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Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes

May 3, 2021

Call to Order

Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Board Members Present: Councilor Amanda Grady-Sexton (**chair**), Mayor James Bouley, Councilor Candace Bouchard, Councilor Erle Pierce, Councilor Zandra Rice-Hawkins, Pedro Altagracia, Donald Carter, Steve Edwards, Ana McKenna.

City Employees Present: Fire Chief Sean Brown, Police Chief Bradley Osgood, Deputy Police Chief Gregory Taylor, Deputy Police Chief Steven Smagula, and Deputy Police Chief John Thomas.

Board Members Excused: Lisa Brown

Approval of Minutes

Councilor Pierce motions to approve the minutes from October 19, 2020; the motion was seconded by Councilor Candace Bouchard.

Minutes are unanimously approved.

Review of Fire Department Annual Report

Fire Chief Sean Brown gave a brief biography of his history with the City before becoming the Fire Chief. He then gave an overview of the Fire Department's Annual Report.

Chief Brown noted that there was a brief drop in call volume during March and April of 2020 due to the pandemic, resulting in a small drop in overall call volume for the year. He reported that there was approximately an 86% increase in fire responses, a 58% increase in cooking related fires and 237% increase in outside fires. Chief Brown attributed the increases to more people staying at home and doing activities at home.

He noted that the Director of Project First retired. It was a grant funded position, and the grant was not renewed.

He said that the department received grant funding to purchase three additional ventilators and they will now have the ability to outfit all ambulances with mechanical vent systems.

He stated that Training facility was temporarily converted into a quarantine station for first responders, it was then transformed into a City-Wide logistics hub for personal protective equipment and the logistics station for the pandemic, as well as utilizing it for some outside resources.

He said that the New Forestry 5 was placed in service. The department also signed a contract with Pierce Manufacturing to replace the existing Engine 4 out of the CIP program, and that will be the first apparatus in the fleet that will utilize what's known as the clean cab concept. He said that this will significantly reduce the exposure to carcinogens.

Chief Brown also spoke about the challenges that were brought forward due to COVID-19 and the increased use of City trails. He noted that there are challenges with reaching people who have issues on the trails due to limited vehicle access. The UTV's with tracks were purchased with CIP funding and have been valuable to the department in this regard.

Chief Brown said that during 2020, there was a promotional process for a Lieutenant and Battalion Chief; they were able to create a roster for those positions. The department promoted a Fire Lieutenant and Captain.

Chief Brown said that the department's future recommendations are adding an additional ambulance company to Central Station, planning for current and future service demands. He said that they recently executed a contract with Emergency Service Consulting International to do a "station location study". He said that initial meetings were held in 2020, however due to COVID-19 those meetings ceased and they are now picking that up again. Another recommendation is to restore the Fire Alarm Traffic Technician to the Fire Alarm Traffic Bureau. He noted that there is currently only one employee in that division. They also recommend adding an additional Assistant Fire Marshall position to the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Councilor Grady-Sexton noted that on the top of page 2 the date was incorrect and needed to be corrected.

Councilor Rice- Hawkins said that the amount of income generated from the line item on the Fire Alarm and Traffic Technician, could cover both staff positions. She asked if that was accurate and what other expenses come out of that line item.

Chief Brown said that it is an accurate statement. He said that the revenue projection is around \$243,000.00 for FY2022. He said the operating expenses are \$26,400.00, capital expense is about \$150,000.00 for vehicles every ten years, \$15,000.00 for Opticom maintenance every other year, and currently there is a Capital Project for the transition to the radio master boxes and that was \$93,000.00 per year (through FY2024), after that it will drop down to \$20,000.00 per year from FY2025 on.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins asked a follow up question regarding the prevention community education. She said that Chief Brown noted that the Fire Department had not been able to do as much proactive work as they had done in previous years. She said she would like to know what type of proactive community education is happening currently and what activities have happened in the past or the department is now interested in pursuing.

Chief Brown said they have tried to get into the 2nd grade classes during Fire Prevention Week but it is depending on the availability of the companies not getting called out for incidents. He said that as time permits the Fire Prevention Bureau tries to work with the assisted living facilities to work on evacuation plans.

