



Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting #2

January 24, 2019, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Congress Center, Room 513

Dinner served at 5:00 PM

Meeting Summary

BAC Attended: Paul Agrimis, Tonya Booker, Kendall Clawson, Patricia Frobes, Jenny Glass, Randy Gragg, Jacki Hunter, Tamara Layden, Jenny Lee, Lorena Nascimento, Jim Owens, Mary Ruble, Gladys Ruiz, Natalie Rush, Bob Sallinger, Jaclyn Sarna, Yoko Silk, Bonnie Gee Yosick, Peter Zoltanski

Staff Presenters: Kia Selley and Claudio Campuzano

AGENDA

I. Commissioner Message

Commissioner Nick Fish

Commissioner Fish thanked the BAC for their time and involvement and outlined PP&R's budgetary issues. Commissioner Fish gave a brief explanation of the scope of the problem and the main financial drivers.

Commissioner Fish mentioned that the bureau has implemented spending limits on hiring, training and travel, and purchasing to mitigate budget impacts in the current fiscal year.

He reiterated that long-term financial sustainability is the bureau's top priority, and that the bureau's financial problems cannot be solved with one-time strategies.

Commissioner Fish also reiterated his values of equity and access; then he opened the floor for questions and answers.

BAC suggested that Commissioner Fish and the bureau tap into BAC's connections and relationships to help.

BAC discussed with Commissioner Fish the need to communicate PP&R's value to the community – e.g. the bureau's positive impact on community health. BAC also suggested that PP&R's increased workload (and financial impacts) created by increased homeless issues should be compensated with additional resources.

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Commissioner Fish discussed with the BAC the possibility of bridge funding to assist. BAC Labor representatives expressed that bureau staff should have an opportunity to participate in ideas and decision making for budget reductions.

II. Welcome, Agenda, & Summary Review Pat Frobes

Pat Frobes welcomed everyone and had the group approve the December 11, 2018, Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Summary.

III. Budget Presentation Kia Selley

Kia Selley made a presentation on the projected scope of the FY 2019-20 budget gap, how it happened, and the new budget timeline created to give PP&R more time to solve its deficit thoughtfully, and with BAC values in mind.

IV. DISCUSSION All

BAC discussed the presentation and how FY 2019-20 projections fits into the overall financial status of the bureau. PP&R staff discussed revenue shortfalls in FY 2018-19 and how they are being addressed, as well as potential longer-term impacts of maintenance for capital projects, deferred maintenance, and continued rising personnel costs.

For FY 2019-20, PP&R must solve its budget deficit – it is a structural deficit and reducing expenses will set the stage for long-term financial stability. It is one step in the process.

BAC asked how the deficits break down by division. Kia Selley mentioned that all budget projections are still being refined; however, we do know that the deficit in the Recreation Division accounts for more than half of the total projected deficit.

BAC discussed how the committee could help – fundraise, leverage contacts, provide expertise, etc.

The group discussed city-wide consequences of rising personnel costs and what is happening in other bureaus.

PP&R staff discussed what it means to be financially sustainable and how to manage community expectations.

The group discussed next steps and how and when the BAC might engage in the process. It was discussed that a fourth meeting would be scheduled. The timing is still to be determined, depending on PP&R's extended timeline for proposed budget reduction solutions and how that timeline intersects with the City budget process.

Kia Selley and Pat Frobles will discuss appropriate next steps.

The group discussed communication strategy. Jennifer Yocom referred the BAC to the FAQ and website for details. BAC requested that PP&R create a budget-related email address for the public to access. Staff agreed to do so.

V. BAC Letter

Pat Frobles

BAC discussed their letter for the February 4 Requested Budget submission. Pat Frobles agreed to draft the letter and solicit feedback from the BAC.

VI. Wrap Up and Adjourn

Pat Frobles