Summary Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Erin Armstrong, Chair, UASI Ad Hoc Committee, called the meeting to order. The roll was called, members present included Matthew Snelson, Cinthya Muñoz-Ramos, Erin Armstrong, Ana-Marie Jones and John Lindsay-Poland. All members were present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jon Lindsay-Poland and seconded by Cinthya Muñoz-Ramos to approve the minutes of December 14, 2018, January 10, 2019, January 14, 2019 and January 30, 2019 with the following corrections/changes:

- Correct the spelling of Ana-Marie Jones’ name throughout the minutes
- Add links to referenced documents
- January 10th minutes refer to a meeting on January 22, 2019, the meeting was changed to January 30, 2019

A motion was made John Lindsay-Poland and seconded by Erin Armstrong to approve the minutes of March 6, 2019 with the following corrections/changes:

- Add links to referenced documents, including Ad Hoc Committees’ letter to the Board of Supervisors and correspondence from the Sheriff’s Office and Bay Area UASI

III. Review of Board Actions

Erin Armstrong, Chair commented on the Board of Supervisors actions taken as a result of the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations on funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative.

- The Board of Supervisors met to review 63 recommendations from UASI ad hoc,
- Opted to move 60 recommendations forward with a conference with the Sheriff’s Office,
- Consensus was reached on several,
- Ad Hoc Committee returned to the BOS to report on the consensus,
- The Sheriff’s Office presented a similar report,
- The BOS adopted all 60 of the recommendations;
- The Sheriff was disappointed with the result of the vote;

John Lindsay-Poland commented Board actions taken as a result of the recommendations, including:

- There were several public comments at both meetings of the Board of Supervisors (February 26, 2019 and March 12, 2019)
- The Board approved 60 recommendations of the Ad hoc Committee
- The Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Bay Area UASI and the Sheriff’s Office
• Supervisors Chan and Valle stated that they would not vote to approve recommendations if they believed the funding was going to be lost, however they did not spell out how funding would be lost
• The Bay Area UASI group stated that the recommendations violated the grant guidelines, however they did not spell out how the recommendations violated the grant guidelines
• The BOS believed the MOU would be approved by the approval authority

Sheriff Department/UASI Approval Authority

The UASI Approval Authority agendized to have a presentation from the Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office reported to the UASI Approval Authority that the recommendations adopted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors violates the UASI grant guidelines and recommended that the UASI Approval Authority reallocate the funds for Alameda County. Attachment

It was reported by Bay Area UASI that Philip White, Regional Manager, Bay Area UASI, who attended several UASI Ad Hoc Committee meetings was not representing Bay Area UASI in those meetings.

The BAUASI voted to reallocate the funds for the Alameda County Training and Exercise Program and to identify determine a process to identify and develop a whole community approach to the next Regional Training and Exercise Program. Attachment

IV. Review of Options

The ad hoc Committee discussed options of submitted an Op Ed to news media from the Committee to dispel mis-information about the Ad Hoc Committee on UASI.

John Lindsay-Poland submitted an Op Ed piece which was published in the San Francisco Chronicle regarding defective disaster preparedness. Attachment

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Public Records Request Act (PRRA) are tools that could be used as a Committee.

Erin Armstrong reported that four members of the Ad Hoc Committee were requested to submit their e-mails that include the word(s) “Ahern” “Urban Shield” “UASI” and others due to a Public Records Request from an anonymous person.

The Ad Hoc Committee discussed dissolution of the Committee.

Erin Armstrong and Matthew Snelson supported dissolution of the Committee.

John Lindsay Poland stated that the Ad Hoc Committee still has more work to do in tying up loose ends.

Ana-Marie Jones recommended that an actual committee be formed to look at disaster preparedness in Alameda County.

Cinthya Muñoz-Ramos stated that the Committee did not have an opportunity to see if another department could take up disaster preparedness, such as the Public Health Department.

The Ad Hoc Committee all agreed that the County should have a dedicated body to focus on emergency preparedness in Alameda County in addition to the Office of Emergency Services report to the Board of Supervisors every six months regarding emergency preparedness.
V. Authorize Action

The Ad Hoc Committee will draft a recommendation to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on Urban Area Security Initiative and include the following:

1) Maintain/Continue the vision of the Ad hoc Committee on UASI
2) Ensure the Board of Supervisors is engaged in emergency preparedness
3) The Board of Supervisors develop a vehicle and or venue to engage in emergency preparedness
4) Report to the Board of Supervisors how the UASI grant funds will be used this year

Committee members agreed to send specific recommendations/language to Erin Armstrong, Chair and she will draft the language to be compiled by Erin Armstrong and voted on at the next meeting.

VI. Public Comment

Omowale Satterwhite attended the meeting as a private citizen and encouraged the Ad Hoc Committee to continue and work toward the broader vision for the County with a shared focus and alignment in the role to lay out disaster preparedness programs for Alameda County.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to Monday, May 13, 2019.