

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2018 – 8:30 A.M.

NOVATO CITY HALL – WOMACK CONFERENCE ROOM

Corte Madera Town Manager Todd Cusimano called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. The following were in attendance: Undersheriff Mike Ridgway, Novato Police Chief Adam McGill, CHP Captain Robert Mota, Task Force Commander Rudy Yamanoha, Task Force Assistant Commander Ryan Petersen, Task Force Special Investigations Assistant Christine Wheeler, Corte Madera Town Manager Todd Cusimano, Novato City Council Member Pat Eklund, County Administration Dan Eilerman, Board of Supervisor's Judy Arnold, Detective Nicholas Scotto, public member Ed Schulze, public member Dan Falzon, and civilian Mark Dale.

Cusimano opened the meeting with introductions.

Cusimano then presented approval of last meetings minutes. All present approved.

Lieutenant Yamanoha introduced the new Assistant Commander Ryan Petersen. Petersen spoke about his background and expressed his excitement in regards to the position.

Lieutenant Yamanoha provided an Asset Forfeiture update. In mid-May we received a payment in the amount of \$27,511.94 from the District Attorney's Office which was applied to the balance of the Sheriff's Office loan. Additional distributions from the District Attorney's Office are expected by the end of the calendar year. Federal distributions totaling \$67,835.82 were generated in mid-July and we are awaiting receipt. There is one payment in confirmation status in the amount of \$5,360.17 that is expected to finalize by the end of the month.

Undersheriff Ridgway informed the committee that there was a budget surplus for the 17-18 Fiscal Year. These funds will be rolled into the trust balance of the loan owed. The pending asset forfeiture funds after the loan balance would then be applied to service and supplies; surplus would then be distributed to JPA member agencies. Eklund suggested the committee put to agenda a discussion regarding setting up a reserve. Ridgway pointed out that per past discussion there are four member cities that would be at a disadvantage to do so. Eklund requested that in an effort to find a resolution we at least have the discussion and put the matter on the agenda.

Yamanoha discussed recent cases, stats, and agency contacts.

Detective Scotto provided a more in depth look at the use of the Dark Web. Scotto discussed the challenges law enforcement faces because of the security and anonymity associated with the Dark Web. The Task Force has been able to intercept drugs being mailed but has explained locating the source is complicated. Scotto also spoke about the efforts being made to combat the rise in Fentanyl related deaths. The Coroner's Office has agreed to work jointly with the Task Force in relation to drug related deaths. Although we are seeing Fentanyl in Marin the supply is coming from outside the county thus far.

Cusimano opened public comments. Mark Dale discussed upcoming training events. He also reminded the committee that all freshman parents will be receiving a guide covering what their kids are being exposed to, reiterating that our young population deaths are on the rise.

Eklund requested that the agenda include a section for Board member comments as well. She noted that Novato established an outreach program regarding cannabis and that any input was welcome, there have been discussion with stakeholders, and the feedback all around has been mixed. Eklund shared with the committee the shock she feels about the recent deaths of several

young people and would like to have a conversation about what more can the Task Force do. Schulze commented that he has a tremendous respect for what Task Force does.

Next meeting set for November 5th at 0830. Location Novato City Hall.

Meeting adjourned 09:14 a.m.