He said that they did have time this year to produce a Cooking Fire Safety Video at Concord TV. He said in the past the Life Safety Educator would be in the schools, clubs, the New American Community and teach fire safety but they were not able to this past year.

Councilor Pierce asked whether there has been a CIP number assigned to the new ambulance and staff.

Chief Brown said that a CIP would get added in if it is improved and would enter into the rotation cycle for the ambulance costs which is between \$270,000.00 to \$300,000.00 every eight years.

Councilor Pierce said that Chief Brown spoke about staffing for the fourth ambulance and asked if the City had a fourth ambulance?

Chief Brown said that initially the department would use a reserve ambulance, the City has two reserve ambulances, but the department would require two reserve ambulances to be available in the fleet, therefore a new ambulance would need to be purchased.

Councilor Pierce asked if the new ambulance would go into the normal rotation.

Chief Brown said that it would.

Mr. Carter inquired about developing emergency plans with assisted living facilities. He asked if the department is incorporating, or if they plan to incorporate, preexisting emergency action plans that are required by departments such as OSHA or Health and Human Services for evacuation of residents. He asked if Chief Brown could expand on that.

Chief Brown said that there are statutory requirements from other agencies and the department tries to assist with achieving those goals. He said that is not an established program but they do that as they are available.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins asked if the Chief knew how many firefighters were infected with COVID-19 or if he knew how many outbreaks they had.

Chief Brown said that he did not have the exact numbers; he believes it was low compared to other communities. He said that other fire departments in the State looked at the protocols that were implemented in Concord and utilized those protocols in their departments.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins said that she wanted to point out that there was a news article that stated that in one day in Concord there were 38 incidents, 9 outside fires, 1 crash and numerous alarm activations. She said that when she saw that it was impactful to her and she wanted to share it.

Councilor Grady-Sexton said that she has been grateful for the communications that have gone out to the media and that it is astounding to see how much work he and the department are doing. She asked if he wanted to say a few words regarding the last few weeks as they have been particularly busy.

Chief Brown said that it was a busy week and that over the last two months there were 1600 incidents, 51 fires, and over 1100 EMS incidents. He said that there were over 4,000 personnel hours dedicated to vaccinations, and 1,100 personnel hours dedicated to trainings. He said that they promoted two Deputy

Chiefs, a Battalion Chief, EMS Captain, a Paramedic Lieutenant, two Lieutenants, a Lead Dispatcher and they were able to hire a firefighter/paramedic, an EMT, and a fire dispatcher.

Councilor Grady-Sexton asked for a recommendation to adopt the report.

Donald Carter moved to adopt the report, seconded by Councilor Rice-Hawkins.

Report is approved by the Public Safety Advisory Board in a unanimous vote.

Review of Police Department Annual Report

Chief Osgood gave an overview of the annual report. He stated that the report will be posted on the Police Department's website once it is approved by City Council.

Chief Osgood said that page 5 focuses on how the department is staffed as well as specialty assignments/units. He then discussed where the department stood as far as hiring at the Police Department. He said that the City Council has allocated 88 sworn police officers, and that the department currently has 86 sworn officers on payroll, which leaves two vacancies. He also noted that there three officers currently at the Police Academy and there are four officers that are in the Field Training Program on patrol. He noted that there were four officers that were currently on other administrative leave.

Chief Osgood stated that in 2020, there were 16 police officers that were hired. He said that 15 of them started in 2020 and one began on January 11, 2021. He also noted that 47 of the 86 police officers had less than 5 years police experience, totaling 55% of the work force. He also noted that 11 of the officers had only 6-10 years of experience, 8 police officers had 11-16 years of experience, 10 police officers had 16-20 years of experience, 7 officers had 21-25 years of experience, 2 officers had 26-30 years of experience and 1 officer had 30 or more years of experience.

