

**Minutes
Special Meeting
Graffiti Task Force
Human Resources Activity Room
300 W. Third Street
Oxnard, Ca 93030
July 18, 2007
5:00 p.m.**

A. ROLL CALL

The meeting officially started at 5:35 p.m. Present were: Chairperson Holden, Vice Chairperson Flynn, Assistant City Manager Karen Burnham; Public Information Office: Rachel Crandall; City Attorney's Office: Julie Doi; Public Works Department: Michael Henderson, Cyndi Hookstra, Joel Galaviz, Veronica Chavez, Phil Gregoire, Jeff Miller and David Jurado; Code Compliance: Rob Silverstein; Probation Office: Don Burton; and Beth Saringo, Recording Secretary.

Public Attendance: Will Coulon, Pat Brown, Edwin Camanag and Ernest Stein

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECTS: Approval of minutes of June 20, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

ACTION: The minutes were not available at the time.

C. TASK FORCE REPORTS

1. Task Force overview, community outreach, education and graffiti action kit volunteers – Cyndi Hookstra

Cyndi Hookstra presented a trophy award for the graffiti video produced by Michael Emerson. It was a nationally recognized award for videos and documentaries. There were 4,000 entries in various categories.

Cyndi Hookstra reported the following:

- a. Will prepare a thank you letter to Karen Staples.
- b. Will be meeting with the elementary school district board.
Will be handing out rulers with the graffiti logo and numbers on it to report graffiti and a book to review for the elementary school program. Copies of the books will be kept in the Library once approved.
- c. We have done three operation neighborhood uplifts to date, the most recent at Bartolo Square North neighborhood which was very successful.

There were 12 community service kids, some volunteers from Walmart and volunteers from the City.

- d. Working on an article that will be published on our graffiti website.
- e. Working with Donna Helms regarding volunteer recognition event.
- f. The next graffiti neighborhood clean-up is in August. Will be cleaning trash and graffiti off of Hueneme Road in the alleyways of Andrea and Petit Drives in the Pleasant Valley Estates neighborhood.
- g. Will rectify the \$1000 reward sign posted in the Library.

3. Arrests and law enforcement issues - Police

Assistant Police Chief Benitez reported that their office keeps track of vandalism calls, there were 98 calls during the month of June. He also reported that he sent out letters to all Oxnard establishments who sell stickers or have available stickers to put them behind counters or behind locks. He also sent a letter to the Ventura Police Department requesting to do the same for the City of Ventura businesses.

Assistant Police Chief Benitez introduced Robert Denton, the Deputy District Attorney assigned to prosecute graffiti vandals. He also introduced John West, a liaison for the Oxnard Police Department.

E. TASK FORCE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discuss graffiti rewards and the graffiti reward resolution.

Julie Doi talked about the graffiti reward and resolution. Rewards can be given up to \$200.00 for anybody who made an arrest or apprehension. She said that Cyndi and herself will find out where reward money will be funded from and then come back to the Task Force.

2. Discuss an amendment to the graffiti ordinance for recovery of abatement costs.

Julie Doi mentioned that the graffiti ordinance will be amended and the amendment to the graffiti ordinance for civil citation will allow us to put a lien on their property and if they are under 18 years old, the lien is put on their parents property. The attached amendment will be presented to the City Council.

Vice Chairperson Flynn expressed his concern if they cannot pay restitution. Rob Silverstein shared that the Code Compliance office uses an agency named Revenue Experts for collection on a percentage basis.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Since August is dark month, the next regular meeting will be on September 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Michael Henderson, Secretary