

Safe Community Task Force:
Research Subcommittee
Minutes
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28 January Attendees: Rachel Daack, Mike Hodge, Karl Kohlen, Rick Dickinson, Jerry Maro, Doug Stillings, Mary Coan, Steve Jacobs

The purpose of the meeting was to consider developing a statement to present to the Task Force for informational purposes. We routed the beginning of a statement, discussed changes, and then agreed to develop a final statement for discussion on 10 February.

We also talked about concerns regarding the City's RFP for research on crime/Section 8. City staff was going to meet about the RFP after this meeting.

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The subcommittee finalized a statement entitled "Safe Community Task Force: Talking Points." We hope to submit the statement for Task Force consideration on 18 February. The final document is attached. We leave all decisions up to the Task Force as a whole and the processes we have agreed to use.

We spoke as a subcommittee about our inability to act until the RFP decision is made. We need that information to evidence-based recommendations, and we know that we cannot generate the information ourselves. We would like to know where this process is.

This previous point led us to wondering if the Task Force needs a new structure. Perhaps this subcommittee is not what we need right now. As we develop as a task force, it might make sense to consider change in our structure.

We also discussed and would like to recommend an in-service on Section 8 for Task Force members, subcommittee members, the Landlord Association and . . . There are many questions about how it works and how we might contribute to its improvement—to make Dubuque's program the best Section 8 program in the country. We realize that this takes us away from crime, but we want to be accurate when we respond to our neighbors and friends rather than participating in muddying the waters.