

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



PROGRAM COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 4:00-5:00pm

Meeting held by teleconference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Twelfth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency.

Commissioners

Johanna Lacoë, Chair
Linda Martley-Jordan
James Spingola

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call

Chair Johanna Lacoë called the meeting to order 4:09pm.

Present: Commissioners Johanna Lacoë and James Spingola; Linda Martley-Jordan joined later.
Others present: Katherine Mill, Chief Probation Officer, JPD Staff, Staff from Community-based Organizations (CBOs) – see list at end.

2. Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e)

Motion to approve by Commissioner Spingola; second by Commissioner Lacoë.

No public comment.

AYES: (2) Lacoë, Spingola- Motion passes.

3. Public Comment - No public comment.

4. Review and Approval of the Program Committee Meeting Minutes of NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Motion to approve by Commissioner Lacoë; second by Commissioner Spingola.

No public comment.

AYES: (2) Lacoë, Spingola - Motion passes.

5. Topics for Future Program Committee Meetings

(Commissioner Linda Martley-Jordan joins meeting.)

Commissioner Lacoë lists some future topics, states not in any order nor priority.

- **Juvenile hall:**
 - **Focusing on current environment**, including scheduling and type of programming, are there upgrades and fixes for those youth currently there, thinking about investments now that are portable vs. any fixed safety upgrades to the facility.
 - **Shared leadership:** What would that look like and who would it be?
 - **Future visions of what the hall would look like.**
- **AB12 youth**

- **Special populations** – one mtg. or more: CSEC, Newcomers and youth in secure youth track (who stay longer)
- **Bringing in SFPD** to learn more about their process.
- **How to boost community participation in these meetings.**

Commissioner Lacoé calls for commissioners to comment.

Commissioner Spingola states this is a full list.

Commissioner Linda Martley-Jordan states that everything here is very important, but thinks these should be prioritized. For her, the Police Department and juvenile arrest is her priority from the list shown, then secure youth track students, AB12 youth, special populations and CSEC.

Chief Katherine Miller talks about scheduling mtgs. Reached out to Police Chief William Scott asking about when the new General Order will be complete, should be done in the next couple months. His recommendation is for them to present when it is done and they are ready to implement, in a couple months.

Margaret Brodtkin: Wants to coordinate with the Full Commission; thinks it works well to discuss in Full Commission then send to Program Committee for discussion and report back. Wants that coordinated.

Chief Miller states that her recollection is February topic is the Budget and time for new Director to hear from folks, but not respond. Then March meeting is the District Attorney (DA) attending and there will be a (JPD presentation) deep dive into AB12 young people, but nothing sketched out afterward.

Margaret Brodtkin wants to make sure that Program Committee is prepared to deal with feedback regarding the hall or shall they wait until the March meeting? The DA meeting may lead to follow-up in Programs Committee, but after that, we want to hear from the Police Chief.

Chief Miller mentions that the Chief of Police cannot attend full commission meetings due to Police Commission meeting at same time, so will have to be in Programs.

Commissioner Lacoé states this format might not always work due to short time turnaround from Full Commission Mtg to Program Committee meeting. Staff may not be able to turn around the reports that quickly. She would prefer a list of topics to cover when it doesn't map easily from Full Commission to Program Commission.

Commissioner Lacoé states that February will focus on budget and juvenile hall, March will focus on AB12, that might be one Program Mtg to discuss something else, perhaps the hall. Not sure there will be enough information at that time, but we (Program Committee) could talk about what the experience is like for the young people.

Chief Miller – Would like to come back to the Full Commission later in the spring with a lot of new information esp. as the researchers are returning their findings interviewing young people in the hall and results from this new research. Would be good for AIR to present. Would February be a good time to identify a speaker, a time for learning for everyone – a topic that we all want to learn about or already flagged? March will be AB12, then April can dig into the Police issues.

Public Comment:

Margaret Brodtkin states February is an open hearing for comments about the hall. She would like to see some room open at subsequent meetings to allow for continuances on topics.

Dinky Enty, CJCJ – Appreciates the juvenile hall “current environment” bullet, but considering recent events, in the current environment, we also talk about youth safety as well as everyone’s safety and have partners who support our youth, as well as on-going programming.

Jenny Pokempner, Youth Law Center – One topic, more of a question, re complex care funds for individual cases for the county to leverage. We know more about fund usage & changes have made it more user friendly and how this might crossover, i.e. how to leverage all these resources might crossover with some topics. One suggestion could be presenters on the complex care funds and how they can be used for young people in the juvenile justice system. Maria McKee says she would like to talk to Ms. Pokempner offline.

