



**Minutes
Special Meeting
Graffiti Task Force
Performing Arts & Convention Center
Oxnard Room
800 Hobson Way
Oxnard, CA 93030
July 8, 2009
5:15 P.M.**

A. ROLL CALL

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The meeting officially started at 5:15 p.m. Present were: Chairperson Holden, Vice Chairperson Pinkard, City Manager's Office: Martha Guillen; City Attorney's Office: Julie Doi; General Services: Michael Henderson, Cyndi Hookstra, Jessica Keith, Joel Galaviz and Veronica Chavez; Police Department: Mike Matlock, Mike Thomas, Sandra Plymire, Code Compliance: Larry McGrath; City Corp Efren Gorre, Angel Solom and Mauricio Jimenez; and Beth Saringo, Recording Secretary.

Public Attendance: Will Coulon
Pat Brown
Ernest Stein
Tom Garcia & Bill Rizzie – Tagging Crew

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECTS: Approval of minutes of March 11, 2009.

ACTION: Vice-Chairperson Pinkard made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2009 meeting. Chairperson Holden seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

D. TASK FORCE REPORTS

1. Task Force overview, community outreach, education and graffiti action kit volunteers – Cyndi Hookstra
 - Closing out last fiscal year from July 2008 to June 2009, had collected \$77,396.00 in restitution.
 - Had made graffiti presentation to about 5236 after school program kids.

- 2009 Operation Neighborhood Uplifts: three completed and one scheduled on the 26th of July.
 - TGRS graffiti software in progress.
 - Submitted Marvin Boos' name for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Mr. Boos puts in 900 volunteer hours.
 - Would like to revisit the Graffiti Ordinance.
2. Graffiti Action Program (GAP) removal efforts. GAK distribution and hotline statistics – Joel Galaviz

GAP continues to remove about 400 to 500 stickers on the stop signs every month which takes a long time and difficult to remove. GAP coordinates with Streets Division to replace signs when damaged.

3. Arrest and law enforcement issues - Sandra Plymire
- Thirty arrests for the month of June
 - \$10,000 received in civil citations
 - Forty-one reports generated in record system

4. Legal issues - City Attorney's Office

No report.

5. Code Compliance issues - Rob Silverstein

Larry McGrath reported that Code Compliance office does not get many calls for graffiti. Code Compliance office will start checking gas stations for graffiti and will start sending removal notices.

6. City Corp update – Mauricio Jimenez

Alley clean up between M Street and Ventura Road for the month of June. June 27, 2009, participated in the neighborhood uplift operation at Fremont Neighborhood.

7. Community service update - Martha Guillen

There were two referrals for the month of April, one in May, nothing in June and two for the month of July. Had 19 youths during the month of April and 8 youths as of todate. Out of 340 hours ordered, only 75.5 hours completed.

E. TASK FORCE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discuss and decide meeting schedule for 2009.

The Task Force approved to hold the regular Graffiti Task Force meeting every other month beginning in September 16, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. in the Human Resources Activity Room located at 300 West Third Street.

2. Discuss goals and objectives of the Task Force for the coming year.
 - Continue the operation neighborhood uplift program.
 - Continue outreach education program focusing on high school students. Cyndi Hookstra will ask permission from the Oxnard High School District to have a graffiti presentation to high school students on their Social Studies class.

Vice-chairperson Pinkard suggested sending out flyers to remind businesses of their obligations and that the City has an ordinance which requires that graffiti has to be removed or they will be fined. This goes to the residents as well to remind them of their responsibility.

Cyndi Hookstra will get the flyers/information in Council's packet.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Michael Henderson, Secretary