Chief Osgood noted that page 6 of the report details the 2020 calls for service. In March of 2020 the department saw a dramatic decrease in calls for service, there were 41,000 total calls for service for the year and that is the lowest year that the department has seen in a long time. The subsequent data detailed the calls for service by day of the week. He noted that the heaviest time block is from 8:00 a.m., to 1200 p.m., and 12:00 p.m., to 4:00 p.m., he noted that during those times, the department has the most staff thus more calls are generated. On page 8 of the report, traffic information is detailed. Chief Osgood stated that 2020 was a low year for motor vehicle contacts and that was COVID-19 related. He also noted that numbers began decreasing in 2016 and he attributed that to staffing levels, he hopes that with staffing levels increasing that those numbers will be a higher in the future. He said that he gets numerous calls about traffic issues throughout the city, and the Speed Trailer is deployed to help alleviate some of these issues. Page 9 of the report provides information about warnings vs. citations that are issued. Chief Osgood said that there are more warnings given out than summons. He said that that ratio tends to stay the same every year. He also noted that there were less people on the road in 2020, and this produced the lowest reportable accident data since 2011. He said that page 10 details the traffic accidents by month.

Chief Osgood noted that during 2020 domestic violence arrests were high. He said that overall criminal data was comparable to past years. He also noted that crimes against property went down; he said it is slowly decreasing over the last years and they are still analyzing whether or not COVID played a part in that decrease

over the last year. He discussed Crimes against Society; these crimes are defined by the FBI as trespassing, disorderly conduct, liquor law violations, etc. and that the report shows that these offenses are trending downward. He discussed the charts that are on page 14 of the report and stated that there was an increase in rape cases from 2019, and said that they are typically extensive investigations. He also noted that aggravated assaults and burglaries have slightly increased since 2019, however simple assaults had trended upwards and that was concerning to him. He also noted that automotive thefts have been increasing, and drug offenses were down in numbers. He noted that he believed that drug offenses were down due to COVID-19 and less interaction from police and drug investigations.

Chief Osgood discussed the patrol officer's response with the fire department to drug overdoses. He said that the only overdoses that are logged in the tracking system are those that are confirmed opioid overdoses. He said that 2020 yielded the highest number of overdose deaths related to opioids. This information is detailed on page 15 of the report.

He noted that page 16 details arrest data. The total arrests for 2020 were 2,386. He said that the total number was then broken down by gender, race and age. He noted that the number of arrests was lower in 2020, but the department did a lot of summons arrests due to not wanting to have to transport, and bringing arrestees into the station during a pandemic.

Chief Osgood noted that driving under the influence arrests are detailed in the chart at the top of page 17. He said that the number has gone up, which is due to the good effort on behalf of patrol to get the unsafe and under the influence drivers off the street. On the bottom of page 17 there is information regarding arrests related to domestic violence incidents.

Mr. Steve Edwards noted that he did not see any reference to homelessness. He asked Chief Osgood and Chief Brown how much the departments are responding to issues involving homelessness; fires, trespasses, burglaries or other issues.

Chief Osgood said that it was not in the report however a goal of the department is to address homelessness and to work collaboratively with other organizations. He said there are nuisance calls, and he noted that there were at least two overdose deaths in the homeless community within the last year. He said that there are many complaints on Storrs Street and now down behind Kimball Jenkins.

Deputy Chief Smagula spoke in regards to the homeless; he stated the department gets complaints every day, often related to trespass issued due to the homeless making camps on private property. He stated that the police department has been involved with bringing all the stakeholders together and recently assisted private land owners with the clean up behind the Capital Plaza, led by private stakeholders. He said that there were over 50 volunteers, and that many people donated materials and time to assist in the effort.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins asked what the protocol was when a call/complaint is received regarding trespassing on private property. She wanted to know how those calls are handled.

Deputy Chief Smagula said that they look at the jurisdictional issues, he noted that the railroad has their own police department, and he stated that the department will work with the stakeholders. He said that if it is a private land owner in Concord then the department would have jurisdiction, and they would work with the owner to resolve those issues.

Councilor Candace Bouchard asked Chief Osgood if they were able to track the calls and responses related to homelessness. She stated that it would be helpful to know if the homeless population was increasing, calls are increasing, or a certain type of call was increasing. She said that she doesn't have a lot of information pertaining to costs to the city, and what the police department is doing in regards to the homeless. She also asked where the homeless people go when a camp is cleaned up, and if they are directed elsewhere by the police department.

