

**Minutes
Special Meeting
Graffiti Task Force
Human Resources Activity Room
300 W. Third Street
Oxnard, Ca 93030
June 20, 2007
5:00 p.m.**

A. ROLL CALL

Informal meeting started at 5:12 p.m. and the meeting officially started at 5:14 p.m. Present were: Chairperson Holden, vice Chairperson Flynn, City Manager Edmund f. Sotelo; Public Information Office: Christina Aerenlund; City Attorney's Office: Jim Rupp; Police: Sandra Kujawa; Public Works Department: Michael Henderson, Cyndi Hookstra, Joel Galaviz, Jeff Miller; Probation Office: Dopn Burton and Mary McCarthy; Code Compliance: Rob Silverstein; and Kay Swenson, Recording Secretary.

Public Attendance: Will Coulon, Pat Brown, Edwin Camanag, Lourdes Solorzano, Steve Yue

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECTS: Approval of minutes of March 21, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

ACTION: The minutes were approved.

C. TASK FORCE REPORTS

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

Cyndi Hookstra reported the following:

- a. 115 graffiti (tagging) court cases on file with the City
- b. \$22,290.82 collected in restitution fees.
- c. 506 Graffiti Action Kits have been distributed to the public for volunteer graffiti removal.

2. Graffiti Action Program (GAP) removal efforts, GAK distribution and hotline Statistics – Joel Galaviz

Joel Galaviz reported the following:

- a. Sand-blasting of graffiti will be looked into again.
 - b. The Call Center will verify addresses when calls come in.
3. Arrests and law enforcement issues – Police
- Police Officer Sandra Kujawa reported that there were 74 arrests made in May, 2007. There were 45 arrests made by the Patrol Unit. The Graffiti Unit reported arrests of 15 criminal cases and 13 civilian cases. Police Officer Sandra Kujawa introduced Robert Denton, the Deputy District Attorney assigned to prosecute graffiti vandals. District Attorney's are down by 40 in the County of Ventura.
4. Legal issues – City Attorney's Office - No comments during this segment.
5. Code Compliance Issues – Code Compliance – No comments during this segment.
6. Community Service Update – Christina Aerenlund reported that there have been 24 minors doing community service hours. The recovery efforts are 117 completed programs.

E. TASK FORCE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discuss graffiti rewards and the graffiti reward resolution.
- Jim Rupp reported there are no legal issues to obtain stickers from the Internet. Discussion of establishing a lock-up ordinance for graffiti items was discussed and working with store managers to support this issue.
2. Discuss City Council Resolution No. 10,124 regarding rewards for persons who provide information leading to the identity and apprehension of any person who places graffiti on public or private property.
 3. Discuss the annual graffiti volunteer recognition event.
- Cyndi Hookstra, Chairperson Holden, Vice Chairperson Flynn discussed planning a fall event and other options for recognizing graffiti volunteers. A suggestion of designating a Saturday morning as "A Day of Caring" for cleaning up and involving the different neighborhoods councils, followed by an afternoon Bar-B-Q for the participating volunteers at the park. Working collaboratively with Satellite City Hall may be an option in hosting this event.
3. Discuss the graffiti neighborhood clean-ups.

Cyndi reported there have been two graffiti neighborhood clean-ups to date and the third one is scheduled for June 30 in the north end of Oxnard from 9-noon. Cyndi has maps available and has contacted City resources, along with the neighborhood chair. Targeting the south end of town including the allies was discussed for future neighborhood clean-up days.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Michael Henderson, Secretary