's motion.

Vote: 10-0

Yes: Chair McRae, Vice Chair Shu, Members Castanos, Duff, Wayne, Tiffany, Morse, Evans, Dillard, and Willey

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

2. BRIEFING ON THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CITIZEN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

National City Community & Police Relations Commission Members Dan Long and Candy Morales

Mr. Long is National City Police Department's POA Secretary and is a non-voting member of their review board. Mr. Long acts as a resource to deal with policy issues and answered questions of the board members.

Ms. Morales is the Chair of National City's review board. Ms. Morales described how they review IA cases.

Vinton Omaleki submitted a comment regarding law enforcement presence on a review board.

- Task Force Member Willey left the meeting.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE TRANSITION OF THE CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE TO A CITIZEN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

ACTION: Motioned by Member Castanos and seconded by Chair McRae to propose to the City Council to transition the Task Force to the Oversight Board on a temporary basis until City Council approval.

Vote: 7-1-1

Yes: Chair McRae and Members Castanos, Wayne, Tiffany, Morse, Dillard, and Duff

No: Member Evans

Abstained: Vice Chair Shu

Absent: Member Frank Willey

Motion passed.

Debbie Kinsinger submitted a comment regarding transitioning the Task Force to the Commission.

Sarah Young submitted a comment regarding opposition to having law enforcement on the Commission.

Rebecca Littlejohn submitted a comment regarding the transition process.

Gayle Neville submitted a comment regarding her support for a completely independent citizen police oversight commission.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CITIZEN POLICE REVIEW BOARD FOR LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW

The Task Force discussed the seats to be filled on the Board, term limits, law enforcement presence, legal support, budget, meeting frequency, complaint processes, audits vs. investigations, subpoena power and details regarding the language of the proposal.

- Task Force Member Evans left the meeting.

Rev. Rebecca Littlejohn submitted a comment regarding the components of the proposal.

Rev. Kelly Ryan submitted a comment regarding the presence of LMPD within a Citizen Police Review Board.

Debbie Kinsinger submitted a comment regarding her opinion that it should not be a deliberative body.

Teri Andre submitted a comment regarding the presence of a police representative on the committee.

- Task Force Member Willey returned to the meeting.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Chair Shu and seconded by Member Duff to create an ad-hoc subcommittee, consisting of Patricia Dillard, Frank Willey and Jamal McRae, to work on a complaint handbook for the committee.

Vote: 9-0

Yes: Chair McRae, Vice Chair Shu, and Members Wayne, Tiffany, Morse, Castanos, Dillard, Duff, and Willey

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Member Evans

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Chair Shu and seconded by Member Duff for the Task Force to make a presentation to the City Council regarding the proposal.

Vote: 9-0

Yes: Chair McRae, Vice Chair Shu, and Members Wayne, Tiffany, Morse, Castanos, Dillard, Duff, and Willey

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Member Evans

Motion passed.

5. BRIEFING ON LA MESA PD INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS

ACTION: Motioned by Member Willey and seconded by Member Duff to table the briefing on La Mesa PD internal affairs investigations over the last 5 years.

Vote: 9-0

Yes: Chair McRae, Vice Chair Shu, and Members Wayne, Tiffany, Morse, Castanos, Dillard, Duff, and Willey

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Member Evans

Motion passed.

6. DISCUSSION OF CONDUCTING A SURVEY TO ESTABLISH BASELINE DATA TO DETERMINE CHANGES TO THE POPULATION OVER TIME

ACTION: Motioned by Member Castanos and seconded by Member Dillard for Janet Castanos and Caitlin Tiffany to create a participant questionnaire for a pre-survey.

Vote: 9-0

Yes: Chair McRae, Vice Chair Shu, and Members Wayne, Tiffany, Morse, Castanos, Dillard, Duff, and Willey

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Steven Evans

Motion passed.

Debbie Kinsinger submitted a comment regarding the need for a round table meeting.

7. STAFF AND TASK FORCE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Task Force Member Duff brought up scheduling conflicts with other City Board and Commission meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair McRae adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

Prepared by:

Nora Allsberry, Community Service Officer