

Minutes

Community Task Force on Policing Meeting 2

October 7, 2021 Via Zoom

Participants:

- **Facilitation Team:** Larry Schooler, Sara Omar, Shelia Brown, Norma Ramos, and Joe Hoereth
- **City of Elgin:** Police Chief Ana Lalley, Assistant City Manager Karina Nava

Task Force Members: Charles Horton, Walter Blalark, Danise Habun, Sherman Blair, Aubree Flickema, Corey Battles, Cynthia Rivera, Ismael Cordova, Joshua Brockway, Karen Arreola, Kevin Zaldivar, LeJewel Crigler, Marcus Banner, Marcus Bradley, Penelope (Penny) Williams, Shimon Blanchard, Tish Calhamer

Task Force Members Absent: Carroll Bailey

Time (CT)	Topic	NOTES
6:00 – 6:05 pm	Call to Order and Agenda Review	Meeting began at approximately 6:00PM. Task Force members supported, and updated discussion agreements and suggestions as presented.
6:05 – 6:20 pm	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Any member of the public who wishes to address the task force may do so via Elgin City Hall</i> 	The Task Force Meeting did not receive any public comment within the chambers or via email.
6:20 – 6:25 pm	Review of Meeting #1 summary/minutes, approval of minutes	The Task Force reviewed minutes from Task Force Meeting 1, confirmed and approved.
6:25– 6:30 pm	Discuss Spanish interpretation/translation for Task Force meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discuss options and suggested approach from Facilitation Team</i> 	Facilitators presented the process and approach of Spanish interpretation and translation services for Task Force Meetings; no formal action taken. As of now, regular Task Force meetings will be translated into Spanish after completion and posted to the Task Force’s website; community input meetings will have interpreters onsite providing simultaneous interpretation in Spanish (and possibly other languages).
6:30 – 6:45	Discuss Communication from Public to Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Follow-up from citizen email (Chief Lalley, TF)</i> • <i>Discuss process for handling future communications (emails and process</i> 	Facilitators presented the outcomes, including media and community discussions, from an email sent by a citizen to the Task Force which was shared at the end of the Task Force Meeting held on 9/30. Chief Lalley presented a statement which included a review of the incident and findings on behalf of the EPD to the Task Force. The Task Force discussed on how to manage future communications from the public; no formal action was taken, but the Facilitation Team will relay future

	<p><i>communication between meetings)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is our practice moving forward</i> 	<p>communications from the public to the Task Force with information redacted as needed (email addresses, names, etc.).</p>
<p>6:45 – 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Task Force Structure Conversation/Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review input from TF in meeting 1</i> • <i>Discussion about structural models elsewhere</i> • <i>Make decision (via consensus, vote, etc.) on best structure</i> 	<p>Facilitators presented four options and conversation and decision structural models. The Task Force members discussed which model would work best. The Task Force members presented four models to decide which included:</p> <p>Model 1 Chair/Vice-Chair (permanent): Agenda prep, will be the voice of TF for Media, Council etc.-Facilitators will work with TF on what to say to media. Compliance w/ordinance/procedures to call to order.</p> <p>Model 2: Chair/Vice-Chair (rotating): Same task/responsibilities but workload will be rotated with TF members</p> <p>Model 3: No-Chair/Vice-Chair: TF will provide input on agendas during prior meeting; facilitators guide TF members in their discussions. TF will decide how to repond to media inquiries</p> <p>Model 4 Core/coordinating Team: Clarification was made that there will be (5) or less TF members. Serve as rotating spokespeople for TF. Rotate role call meetings and adjournment.</p> <p>The Task Force members agreed via consensus to Model TF Member Cordova’s recommendation moving forward. The Task Force will select a chair, co-chair, and spokesperson, who will serve in those roles for the next few months, at which time the Task Force can determine whether those individuals should continue serving (if they would like to continue) or whether new members should be chosen to fill those roles.</p>
<p>7:00 – 7:05pm</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>7:05 – 7:20pm</p>	<p>Information Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Learn what Task Force members want to know in order to address their assigned topics</i> • <i>Make specific requests for information from Elgin Police</i> 	<p>Facilitators presented the topic prioritized the Task Force Meeting 1 topics to discuss additional ways to support informational needs to address these topics.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ensure/improve accountability for Elgin Police Department 2) Consistency of EPD’s Use of Force policies with best practices 3) Evaluating current EPD Training

	<i>Department, Facilitation Team</i>	
7:20 – 7:35pm	Subcommittees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Discuss desired topics/purview/process of subcommittees</i> ● <i>Review survey top priorities are accountability, use of force, training)</i> ● <i>Open discussion/ identify number of subcommittees etc.</i> 	No action taken.
7:35– 7:50pm	Plan next Task Force meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Discuss topic for next meeting</i> ● <i>Discuss key Task Force questions/information needs</i> 	The Task Force members agreed via consensus to discuss the topic: accountability. The Task Force members discussed various levels of accountability topics and information needs; no formal action taken.
7:50- 8:00pm	Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Next Meeting: October 21, 6-8pm CT</i> 	The Task Force members will meet Thursday, October, 21, 201 from 6 to 8 pm CT.
8:00 pm	Adjourn	The Task Force adjourned at 8:17 pm.