Chief Osgood said that it is difficult to get these statistics because the department gets a lot of trespassing complaints and it may not necessarily involve a homeless person. He said that the department can track panhandling complaints. He said that he would meet with Staff in order to see if there is an efficient way to breakdown the calls that are directly related to the homeless population. In regards to the other question about where the people go when a camp is cleaned up, he stated that outreach workers were sent out to the homeless camps weeks in advance in order to contact the population and to offer them resources.

Deputy Chief Smagula confirmed that outreach workers went to the camps several weeks ahead of time to attempt to assist the homeless with finding housing and providing them with resources. He said that it was also posted on the property. He said that he cannot say where they actually went, some were receptive to resources and others were not. He said that they find other encampments but that it continues to be a problem. He said that the police department alone cannot solve the issue, they can deal with the calls for service. He said that there is a large part of the homeless population that rejects the resources available to them.

Councilor Bouchard asked how large the encampments are, how many there are in Concord, and whether or not the department believes the encampments will grow or decrease.

Deputy Chief Smagula said that there are many sizes of encampments. He stated that there are some that are very large. He noted that some of the population does not get along, and that the department has officers down in these areas as much as possible to talk to them and educate them on resources available. He said that the officers want to make sure that everyone is safe. He estimates that some encampments have well over 20-30 people, but that he has seen a small encampment with just one person. He said that through his experience, he has found that most of the homeless population would rather be on their own, and not in a larger encampment due to larger encampments drawing a lot of attention as well as the lack of cleanliness at the larger encampments. He noted that the department has partnered with State Police and the Railroad Police in order to next target the encampments off of Exit 16.

Counselor Grady-Sexton asked if we had an approximate number of encampments or residents that are living in those encampments.

Deputy Chief Smagula estimated that 200-250 people are living in encampments currently.

Councilor Erle Pierce asked if there were any complaints related to firework complaints.

Chief Osgood said he was not prepared to answer that at this time, but he knows that the department continues to receive firework complaints especially in the days leading up to the 4th of July. He said that last year

firework complaints were prominent all summer long. He said that he cannot answer whether there were any summonses issued regarding the complaints.

Councilor Pierce asked about the number of contacts the officers have had since the mask ordinance had passed and asked whether summons or tickets had been issued.

Chief Osgood said that he ran a report about a week ago and that there were about 53 calls for service regarding the mask ordinance. He said that no citations were issued.

Mayor Bouley said that the #1 issue that he hears about is homeless issues. He said that when they leave one area, they go to another and it affects other residents and businesses. He said that he wants help answering constituent questions. He said that he has had many calls regarding catalytic converters, and summarized some of the calls that he has received. He said that it has a significant impact. He asked if the department has been able to “get to the bottom” of this issue and asked for an update.

Chief Osgood said that catalytic converter thefts are not limited to Concord, and are prevalent all-over New England. He said that the New England State Police Information Network issues a weekly report regarding these thefts across the region. He said that Concord has made one to two arrests regarding these thefts sometime in either late 2020 or early 2021. He said that he doesn't have any further information but that type of crime is profitable and it is quick.

Mayor Bouley noted that the thieves must know where they are going to go to get rid of the catalytic converters once they are stolen.

Chief Osgood said that they go to a scrapyard.

Mayor Bouley said that what he has found is that people who have been impacted by thefts and other issues are beginning to take issues upon themselves and purchase firearms. He gave some examples of residents and business owners who have attempted to take the issues upon themselves. He wanted to know what he should tell the people who call him regarding these issues.

Chief Osgood said that they should contact the police department. He said that if they are dissatisfied with the department's response then they should either call him or one of the Deputy Chiefs in order to try to find a solution to these issues. He said that the officers that are working non-stop and if there are problems that they want to take a strategic approach to address those. He reiterated that they should not take matters into their own hands.

Mayor Bouley followed up by asking what City Council and what the community can do to help the department and the officers do their job.

