

Pleasanton Police Department
Community Advisory Board
Tuesday June 28, 2022
Briefing Room

Department Attendees: Chief David Swing, Captain Larry Cox, Captain Kurt Schlehuber, Administrative Assistant Kim Monfort

CAB Members in Attendance: Bill Foley, Gary Davila, Jennifer Degroat-Penney, Ediambolo Lokoto, Pinky Mukherjee, Puneet Pamma, Raffiq Rajabali, Melanie Sadek, Sylvia Tian, Soraya Villasenor (Via Zoom: Gene Litvinoff)

Absent: Tim Barley, Tonya Bass, Erica Gallegos, LaTasha Jefferson

I. Chief's Welcome

Chief Swing welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda.

II. Police Department Update

a. AB481 – Military Equipment – Council Action

Capt. Cox provided follow-up on last month's conversation on AB481. AB481 relates to the oversight and transparency for the funding, acquisition and use of "military equipment." Capt. Cox shared that CAB's feedback was integrated into PPD's presentation to City Council. The item went to Council on June 7th and again on June 21st. Council voted to support PPD's continued use of equipment they already have. AB481 will require PPD to report back to council once a year as well as get approval for the purchase of any new equipment. This will be incorporated into PPD's semi-annual reports to council.

CAB member Foley watched the City Council meeting and felt the presentation went well. He was particularly impressed with PPD's record keeping and management of equipment.

b. Alternate Response Unit Update

Capt. Schlehuber provided an update on PPD's Alternate Response Unit (ARU). City Council approved funding for the new unit in November. The unit was begun in January, 2022 and is comprised of two Homeless Outreach Officers and a Police Sergeant. Since January, the unit has worked to develop policies and procedures on how to deploy the team and have visited other teams across the state gathering recommendations. For the past two months, the unit has intercepted calls for service that were appropriate for them to respond to. Part of the plan is to have clinicians join the team. The department put out an RFP and a

qualified response was received from Bonita House. The contract will go to City Council on July 19. Once approved the recruitment process for clinicians will begin. Training with Bonita House will take approximately three weeks. The team hopes to be fully staffed by September.

CAB member Villasenor expressed excitement for the program especially with regard to the potential to provide juveniles experiencing mental health crises with services instead of having to involuntarily detain them for a 72-hour psychiatric hospitalization. CAB member Penney, who was part of the workgroup that developed the ARU, stated that this is a great program and she is excited to see Bonita House taking it on. CAB member Tian suggested PPD look at the demographic in the schools when comprising clinicians for the program, particularly to the Asian community.

c. Annual Report

Chief Swing thanked CAB members Foley and Barley for reviewing the draft annual report and providing insights for consideration. Copies of the final annual report were given to CAB.

III. Old Business

a. Equitable Policing – Continuing the conversation

Conversation on equitable policing, which was begun at last month's meeting, continued. The group discussed the requirements of the Racial Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) and how the department will use the data in reviewing policing practices. CAB was happy to hear that some of the negative things present in other communities are not present in Pleasanton. CAB member Villasenor compared equitable policing to issues seen in the school district. She spoke about the importance of breaking down the system to look at race, culture and how that affects behavior. CAB member Lokoto spoke about the African American community/culture and CAB member Tian about the Asian community/culture. Discussion centered on understanding the differences of each culture and root causes of equity. In terms of RIPA data, CAB expressed interest in seeing several data points, particularly, the reason for the stop, the number of warnings issued, the number of citations issued the number of arrests made, etc.

CAB offered to have members of their respective nationalities come in and offer awareness training for officers. Chief Swing thought this was a great idea.

Chief Swing shared that National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2, 2022. He invited CAB to be involved in their own neighborhood celebrations.

b. Recruitment and Building Trust – Introducing the PD to CAB circles of influence

Chief Swing extended a warm invitation to meet with CAB's circles of influence. Suggestions can be emailed to Ms. Monfort.

CAB discussed gun violence in schools around the country and PPD's response and preparedness for something like that.

IV. Upcoming Meeting Topics

- a. Traffic Enforcement / Roadway Safety will be the focus of the July 26th meeting. CAB will not meet in August.
- b. Mental Health / Trauma – Community and Officer Focus will be the topic of the September 27th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held July 26th.