Ad Hoc Committee on
Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
Thursday, October 4, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Location: County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Room 255, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Summary Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Erin Armstrong, Chair, UASI Ad Hoc Committee, called the meeting to order. Roll was called and members present included Matthew Snelson, Cinthya Munoz-Ramos, Erin Armstrong, and John Lindsay-Poland. Ana-Marie Jones was excused, due to noticing requirements, however she was listening in on this meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

John Lindsay-Poland made a motion to have an opportunity to review the minutes of September 21, 2018 and approve minutes at a future meeting, seconded by Matthew Snelson.

Motion passed: 4/0

III. Introductions

Committee members shared information about their experience with Urban Shield, Urban Area Security Initiative and disaster preparedness.

John Lindsay-Poland brings experience as a human rights defender and scholar. He has worked in armed conflict situations in Latin America as an accompanier of people threatened with political violence; addressed security needs for unarmed people; has researched Urban Shield through Public Record Act requests to various agencies; spoken extensively with Sheriff Ahern on Urban Shield; was on Urban Shield Task Force last year, attended UASI meetings and observed Urban Shield activities in 2017 and 2018.

Cinthya Muñoz-Ramos, Legislative Director, Supervisors Richard Valle’s Office, District 2, has observed Urban Shield in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. She has observed various exercises and attended various Urban Shield events. Ms. Muñoz-Ramos attended last year’s Urban Shield Task Force meetings and she has experience working in ecological justice. She has knowledge around disaster preparedness and natural disasters.

Erin Armstrong has worked on special projects and policy related matters in Supervisor Nate Miley’s Office, District 4. She has advised on social services policy and public protection policy. Recently Ms. Armstrong recently worked on the Measure A Childcare Measure. Ms. Armstrong attended Urban Shield events last year and this year and has been to several community events around Urban Shield, including yellow command and green command. She holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration and Public Policy.

Matt Snelson, Lieutenant for the Fremont Police Department, holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration, and an Undergrad in Psychology from Cal State East Bay (formerly Cal State Hayward).
Lt. Snelson has been a participant in every Urban Shield in several forms, including team leader and site captain. Lt. Snelson is currently the SWAT commander for Fremont Police, and has participated in numerous disaster preparedness trainings, and a leadership symposium for Fleet Week, where disaster response is coordinated with national resources. In addition, he has participated in rescue task forces.

Erin Armstrong, Chair, stated that Ana-Marie Jones will have an opportunity to state her experience with Urban Shield, UASI and disaster preparedness at a future meeting.

IV. Revised Meeting Scheduled & Protocols

The revised meeting schedule and protocols are as follows:

Revised Meeting Schedule
September 21, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, 1221 Oak Street, Room 225, Oakland, CA
October 4, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, 1221 Oak Street, Room 225, Oakland, CA
October 19, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Location TBA
November 5, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Location TBA
November 19, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Location TBA
November 30, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Location TBA
December 14, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Location TBA

The October 19th Ad Hoc Committee on UASI will be held at the Fremont Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538.

Revised Meeting Protocols
- Actively participate
- Allow each voice to be heard
- One speaker at a time
- Respect differences
- Critique ideas, not people
- Be forward thinking
- Seek common ground, understanding
- Respect decisions made by the group
- Review materials and come to meetings prepared for discussion
- Silence cell phones

V. Learning Goals & Data Needs

Learning Goals

Erin Armstrong and Omowale Satterwhite, Facilitator, provided the Committee with a draft document of Learning Goals and explained the breakdown of the working document. The document is broken down into three (3) areas 1) discovery, 2) design (developing a framework); and 3) 2019 Alameda County approach to the UASI program.

Data Needs

John Lindsay Poland asked about his request for data, which he submitted at the last meeting.

Erin Armstrong is working to get the information requested.

The Urban Shield 2018 Proposed Budget document was provided to Committee members.
Kathleen Harris, Facilitator, provided a document entitled “UASI Data Needs”, which contained request for information, the source where information can be obtained, and a link to some of the information where available.

VI. Urban Shield Guidelines, Adopted by Board of Supervisors and Alameda County Sheriff’s Office

Attachment

Erin Armstrong read the twelve (12) Urban Shield Guidelines that were adopted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff’s Office in January 2017.

1. Expand community involvement and awareness
2. Urban Shield will be free from racist stereotyping
3. Work to expand training the medical profession for critical incidents
4. Urban Shield will not include surveillance training
5. Continue to examine new technology and equipment
6. Urban Shield will not include crown control training
7. Continue to evaluate existing equipment
8. Urban Shield will exclude any and all vendors who display derogatory or racist messages in any form
9. Urban Shield will exclude the sale or transfer of any assault weapons and firearms
10. Will exclude vendors displaying non-law enforcement related tactical uniforms and equipment
11. Urban Shield will strive to maintain the finest first responder training possible
12. That no invitations to participate in Urban Shield be extended to teams from countries with documented human rights violations

John Lindsay Poland requested an update on the defined key words and phrases that were to be defined as recommended by the Board of Supervisors.

The Committee requested from the Sheriff’s Office, information on how guidelines were implemented in 2017 and 2018, a full scope of implementation of the guidelines since their adoption.

VII. UASI Overview and 2019 Plan – Bay Area UASI

Attachment

Craig Dziedzic, General Manager, Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative, presented introductory comments and introduced Bay Area UASI members, including: Catherine Spaulding, Assistant General Manager, Tristan Levardo, Chief Financial Officer, Corinne Bartshire, Project Manager, Shawn Sexton, Project Manager, and they presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Scope & Role of the Bay Area UASI.

The presentation included an overview of UASI, including stakeholder participation, funding and allocations, trainings and exercises, UASI timeline and budget.

Committee members and Bay Are UASI members held a question and answer session after the presentation.

VIII. Alameda County Emergency Management - continued to October 19, 2018

Erin Armstrong requested that for the next meeting the Office of Emergency Services (Paul Hess, the Social Services Agency (Michael Osborne) and the Public Health Department
IX. **Discussion on Criteria to Weigh Recommendations** – continued to a future meeting

Erin Armstrong, Chair continued this agenda item to a future meeting. She provided the Committee with a handout entitled “What Are Criteria?” and asked the Committee to review the document.

X. **Public Comment**

David Keenan, Director of a non-profit organization, that abates house and non-conforming buildings, have assisted in 150 buildings, represents owners and tenants of those buildings, to bring the buildings into compliance. Community involvement is a high priority of the Board of Supervisors.

The community members are the first responders of an affected area. Enforcement and prevention is really important, would like to see resources given to communities that are organized.

XI. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned to Friday, October 19, 2018.