Chief Osgood said that the homelessness problem remains a social issue that cannot be fixed by one entity. He spoke about the coalition that was formed years ago and said that he believes that all parties need to get together and devise a strategic plan that addresses getting homeless into housing as well as getting them help with either substance abuse or mental health issues. He said that the community needs to come together in order to approach it.

Councilor Grady-Sexton asked Mayor Bouley if he sees the Public Safety Advisory Board having a role in that, or if the council would have more of a role in putting in a coordinated effort to address the issue.

Mayor Bouley responded that he believes there is a role that the Public Safety Advisory Board could play. He said that housing, zoning and density, employment and affordability of housing are issues, along with many other things.

Councilor Grady-Sexton asked Deputy Chief Steve Smagula if the Coalition and the State of New Hampshire offered alternate housing to those living in the camp that was recently cleaned up.

Deputy Chief Smagula stated that he wasn't there during that part but he believes that they offered access to resources. He said that they didn't want the police down there unless a problem arose. He said that the intent was to go down and offer resources. He noted that the encampment was so large that he couldn't say for certain that everyone would have access to housing as he didn't know what the availability was from the coalition.

Councilor Grady-Sexton noted that Mr. Edwards had asked Chief Brown a question regarding the impact of fires at the encampments.

Chief Brown responded that it was difficult to track exactly which fires are related to the homeless population but said that there is a significant amount of fires along the railroad corridors. He said that their system correlates fires with an address so that they would have to look. He said that the Storrs Street address that is used to identify the camps had about 65 incidents dating back to May of 2020. He said it is difficult to say whether all of them were associated with the homeless population in that area.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins addressed the homeless question and Exit 16. She stated that she knows that the property is owned by the state and asked Deputy Chief Smagula to discuss what the partnership between State Police, the Railroad and the Concord Police Department looked like.

Deputy Chief Smagula answered that a home owner in that area made a complaint about the homeless in that area, and that the department looked into the issue and identified that the property was owned by the Railroad and that there was a State easement. He said that they reached out to the State and the Railroad and worked with them to ensure that something was accomplished in that area.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins said that they had several calls recently as people are getting out more. She said that it is hard to know that the homeless were moved along and there is a lot of debris that was left behind. She asked if the same outreach was done at this location that was done at the Storrs Street location.

Deputy Chief Smagula said that the lead up was the same, they went out, it was posted and that the occupants of the camp were given plenty of time to pack their belongings and move. He said that many did not and there was a lot left behind. He said the question is who is going to pay for the removal of the trash on the property. He said that land is not owned by the City.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins said that she believed that the DOT had put out a bid for a contractor to clean that area up.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins told Chief Osgood that she liked the layout of the Annual Report this year and that it helped her to address questions that she received from constituents. She asked Chief Osgood if it would be possible to include the percentage of the demographics as it relates to the number of City residents, for example if there were 49 arrests what percentage of the population would that be.

Chief Osgood said that he would have to think about that because when you look at those demographics and the number of arrests, arrests are not always limited to the residents of Concord. He said that a lot of the arrests do not come from Concord. He noted that he would be willing to review that with a statistician in order to see how to best portray that information. He noted that within the number there are multiple people who are arrested multiple times, so he would want to look at how to analyze those numbers.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins said she would like to see a broader breakdown and said that it would be helpful to understand what type of arrests apply to what type of demographic. She asked if Chief Osgood has a statistician on staff that is able to help with that or if he would have to go outside the department for that information.

Chief Osgood said that he would start by requesting possible assistance from a statistics professor. He said that the department can run reports for most things. He said that they recently ran reports for Concord High School to see their arrest information. He said that it is important to understand what the charges are, and noted that the department will pull an arrest number when someone is detained but it does not necessarily mean that the person had been arrested.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins asked if there was an easy way for the Police Department to collect demographic data in motor vehicle contacts. She clarified that she is looking for information resulting from major police interactions that don't result in an arrest.

