



Pac Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2021

1. Presentation by Jennifer Fridenbach
 - a. Established Cart (Compassionate alternative response team)
 - b. Did a survey of 95 unhoused san franciscans
 - c. The program will be staffed by formerly homeless people
 - d. Main observations
 - i. Staff should have background in homelessness
 - ii. Should be well equipped with resources
 - iii. What to do when a business owner complains about people? educate them
 - iv. No arrest or jail time
 - v. Core values that framed process include
 1. Be compassionate
 2. Be a direct source
 3. Build trust
 4. Free of charge and voluntary
 5. Participant-centered
 6. Building community resilience
 - e. Jennifer Friedenbach
 - i. Stop a lot of calls from falling into the purview of police dispatch
 - ii. When calls come in to dispatch, they'd be rerouted to CART
 - iii. Establish a cart direct hotline that would deal with:
 1. Suicide preventions
 2. Housing referrals
 3. Medical attention
 4. etc
 - iv. Improve in person services
 - v. Connect with nonprofits and other groups
 - vi. A lot of people calling about homeless people want a police response unfortunately

- vii. \$6.8 million from the city is ideal to make the program happen. \$2 million is already on reserve spend. The remaining 4 million should come from the city budget, ideally with reduction in police budget.
- viii. Taxi drivers will be given vouchers for helping drive homeless.
- ix. The idea is to get the plan into the city budget.
- x. What to do about people with weapons?
- xi. The training for staff will be really intensive. Really well-paid and supported.
- xii. Community program, non-profit. The idea was for it to not be through the city.
- xiii. What about housing? How will the program address that?
- xiv. Staff will have a really strong background in getting people in touch with housing.
- xv. How will the public become aware of this program? We value input, and that is still to be discussed.
- xvi. Be totally transparent and have an oversight committee that is focused on outcomes.
- xvii. There'll need to be a lot of education with the public and people who just want homeless people gone.
- xviii. How will the police respond to CART?
- f. Jackie Thornhill makes a motion "to support the efforts to implement CART"
 - i. Seconded. Passed with one absence
 - ii. Laurence Berland abstains (hasn't read it)

2. SF Policymaking 101.

- a. Wanted to show how the policymaking in SF works, and how to get shit done
- b. Mayor
 - i. Strong mayor system, can hire and fire department heads
 - ii. Elected to 4 year terms
 - iii. Has a budget authority
 - iv. Can appoint city commissioners
- c. Board of supervisors
 - i. Our legislative body.
 - ii. Pass legislative
 - iii. Sit on committees.
 - iv. A lot of legislation first starts with committees
 - v. Anything that has a budget has to go through budget committee
- d. Community stakeholders
 - i. Any person or group that influences policies
 - ii. Every legislation sits for 30 days for the public to view and public comment
 - iii. This year it would be great to have an early stance on legislation
 - iv. Kurtis got involved with the public bank
 - 1. Literally sat went to public comment

2. rEach out to supervisors
 3. Reach out to committees
 - e. Ballot and elections
 - i. Initiatives can be put on ballot by 4 supervisor
 - ii. Residents can collect signatures to put legislation on the ballot
 - iii. Can the mayor unilaterally put legislation on the ballot.
 1. Yes. Mayor breed did that really.
 - iv. If you go to the ballot for something that can be legislated through the board, it's probably petty politics.
3. Terrier Frye
 - a. Recently passed away
 - b. Was continuously misdiagnosed and had to be her own advocate
 - c. A motion was made by Sue Englander to *“express unconditional support for sfusd board of education in the face of unwarranted and out of proportion attack on its integrity on the issue of school renaming. The board of education functions as generating educational policy in the k-12 schools. It’s decisions deserve reasoned discussion and not high caliber assault in print. This has raised the temperature of debate and subjected the board threats against the and their lives. The HM LGBT Dem club condemns this editorial and the public reaction elicited.”*
4. Laurnce Berland
 - a. Asks the club to support motion SB 331, which expands protections and empowers victims who’ve been victims of workplace harassment to speak out.
 - b. Motion passes with one abstention.
5. Meeting adjourned.