

PBAB monthly meeting agenda 4/21/22

Thursday, April 21, 6-7 PM at City Hall

Present: A. Dunn (chair), J. McCorkle, R. Maclean (sec.), F. Gaglianese (ex officio, council liaison)

1) Approve minutes from March meeting

Approved unanimously

2) Discuss responses from Chief and DCJS to our questions & our next steps

Comments: It was helpful to hear about different staffing models and how the Chief perceives the workload distribution.

Everyone is interested in learning more and seeing data broken down into: Calls/responses; How many officers respond; Categorization, i.e. mental health, domestic, vehicle and traffic arrests; how many calls get a GPD response, vs. another agency etc.

Does the Chief feel that the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 (proactive/reactive/administrative) staffing model fits here in Geneva, or does he think there's a different one that matches our unique situation?

The DCJS concluded on-site information gathering—now working on data analysis and writing. The report is expected Late May-June. Will the report definitely contain a breakdown of calls/responses? Regardless of what's in the report, we need those numbers. Even if there's an additional cost to get the numbers. The original argument for DCJS was that it was free.

The Board is asking for much more detailed budget. Not due to any worry of malice or malfeasance, but to gain clarity about how things work. Need a picture of how things work externally (i.e. from the outside), not just internally.

Regarding the Reinform and Reinvention Collective survey data, was it included in the DCJS study: did they find it useful.

Pg. 17 of the Collective's report: for future conversations, about 16 bullet points: how could they be integrated into a six-figure budget? How many mental health calls. Devote \$33k to training—1% of the entire police budget—very little of it bias or wellness training.

Action items: find out about breakdown of responses. Question about the survey.

- 3) Discuss possibility of FOIL requests: TABLED
- 4) Decide how/when to collate comments and questions from Google doc

Adopting a framework of study, the Board needs to compose a bigger portrait of how things work, to provide the CC a model for a more useful budget oversight.

With a bit more descriptive information we can provide feedback on better ways to arrange line items, suggest better practices to know accurately what is spend under each line. We understand there are City-wide practices of pulling money from other line items once the budget runs out in a given line. Not that it's wrong to move money, but we need a better way of accounting for what's actually spent, e.g. if you take money from supplies to pay for additional training expenses, there's no record of how much was really spent on training.

In other words, even if balancing the budget out to zero makes sense fiscally, there should be a note indicating funds transferred from one line to another to assess actual year-to-year operating costs.

- 5) Assign next steps (perhaps including agenda items for May)

Amara will email Erica with our request for info above...

Everyone will think about possible candidates to be nominated as an alternate for this Board

Next meeting: Thursday, May 19 6-7 PM

We will continue to compile our questions