Chief Osgood said that the Senate did not pass legislation that would put race and other demographic data on licenses. He said that if that had passed then it could have taken 5 or more years to catch up. He noted that Deputy Chief Taylor had run a report for July 2019, and there were 167 summonses issued and 541 warnings, totaling 707 total contacts. He said that they were able to breakdown race data, as the officers have to fill out that data when they are entering it into the computer. He said that during that month 90.4% of the citations were white. He said that 70% of the warnings were given to those who were white, and 24% had unknown listed as their race. He said this is due to the person entering the data not knowing the race. He noted that the department recently launched e-ticketing. He said that there is no reason why the department cannot do better with addressing that unknown category, and that they will be addressing this with the officers in order to try to get a better demographic statistic.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins asked if there was a written policy regarding when a warning would be issued instead of summons and asked how that is handled.

Chief Osgood said that the decision to issue a warning or a summons is at the discretion of the individual officer. He noted that supervisors should not intervene with that decision unless they observe that the officer has made an error.

Pedro Altagracia thanked Chief Osgood for his willingness to breakdown the data, and commended the department for being transparent with the information.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins asked for clarification regarding the race and ethnicity data on motor vehicle stops. She asked if the same data is collected for welfare checks, suspicious persons or other related calls.

Chief Osgood said that during those calls a report typically isn't generated and it is difficult to extract information from the call log that is generated.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins asked for clarification about officer-initiated activity, located on page 6 of the report. She asked if there was a "bad intent" when officer-initiated activity is included in a call for service.

Chief Osgood said that a follow up is simply a follow up to another case, for instance if the officer is retrieving video from a prior incident. He said that foot patrol could be anywhere in the city. A park and talk is generally when an officer is getting out of their vehicle and they are speaking with business owners about issues they may be having or stopping by a neighborhood residence and talking about neighbors, etc. He said that bicycle patrol is when an officer is out on a bicycle doing a patrol, this is self-initiated. He noted that a directed patrol is a directed effort for things like speeding complaints, stop sign violations, or other dedicated things that Deputy Chief Smagula directs staff to engage in those locations.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins inquired about the transport of people during COVID, she asked if there was any data or trend of public safety impact, such as people not reporting to court or was the outcome the same as it would have been had they been transported to the station.

Chief Osgood was not sure if he had accurate data on that, he said that the department did summons in lieu of arrest especially in lower level offenses. He said that typically those are the people that would tend to appear in court versus some of the other offenses that the department handles.

Councilor Amanda Grady-Sexton noted that there are two more agenda items and that she would like to discuss a strategic plan for homelessness. She asked Councilor Rice-Hawkins how many more questions she had.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins indicated she had two more questions.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins asked Chief Osgood if he had testified on any legislation at the State House over the last year and wanted to know what types of bills were addressed.

Chief Osgood stated that he testified on a bill that dealt with a City Project regarding an easement off of Sewall's Falls Road a few years ago.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins asked how COVID-19 impacted the force. She asked how many officers were infected or if their family members were impacted.

Chief Osgood followed up on Councilor Rice-Hawkins previous question. He stated that he is a member of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police and that he does sit on a legislative committee. He said that there are about 15 Chiefs and that he weighs in on law enforcement bills and gives his opinion on those bills.

Chief Osgood said that there was an impact with COVID-19 and that it affected some employees and family members directly. He said that there were a lot of quarantine issues due to close contact. He said that during late November thru January it posed staffing challenges. He said that there was a large turnout of staff that was able to be vaccinated by the end of January.

Mayor Bouley asked Chief Osgood how many times he has heard from Senators or State Representatives regarding how legislation may affect the City of Concord.

Chief Osgood stated that he hasn't heard from anybody during this session.

Mayor Bouley stated that it is his understanding that there is a contract for a needle exchange within the city. He said that no one had contacted him prior to the award. He asked Chief Osgood if he could discuss at a future meeting, the intersection between public health and how this program can work. He wanted to know how the department will be responding to that, what it will look like, and what role both the fire department and the police department will play.

Chief Osgood stated that he wasn't contacted prior to the grant but the New Hampshire Harm Reduction Coalition has reached out since that time. He said he would be prepared to speak about this at a future meeting.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins motioned to add in additional data that is already on file to the Annual Report, in order to approve the report at the next meeting.

