

PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU

FY 2016-17 BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Notes from the BAC meeting on 1-7-16

In attendance:

- Community Members: Musse Olol, George Weatheroy, Barbee Williams, Fred Sanchez (Absent: Patrick Gortmaker)
- Portland Police Association: absent
- Mayor's Office: Deanna Wesson- Mitchell
- City Budget Office: Christy Owen
- Police Bureau: Assistant Chief Crebs, Bob Del Gizzi, Catherine Reiland, Kezia Wanner

A/C Crebs presented a welcome to the committee.

Performance Measure Presentation

Kezia Wanner presented revised performance measures reflecting the impacts of the FY 2016-17 Requested Budget. The revised data presented the impacts to each performance measure of the add packages and the reduction packages, separately. The presentation generated a lot of discussion about bureau operations, including Traffic Division programs, Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), and staffing levels. Musse Olol asked about the ability to automate traffic enforcement (ie photo radar and red light cameras) in the event that Traffic Division staffing is cut. The ensuing discussion clarified that the photo radar and red light camera programs both require sworn members of the bureau to validate the radar and the images, as well as attend court to testify about the citations issued by these programs.

Fred Sanchez mentioned the effectiveness of the NRTs. He spoke to the NRTs ability to address the homeless issues in the city, especially in East Portland. He mentioned an example of a foreclosed home which became a problem location and the NRTs successfully addressed this location/issue.

George Weatheroy stated that relationship-building between the police and community is fundamental to the success of the bureau. Trust is built through relationships. It is critical that the bureau have enough officers to be able to build and nurture relationships in the communities they serve.

Fred Sanchez inquired about the ability to have a higher number of officers than is currently authorized. Deanna Wesson-Mitchell spoke to Mr. Sanchez's question and stated that the Mayor would support greater numbers of officers as over-hires above the authorized staffing level of up to 15 officers.

FY 2016-17 BAC Letter

Catherine Reiland provided the group with a draft BAC letter for review. Christy Owen mentioned that there was no mention of homeless populations or the bureau's efforts to address vulnerable populations. George Weatheroy made mention that smart phones and body-worn cameras need to be separate discussions/considerations as the smart phones are essential and need to come first. Assistant Chief Crebs stated that the Chief will issue phones as soon as possible, and it is one of his highest priorities. Musse mentioned that School Police should be priority to receive the smart phones first.

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BAC Process Improvements

Barbee Williams suggested that instead of the BAC receiving large volumes of information to review, the bureau should also provide training to the BAC through other ways, such as site visits to programs. She suggested that the BAC prioritize the requests included in the Requested Budget submission. Musse mentioned that the Citizen's Academy was beneficial for him to better understand the bureau operations and that it is informative to do ride-alongs with officers. Fred Sanchez liked the process of the budget requests being pre-prioritized and submitted to the BAC for review and discussion. He liked the overall process and the summary information that was provided. George Weatheroy suggested extending the BAC meetings from one and a half hours to two hours.

Follow-up Comments/Questions

- Musse to see if there is data on crimes that are caused by/related to marijuana legalization
- Christy asked how the DOJ Agreement and community engagement are being addressed
- Christy asked how the call response time is affected by traffic and population growth
- George asked what methodology is used for the response time calculation, as it seems high