Commission Lacoé states anyone can email her if they have any more thoughts on topics.

6. Discussion on how to better engage families, youth, communities, and agencies in the Program Committee

Commissioner Lacoé states it would be great to involve more families, youth in our meetings. There is a lot of information given out in meetings that people perhaps are not aware is being provided and more community involvement might help us all be more on the same page as to what we are trying to achieve here. Also, states if Full Commission meeting is perceived as too “scary” then perhaps the Program Committee is a space where people feel more comfortable participating in the process. What would make it easier for folks to express their ideas and give feedback?

Chief Miller – Shares that City Attorney has announced that meetings will go back to in-person, not-hybrid, in March. Reminder that these mtgs. used to be in other sites in community. Feels like this is an opportunity to hear what people are thinking, to go out into the community.

Sheryl Cowan, Commission Secretary reminds that Full Commission Meetings are held at City Hall but subcommittee meetings are held at JPD. There are distinct differences in timing for agendas if Full Commission or Committee Meeting are held at other locations in the community. All doable.

Public Comment called.

Margaret Brodtkin would like to talk about Log Cabin Ranch.

Commissioner Martley-Jordan – States that hosting meetings in the community, seems very fruitful, does pose some issues re: mobility. Would like to explore this more; wants to see planning for offsite mtgs for both Full Commission and the Committees. Thinks we should start planning these meetings.

Commission Secretary states there are differences in timing for posting agendas, will check, if different place, 2-weeks.

Commissioner Lacoé states that as we plan, would it make sense to invite speakers, and plan earlier. Commission Brodtkin states that remote mtg. at CARC was very useful but difficult technically.

Chief Miller states that meeting at offsite provider location allows them to highlight their programs.

Commissioner Lacoé – Asks about prior practices for in-community meetings. In past, do community members from nonprofits attend? Also asks about spreading the topics in advance to our partners, so if there is a topic they want to talk about, they can plan. Mentions it being hard with childcare, etc.

Margaret Brodtkin – Mentions the new JPC Community (email) List, but we could make it more exciting which could include more compelling language – or maybe even a letter to them.

326 on the e-list + about 200 JPD staff.

Commissioner Spingola – Thinks just having a topic that the Community is interested in would be better, rather than just talking about the agenda. Mentions the time of day matters for the Community. Offers his agency location as site.

Margaret Brodtkin – When the Chief of Police speaks, write a flyer to post, etc. more people would come. Commissioner Spingola agrees; thinks we “can fill the house.”

Commissioner Lacoë – Thinks it would be great to think about how to get young people more systematically involved; you all work with the young people more directly so please send ideas on how to make it more effective. Make the language more approachable.

Commissioner Brodtkin states the bylaws state two mtgs may be in the community, but that is not a limit. Between going to City Hall or being on your computer, or going to a location you know is powerful.

Commission Spingola – States that perhaps not a full commission mtg. where there is too much structure. Would like to open to a dialog. If we try Program Meeting with more dialog, where young people have more Q&A, that might be better.

Commissioner Martley-Jordan – Thinks the invitation should have the topics listed. Would like to concentrate on inviting more young people and groups who work with young people. Mentions having the Police Chief or DA speak. This is about inquiry and finding out information – letting them have their voice.

Commission Brodtkin – States that Commissioners should look at the community list. She states that she speaks to many people who make comments about juvenile hall who have never been there.

Chief Miller states that the multipurpose room in the hall could be used. Reminds all that the hall is still under a health order and there would be mandatory testing at this point – and it is currently used for youth meeting with defense attorneys. We’d also have to talk to their attorneys, be mindful of timing and germs.

Jenny Pokempner states that having a meeting at the hall may not be a great place for young people who have residual bad experiences. Likes idea of multiple meetings.

James Spingola – “Location, location, location” – multiple spots would be ideal. Juvenile Hall is out of the way, thinks Community spaces would be ideal.

Commissioner Lacoë mentions developing list of where these locations might be.

Mentions the AIR Report; would be happy to have one of these sessions, to either “translate” the report or have an AIR researcher come talk.

7. Adjournment 4:57pm

Others in attendance:

JPD staff: Steve Arcelona, Sheryl Cowan, Celina Cuevas, Adrian Garcia, Michael Husak, and Maria McKee

Margaret Brodtkin

Dawn Stueckle, JJPA & Sunset Youth Services

Jenny Pokempner, Youth Law Center

E Jackson-Simpson

Dinky Enty, CJCJ

Hillary Buren, Huckleberry/CARC