The Chief asked what was specifically being requested to add to the report.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins clarified she would like to see the demographic data added into the Motor Vehicle incidents, and any other demographic data that is easily accessible. She asked if there was anything beyond motor vehicle stops that the department already had data for.

Chief Osgood said that the department would have to research to see if there was anything else that could be attached. He said that he was hesitant to include it due to the unknowns. He said that moving forward data would be more accurate and that they could put in a graph regarding the 2020 data but that he thinks it may bring forward a lot of questions.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins said that she thinks adding that graph would be helpful.

Councilor Erle Pierce said that on page 16 of the report, there is data broken down regarding arrests. He asked if Councilor Rice-Hawkins was looking for similar data to be added to the report.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins answered yes, and said she would like to see it broken down by category as well.

Councilor Pierce asked which category she was referring to.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins answered all of them. She said that she understands that at this time Motor Vehicle offense would be the only category possible right now but going forward she would like to see the department look more closely at other categories.

Councilor Grady-Sexton asked if there were any other Councilors who were interested in adding this data to the report or if they would like to see it move forward.

Councilor Candace Bouchard said that she thinks there could be value in adding that to the report but she is looking to move forward and adopt the report as is. She said she would like to hear from Chief Osgood as he gathers this data for the future whether or not adding this information will be possible, and if it is accurate and valuable.

Councilor Grady-Sexton asked for any other feedback regarding what they would like to see.

Mr. Edwards said that he agreed with Councilor Bouchard.

Councilor Pierce agreed that it is valuable information to have but that he would like to adopt the report as is.

Councilor Grady-Sexton said that she feels this important data to collect and asked Chief Osgood if this data could be revisited within six months at a future meeting in order to allow more time to look at the requested data.

Chief Osgood said that he will produce some samples at the next meeting.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins agreed to move forward with adopting the report as is.

Councilor Candace Bouchard moved to accept the Police Department Annual Report, it is seconded by Councilor Erle Pierce.

The report is unanimously approved.

Councilor Grady-Sexton suggested to hold another meeting on May 24, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., so that Chief Osgood could give an overview of the Harm Reduction Program, a brief update on CALEA, and a discussion on the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing as well as a discussion on LEACT findings.

Chief Osgood said that time and date would work well. He said that he will be communicating with the City Manager regarding the status on the LEACT findings. He said that he will have that information ahead of the 24th.

Councilor Grady-Sexton asked if others would be okay with that date. She stated that people were in agreement.

Councilor Grady-Sexton said that she would also like to follow up on the Mayor's question and input from Committee members about the need for some type of strategic plan. She stated that this is a very complex, multi-layered issue and asked if anyone would be willing to serve on a sub-committee in order to discuss a strategic plan for homelessness in the community.

Councilor Rice-Hawkins said she would serve on a sub-committee. She asked what the approach or planning process at the city level has been in the past. She stated she wants to make sure that they know what other

work is happening within other groups, or if there is more liaison needed between the Public Safety Board members and other groups.

Mayor Bouley said that there are a lot of different efforts on many different levels. He said that within the city there is a task force that is set up and there are community members that sit on that. He said that this could offer a different perspective than what the task force hears.

Councilor Grady-Sexton asked Mayor Bouley what he thinks would be most helpful.

Mayor Bouley said that it would be helpful if the committee understood all the dynamics so that they can better respond to their constituents.

Councilor Grady-Sexton asked Mayor Bouley if it made sense to start with a smaller group.

Mayor Bouley suggested a smaller group and then suggested that at a later time they invite the homeless task force to a future meeting, he said that the group could then give the task force some of their findings and recommendations.

Councilor Grady-Sexton suggested that a small group meet within the next few weeks in order to lay out the tasks and then produce a report for the next full meeting. She asked if anyone else would be interested in joining the sub-committee.

Mayor Bouley, Councilor Erle Pierce and Councilor Candace Bouchard volunteered to be on the sub-committee along with Councilor Grady-Sexton and Councilor Rice-Hawkins.

The next Public Safety Advisory Board will be held May 24, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Councilor Bouchard motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Pierce seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.