

Police Oversight Task Force
September 10, 2013
5:30 p.m.

Summary Minutes

Members present:

Ralph Arellanes
Frances Armijo
Fabrizio Bertolletti
Hans Erickson (via telephone conference)
Julia Kennedy
Nancy Koenigsberg
Andrew Lipman
Craig Loy
Edmund Perea
Peter Simonson
Alan Wagman

Council staff present:

Tony Duran
Jessica Gonzales
Chris Melendrez
Donna Montoya
Julian Moya
Jon Zaman

Others present:

Dr. Bruce Perlman, Director, School of Public Administration, UNM
Robin Hammer, IRO

1. Call meeting to order

Mr. Lipman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Bertolletti to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Simonson. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0. Mr. Perea was excused.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting

Mr. Lipman asked the members to review the minutes and stated that action would be taken on the minutes at the next meeting of the Task Force.

4. Public Comment

Silvio Dell 'Angela addressed the Task Force regarding Police retaliation.

Kenneth Ellis addressed the Task Force regarding mediation and preliminary hearings.

Art Tannenbaum addressed the Task Force regarding increasing the members to fifteen.

5. Mission Statement and Vision Statement for the Task Force

After a brief discussion the Task Force agreed to adopt the following mission statement:

“The mission of the Police Oversight Task Force, as stated in R-13-143, is to review and recommend to the City Council changes to the City of Albuquerque’s mechanism of police oversight that will improve and ensure accountability, transparency, communication, and mutual trust between the Police and the Community. The Task Force will fulfill its mission engaging citizens in open and transparent public forums, by developing a thorough understanding of the City’s existing police oversight process and potential areas for improvement, by researching best practices and alternative oversight models from around the state and country and by making recommendations on ways to improve the police oversight system to the City Council.”

A motion was made by Mr. Arrellanes to approve the mission statement. It was seconded by Mr. Simonson. The motion carried by a vote of 8-1. Mr. Loy voted no and Mr. Perea was excused.

Vision Statement

The Task Force discussed the following Vision Statement:

“Albuquerque – A City Safe and Secure, With A First Rate Police Department”

A motion was made by Mr. Arrellanes to approve the vision statement. The motion died for a lack of a second.

6. General Road Map for the Work of the Task Force – Fabrizio Bertoletti

Mr. Bertoletti gave a brief presentation on the following road map for the work of the Task Force:

Task 1 – gather and access public sentiment and community perceptions about citizen oversight of police and APD in general.

Task 2 – Review and evaluate current citizen police oversight functions and roles with respect to effectiveness, efficiency, accountability, allocation of resources, community perceptions and compliance with established Ordinances.

Task 3 – Receive presentations/briefings by Consultants (MGT, Walker/Luna) and other national experts.

Task 4 – Gather information; request written reports on status of implementation of recommendations from past studies (MGT, Walker/Luna).

Task 5 – Gather information on citizen police oversight best practices from other communities.

Task 6 – Gather information, receive briefings and evaluate APD's Policies, Standard Operating Procedures, personnel relations, cadet recruiting and training.

Task 7 – Develop specific findings and recommendations on all of the above for the final report to the City Council and Administration

In addition to the road map, Mr. Lipman asked for a work plan for the Task Force to approve. Mr. Bertoletti and Mr. Simonson agreed to create a work plan for the Task Force to approve.

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7. Discussion of Potential Future Task Force Briefings

The Task Force agreed on the following:

- David Cameron, POC
- Jonathan Siegel, POC
- Robin Hammer, IRO
- MGT of America, Inc.
- Representative from APD, including Internal Affairs & Police Academy
- Albuquerque Police Officer's Association

- Andres Valdez, Vecinos United
- Silvio Dell' Angela
- City Attorney, Labor Relations
- Former POC Members
- IRO from a successful POC
- Risk Management
- Disabilities and Mental Illness

Mr. Simonson requested IRO Quarterly reports. Mr. Zaman responded that he will provide the Quarterly Reports to the Task Force.

8. Review of First Town Hall and Discussion of Notice and Publicity for Future Town Halls Meetings.

In addition to what staff is already doing to publicize the Town Hall meetings, the Task Force suggested the following additional publicity efforts: radio interviews, press conferences, direct calls to media, Public Service Announcements, attendance at coalition and neighborhood meetings, nonprofits and advocacy originations, newspaper ads, following the methods the Department of Justice used to advertised their meetings, Alibi, radio call in shows, and City Web site.

9. Report on Virtual Town Hall – Dr. Bruce Perlman

Dr. Perlman outlined the following options for virtual town hall meetings:

- Message board
- Call in show
- Cloud Service
- KNME – tape and broadcast/webcast for a later time
- KUNM Radio program – free with a three week notice

10. Discussion of Procedural Issues

- Interaction with media

Mr. Lipman asked for a motion that the Chair be the spokesperson for the Task Force.

A motion was made by Ms. Kennedy that the Chair would be the single point of contact with the media. It was second by Ms. Armijo.

After a lengthy discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Simonson to call the question. It was seconded by Mr. Loy. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Kennedy that the Chair would provide all interaction with the media. It was seconded by Ms. Armijo. The motion failed by a vote of 2 – 8. Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Armijo voted yes.

- Email correspondence & the Open Meetings Act

Mr. Lipman asked the Task Force members not to exchange any ideas by email or in private, and to let him know any items that need to be added to the agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Simonson that the Task Force will abide by the Open Meetings Act. It was seconded by Mr. Loy.

Mr. Melendrez informed the Task Force that they had already approved an Open Meetings Resolution; the Motion was withdrawn by Mr. Simonson.

- Purpose of Town Hall meetings vs. Task Force Meetings

Mr. Lipman clarified that the purpose of the Town Hall meetings is to hear from the public. The Task Force meetings are for the members to discuss, debate, express one's opinions, and to share information.

11. Possible Additional Task Force Members/Advisory Board

After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Mr. Loy to decline adding any new members to the Task Force. It was seconded by Mr. Simonson. The motion carried by a 9-0 vote. Mr. Erickson was excused.

A motion was made by Mr. Arellanes to allow non-voting advisory members to participate in this process. The motion failed by a vote of 2-7. Mr. Arellanes and Mr. Perea voted yes. Mr. Erickson was excused.

Mr. Lipman asked for suggestions from City staff and colleagues as to how to reach out to the public to participate in this process.

Mr. Lipman asked staff to provide the Task Force with recommendations regarding how to reach out to minority communities and hear their concerns.

12. Schedule further Task Force meetings

Mr. Lipman announced the following Task Force and public forums:

Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the West Mesa Community Center (public forum)

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. City Council Committee Room (Task Force meeting)

Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cesar Chavez Community Center (public forum)

Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. City Council Committee Room (Task Force meeting)

13. Other Business

A motion was made by Mr. Wagman to send a message to all City Officials requesting they comply promptly with all IPRA requests related to the purpose of this Task Force, and that they honor the spirit as well as the letter of IPRA and to give a public explanation at the next Task Force meeting for any IPRA and request not timely fulfilled. It was seconded by Mr. Simonson.

Mr. Melendrez expressed concerns about this item being taken up under "Other Business" and noted that given the item wasn't on the agenda it could not be voted on by the Task Force.

Mr. Wagman withdrew the motion and asked for this item to be added to the agenda for the next Task Force meeting.

There was no other business discussed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m