



# City of Santa Rosa

City Hall, Council Chamber  
100 Santa Rosa Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

## Public Safety Subcommittee Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

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Wednesday, January 27, 2021

1:00 PM

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Fleming called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**Present:** 3 - Victoria Fleming, Natalie Rogers and Tom Schwedhelm

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Motion made by Chair Fleming, seconded by Vice Mayor Rogers, to take Item 6.4 first.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Chair Fleming, Committee Member Rogers and Committee Member Schwedhelm

**Motion by Chair Fleming, seconded by Rogers to take Item 5 after Item 6.4.**

**Yes:** 2 - Chair Fleming and Committee Member Rogers

**No:** 1 - Committee Member Schwedhelm

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

#### 6.4 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PLAN

Magali Telles, Director of Community Engagement, will provide a presentation on the Community Empowerment Plan, including a brief overview of the Plan goals, initial outcomes and next steps.

**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)  
[6.4 Correspondence \(Uploaded 1/26/2021\).pdf](#)

Magali Telles, Deputy Director of Community Engagement, presented and answered questions by the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Evan - Congratulations on hard work of the city that are working on this plan.

Keith - Regarding the lowrider car, make sure the message is conveyed properly.

Cox - Never heard any outreach on this item. First time she's heard about it.

Melissa - Echo other speakers about transparency, how to get more involved. Better outreach.

Bibs - Community outreach needs more transparency.

Michael - Do not be selective about who you are listening to during public comment.

Lee - Spoke on Community Engagement, human rights, embracing new ideas, moving away from police brutality, and implementing CAHOOTS.

Bailey - Echoing previous statements.

Chris - spoke on being active in community and stated he did not know about the listening sessions.

Colin - Agree with previous comments. Positions in the C-CAT, are there new positions added to Police?

Tavi - Why does law enforcement not show transparency, no letter sent to the community. Bridge the gap if you cannot get our trust.

Daniella - Thank you. Echoes previous callers. Why no signature of police on the letter regarding to Jan 6? Ethnic studies with a cop is not a good idea. Need someone of color to do it and not cops.

Alice - Appreciates the community comments. Ensure outreach should be planned with community and staff. Horrified by Ethnic studies with a cop.

Kelsey - CEP survey was a good opportunity but not well advertised. Acknowledgement of harm being done and accountability is important. Trust is broken.

Eddie - Talked about the lowrider funding, must give and demand respect. Reach out to your representative.

Zoe - Echo all comments and concerns.

**Present:** 3 - Victoria Fleming, Natalie Rogers and Tom Schwedhelm

**Chair Fleming recessed the meeting at 2:08 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 2:09 P.M.**

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## **5. SUBCOMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITY SETTING**

Committee discussed their objectives and priorities.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bonnie - Read a letter into the record regarding Citizen/Police Oversight Board needed.

Cox - Audit police officers about their affiliated groups and social media (white supreme/social terrorism).

No Name - requested services for homeless. Feels like a willful abandonment.

Omar - in favor of civilian oversight of police, stop criminalizing the homeless.

Tavi - We need to audit police and look for white supremacy. Need a public statement from police decrying white supremacy.

Evan - In the best interest of the community to put into place programs and practices, holistic justice. Unions seem to be resistant to empower and hold people accountable.

Colin - Echoes previous callers, end sweeps of homeless.

Maria - In middle of winter and pandemic, need warming tents, and more for the homeless. Stop sweeping the homeless, need police oversight. Need permanent place for homeless to live.

Laima - Echoes previous comments. Since no one has heard of the program, we are not doing a good job getting the word out. Also against SRO.

**Chair Fleming recessed the meeting at 2:58 P.M. and reconvened at 3:02 P.M.**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT MODEL FOR RESPONSE TO MENTAL ILLNESS/HOMELESSNESS-CAHOOTS**

Staff will provide an update regarding the contract process for working with White Bird Clinic and is seeking guidance for next steps for the development of a model for the City of Santa Rosa's response to mental illness and homelessness outreach.

**Attachments:** [Presentation for Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3](#)

Chair Fleming made the statement that she does work for the County and does not have a conflict. Subcommittee Member N. Rogers also disclosed that she works for the County and does not have a conflict.

Police Captain John Cregan presented and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Evan - Commends Police and City for implementing CAHOOTS.

Merlin - Program should not be under the police budget, keep police away from the homeless.

No name - Should be under the dept of health, not police. Deeply concerned that Catholic Charities will be involved. Don't let them.

Allegra - Echos other comments.

Bibs - Glad to see this on the agenda. Don't partner with Catholic Charities. Police work under white supremacy system.

Maria - Real challenges with police in community, questions about funding. Wants another shelter at the fairgrounds.

Bailey - In support of program, but mental health professionals should be handling this, not police.

Daniella - Exciting that the CAHOOTS program is coming. Wants to put in Cotati, that is where she lives. Dispatch should be training to turn those calls over to CAHOOTS, not the police.

Cox - Supports less police engagement, especially in mental health.

Michael - Echos comments that the program should not be under the police. Why only Catholic Charities?

Sara - Get trust of the community.

Keith - Best police agency but needs improvement.

Tavi - We need sustainable health for the homeless and have much better communication.

Alan - CAHOOTS is the right way to go.

**Chair Fleming recessed the meeting at 4:06 P.M. and reconvened at 4:16 P.M.**

**Present:** 3 - Victoria Fleming, Natalie Rogers and Tom Schwedhelm

## **6.2 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER UPDATE**

Santa Rosa Police Department will provide a brief update on the School Resource Officer Program.

**Attachments:** [School Board Letter](#)  
[6.2 Correspondence \(Uploaded 1/26/2021\).pdf](#)

Police Chief Ray Navarro presented and answered questions from the subcommittee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lee - In favor of leadership to fund programs like CAHOOTS. thank you for holding these meetings.

Evan - Best practices should be observed. SRO were placed in schools because of mass shooting at schools.

Merlin - Schools have done the right thing by kicking the officers out of school. Defund the police, get the criminals out of the schools.

Mark - Member of SRO committee. Quoted part of letter from Lori Fong. Would like to see a new MOU between Schools and City.

Keith -Objected to SRO when he put his child back in school. Thinks SRO were put into school to look for gang members. Cannot trust police to do the right thing.

Bibs - Use police funding for IELERO and CAHOOTS and other regenerative programs.

Colin - Straw vote at school board to not continue SRO.

Cox - Echo preious speakers, stop pushing SRO in schools. Having therapeutic professionals would be better, not officers.

Natalie - Agrees with prev speakers. no police on campus.

Alan - Thinks that the Chief uses the SRO to recruit.

Kelsey - Just because the majority agrees, does not mean it is the right thing to do.

Tavi - Talked about school to prison pipeline and why we need CAHOOTS but not SRO.

### 6.3 POLICE AUDITOR

Staff and the City Manager will provide an update on the Police Auditor. The update will include the prior position and scope of work and the current status of the position.

Attachments: [6.3 Correspondence \(Uploaded 1/26/2021\).pdf](#)

This item was not discussed.

### 6.5 THIN BLUE LINE SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Discussion about social media post.

Attachments: [6.5 Correspondence \(Uploaded 1/26/2021\).pdf](#)  
[Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 1/26/2021\).pdf](#)

This item was continued to the February 2, 2021 meeting.

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fleming adjourned the meeting at 5:19 P.M.

**Approved on: August 11, 2021**

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**Elizabeth Licursi, Recording Secretary**