

City of Mountain View

Minutes - Draft

Public Safety Advisory Board

Thursday, November 18, 2021

7:00 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

This meeting was conducted in accordance with City of Mountain View City Council Resolution No. 18603 in accordance with Assembly Bill 361. All members of the Public Safety Advisory Board participated in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Aiyar called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, and Wang

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public Comment opened at 7:07 p.m.

Member Frink arrived at 7:08 p.m.

The following members of the public spoke:

Tim MacKenzie Bruce England

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes approval for October 21, 2021

MOTION - M/S – Brodovsky/Sandhu – Approve with no modifications.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, and Wang

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

5.1 School Resource Officer Subcommittee Recommendation

Principal Management Analyst Melvin Gaines presented the staff report and recommendations of the School Resource Officer Subcommittee.

The following members of the public spoke:

Kiyoshi Taylor

Salim Damerdji

Toni Moos

Kevin Ma

Kenan Moos

Bria Myles

Alex Churchill

Sebastian Brisbois

Jeanine Valadez

Caroline Charrow

Miriam Connor

Renee Rashid

Dave Luetger

Andrew Cain

Tim Mackenzie

Bruce England

Alexander Brown

PSAB members reviewed recommendations, proposed additions and modifications, and voted as follows.

MOTION - M/S - Aiyar/Tang - Recommendation 1A as amended

Recommendation 1A: The purpose of the SRO program should be clear in the MOU between the City and MVLA. The purpose should specify what the SRO program is and outline when it is appropriate and how to involve an SRO in a matter concerning a student. An MOU with MVWSD should be done as soon as possible. The City should evaluate the necessity for MOUs with private schools.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, and Wang

MOTION - M/S - Frink/ Langton - Recommendation 1B

Recommendation 1B: The City and the school districts should collaborate to develop communications and regularly provide information about the SRO program purpose and activities/programs to students and the school district communities. School district staff should regularly be trained on when it is appropriate and how to involve an SRO in a matter concerning a student.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, and Wang

MOTION - M/S - Frink/Brodovsky - Recommendation 1C as amended

Recommendation 1C: The MVPD should provide annual updates on the YSU programs, including a summary of program activities and enforcement actions, program metrics and any evaluation to the PSAB.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, and Wang

MOTION - M/S - Langton/Sandhu - Recommendation 1D (new)

Recommendation 1D: Establish metrics and goals for YSU programs and assessment of student outcomes. Potentially identify a program evaluation resource to evaluate the program.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 4 - Aiyar, Langton Sandhu, Wang

No: 3 - Brodovsky, Frink, Tang

MOTION - M/S - Frink/Member Langton - Recommendation 2A as amended

Recommendation 2A: The MOUs between the City and School Districts should specify that the City and school districts will ensure there are safe ways for students to raise any concerns or complaints they have about SROs and develop a process to address these concerns/complaints. The MOUs should also specify a designated point of contact at each school to facilitate resolution of complaints/concerns about SROs and work with SROs to ensure they are able to provide structured programs and activities on campuses. Complaint data should be presented to the PSAB along with other quarterly complaint data.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton Sandhu, Wang

No: 1 – Tang

MOTION - M/S - Frink/Langton - Recommendation 2B

Recommendation 2B: Through intentional and structured programming, SROs and school staff should develop opportunities for dialogue and other activities that can help bridge divides between SROs (police in general) and students.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, and Wang

MOTION - M/S - Langton/Wang - Recommendation 2C (new)

Recommendation 2C: MVPD explore adding support for special needs students within existing YSU programs.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, and Wang

MOTION - M/S Frink/Aiyar - Recommendation 2D (new)

Recommendation 2D: MVPD explore ways to involve more City public safety staff in PAL programs.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu No: 2 - Tang, Wang

MOTION – Member Frink moved to add a recommendation for the City to explore ways to house the SROs in Mountain View.

Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION - M/S - Frink/Langton - Recommendation 2E (new)

Recommendation 2E: MVPD should strive to place SROs to meet the needs of the specific community they serve – for example, language fluency and cultural sensitivities.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, and Wang

MOTION - M/S - Sandhu/Langton - Recommendation 3 as amended

Recommendation 3 The City (Police Department) should develop a YSU procedural manual that sets operational standards, including ongoing training requirements for SROs. The manual should include clear policies on how SROs interact with students and conduct law enforcement activities on school campuses. The procedural manual should specify that, to the greatest extent possible, disciplinary law enforcement actions affecting students should be conducted discreetly, out of the sight of other students.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Aiyar, Brodovsky, Frink, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, and Wang

MOTION - M/S Brodovsky/Langton - Recommendation 4

Recommendation 4: The YSU procedural manual should specify that SRO presence on the high school campus should be more structured with officers primarily being on campuses to either provide or participate in specific activities and programs or to respond to calls for service.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Sandhu, Brodovsky, Langton, Tang, Wang No: 2 - Aiyar, Frink

6. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Sandhu mentioned changes to waste management services.

Member Tang asked for clarification of the work plan time adjustments.

Chair Aiyar thanked Principal Management Analyst Gaines for his insight, wisdom, hard work and integrity.

Principal Management Analyst Gaines thanked the PSAB, staff and public and applauded the PSAB for their commitment, passion and work.

Vice Chair Frink expressed his feeling of safety living in Mountain View.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 p.m.