

**MINUTES
CITY OF OXNARD
GRAFFITI TASK FORCE
Human Resources Activity Room
300 W. Third Street
Oxnard, Ca 93030
February 22, 2006
5:00 P.M.**

A. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Holden called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Present were: Vice Chairperson Flynn, City Manager Edmund Sotelo, Assistant City Attorney Jim Rupp; Public Works Department: Michael Henderson, Cyndi Hookstra, Veronica Chavez, Raymond Williams and Jeff Miller; Community Affairs/Public Information Julie Burris; Community Court Program Elena Salgado; Community Services Efren Gorre; Police Department Chuck Hookstra, Sandra Kujawa and Brian Bishop; Probation Office Mary Mall and Daniel Ibarra; Ventura County Sheriff Juan Cordova and Camarillo Police volunteers Barbara Simons and Bryan McClay.

Public Attendance: Pat Brown and Edwin Camanag

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: Approval of minutes of January 25, 2006 and February 8, 2006, regular meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

ACTION: The minutes of January 25, 2006 and February 8, 2006 regular meetings were not available.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Holden invited public comment. There were no comments from the public.

Pat Brown, though, asked questions regarding the availability of the graffiti action kits because people are wondering when the kits will be ready and for those who have the kits when they can get the supplies for replenishment, she said.

Veronica Chavez answered that the Graffiti Action Program is ordering more supplies and waiting for certificates. Michael Henderson said that we would have 300 kits ready to be handed out by March 3, 180 of which are for the people on the waiting list and the other 120 will be available for the public.

D. TASK FORCE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. The Task Force will discuss the window glass polishing equipment update.

Edwin Camanag mentioned that he has been in discussion with Joel Galaviz where to look for the polishing equipment. He gave a printed copy of what the machine looks like to Joel Galaviz. Months ago, the equipment cost about \$5 to \$7 thousand, not including the cost of training/class. He also said that there is a company in Palmdale and two companies in Los Angeles area. We will be contacting the company from Palmdale to check where we can get the equipment.

2. The Task Force will discuss the Ventura County Sheriff Contract with El Rio.

Graffiti Action Program sends out crews three times a week for four hours on overtime. The areas given by the County Sheriff to concentrate on are the following: Vineyard, Rose Avenue, Santa Clara, Central and Los Angeles Avenue.

Cyndi Hookstra reported that the graffiti hot line is getting inundated from people in the El Rio area for services. Currently, they are being told that we are not doing individual calls at this time and they are referred back to the Sheriff's office.

3. The Task Force will discuss the searches that were made on February 15, 2006.

Brian Bishop reported that the raid was being successful. He stated that graffiti is being an addictive behavior.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Volunteer program update - Cyndi Hookstra

Cyndi Hookstra reported the following:

- a) There was a presentation made at Oxnard High School. David Gallegos, the Assistant Principal has contacted her. Their club is interested in taking on Graffiti Action Kits (GAKs) as their community project. He asked for 20 of the kits and they will go out to the community to keep it graffiti clean.

- b) Forwarded information to City Council asking them who wants to participate/attend in the future graffiti presentations.

- c) The Probation Department, countywide, puts on a presentation once a month. It is called Graffiti Prevention Class. This is an opportunity for the City to make an impact to the kids and parents coming with them to the class. A commitment was made to the probation officer that the City will have somebody attending the presentation every month.
- d) Bartolo Square presentation – a resident has comment to require the kids on probation to attend the City Council meeting as part of their community service.
- e) There is a meeting tomorrow with the Kiwanis Club that Council Flynn is going to.
- f) Councilmember Zaragoza will come to the Lemonwood Neighborhood presentation.
- g) The City of Ventura has requested to see our graffiti video. Michael Emerson called and asked for permission.
- h) At the next Satellite City Hall, we will have a table for Graffiti Task Force.

Vice-chairperson Flynn mentioned about the goals for volunteers – kick off rally for volunteers, tentatively scheduled in July 2006, to give volunteers recognition in some way especially honoring those long-term volunteers.

- i) Assistant Chief Chuck Hookstra will send out a summary of police results from the February 15, 2006 raid.

2. Removal graffiti efforts - Joel Galaviz

Graffiti crew had a meeting regarding focusing on small graffiti. Made contact with Ray Williams regarding 20 signs with stickers. Replaced the windows at Dominicks. It was suggested to put a video surveillance signs on the windows on Dominicks.

- 3. Chairperson Holden, Vice-chairperson Flynn and Assistant Chief Chuck Hookstra had a meeting with Judge Coleman and Judge Covarrubias regarding graffiti and the judges seemed cooperative. Vice-chairperson Flynn stated that this was a partnership that will evolve overtime and that Mary Mall and Brian Bishop's names came up and that it was a good positive meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on March 8, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

Michael Henderson, Secretary