Ad Hoc Committee on
Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
Monday, January 30, 2019
3:00 p.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. 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

Erin Armstrong made a motion, seconded by John Lindsay-Poland to approve the minutes of December 7, 2018 as submitted.
Motion passed 5/0

III. Review of UASI/Urban Shield Framework

Kathleen Harris, facilitator, explained the methodology used in creating the report, including the rationales and the minority opinions of the Ad Hoc Committee. In addition, Ms. Harris and Omowale Satterwhite, facilitator, welcomed any input from the Committee.

Ad hoc committee members discussed the final report and gave input to the facilitators regarding the final report.

John Lindsay-Poland submitted a list of quotes made by members of the Ad Hoc Committee to the facilitators to incorporate into the report as appropriate.

Speakers

Ken Pratt resident City of Oakland, veteran, does not understand why the Sheriff’s Office participates in Urban Shield, he stated it appears to be an opportunity to make money.

Dr. James Betts, pediatric surgeon, Children’s Hospital, has been involved in Urban Shield in the past and encouraged the Committee to recommend continuation of the program.

Philip White, Bay Area UASI, submitted recommended language to the Ad Hoc Committee regarding Homeland Grant Security Program specific guidelines to be considered for the final report.

Mohamed stated that federal requirements do not always line up with what is best for Alameda County and to keep that in mind.

Tracy Rosenberg thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for taking a holistic look at the UASI program and she agrees with most of the recommendations included in the report.
Jette Winckler expressed that she is in immigrant and a daughter of a first responder and thanked first responders for their service. Ms. Winckler stated that the Committee failed to reach out to volunteers who have participated in Urban Shield and urged the committee to consider the volunteer community.

Brian stated that there is a need for professionalism with an academic track at Urban Shield. Sociology of events, complex social economic forces and how to prevent riots are not taught at Urban Shield to his knowledge.

IV. Approval of UASI/Urban Shield Framework

Erin Armstrong made a motion to approve the recommendations contained in the final UASI/Urban Shield Framework Report, seconded by John Lindsay-Poland.

Motion passed 4/1

The final report on the UASI/Urban Shield Framework will be heard by the Board of Supervisors at their February 26, 2019 meeting.

V. Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, March 6, 2019.