

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Aiyar.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Board members Brodovsky, Langton, Sandhu, Tang, Wang, Vice Chair Frink (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), and Chair Aiyar.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Principal Management Analyst Melvin Gaines.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comment opened at 7:07 p.m.

The following members of the public spoke:

Tim MacKenzie Bruce England

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion – M/S Brodovsky/Sandhu – Carried 7-0 – To approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting without modification.

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

Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) members reviewed recommendations, proposed additions and modifications, and voted as follows.

Motion – M/S Aiyar/Tang – Carried 7-0 – To approve Recommendation 1A as amended:

Recommendation 1A: The purpose of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program should be clear in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the Mountain View Los Altos School District. 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 the Mountain View Whisman School District should be done as soon as possible. The City should evaluate the necessity for MOUs with private schools.

Motion – M/S Frink/Langton – Carried 7-0 – To approve Recommendation 1B as follows:

Recommendation 1B: The City and the school districts should collaborate to develop communications and regularly provide information about the SRO program's 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.

Motion – M/S Frink/Brodovsky – Carried 7-0 – To approve Recommendation 1C as amended:

Recommendation 1C: The Mountain View Police Department (MVPD) should provide annual updates on the Youth Services Unit (YSU) programs, including a summary of program activities and enforcement actions, program metrics, and any evaluation to the PSAB.

Motion – M/S Langton/Sandhu – Carried 4-3; Brodovsky, Frink, and Tang no – To approve Recommendation 1D as follows:

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

Motion – M/S Frink/Langton – Carried 6-1; Tang no – To approve 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.

Motion – M/S Frink/Langton – Carried 7-0 – To approve Recommendation 2B as follows:

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.

Motion – M/S Langton/Wang – Carried 7-0 – To approve Recommendation 2C as follows:

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

Motion – M/S Frink/Aiyar – Carried 5-2; Tang and Wang no – To approve Recommendation 2D as follows:

Recommendation 2D: Direct the MVPD to explore ways to involve more City public safety staff in Police Activities League (PAL) programs.

Motion – Board 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 – Carried 7-0 – To approve Recommendation 2E as follows:

Recommendation 2E: MVPD should strive to place SROs to meet the needs of the specific community they serve (e.g., language fluency and cultural sensitivities).

Motion – M/S Sandhu/Langton – Carried 7-0 – To approve Recommendation 3 as amended:

Recommendation 3: The MVPD 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.

Motion—M/S Sandhu/Langton—Carried 5-2; Aiyar and Frink no—To approve Recommendation 4 as follows:

Recommendation 4: The YSU procedural manual should specify that SRO presence on high school campuses 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.

6. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

7. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, BOARD REPORTS

Board member Sandhu mentioned changes to waste management services.

Board 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

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