



San Francisco Streets and Neighborhoods Workgroup Agenda

Specifics

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 11:30am – 1:30pm (lunch will be served)
Location: Department of Public Health, 101 Grove Street, Room 220 (2nd Floor)
Co-Chairpersons: Fr. John Hardin, O. F. M., Executive Director, St. Anthony Foundation
Hon. Kevin V. Ryan, Director, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
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- 11:30 Opening Remarks (Co-chairs)
Review Undesirable Behaviors (Gary)
Review Group Objectives and Guidelines (Gary)
Review Recommendation Decision Making Process (Gary)
- 12:00 Review Recommendations (Gary)
- 1:30 End of meeting

Objectives and Guidelines of Recommendations

1. Reduce the harmful impact of behavioral conflicts that prevent a sidewalk or street from being welcoming and open to all;
2. Encourage greater levels of civility, tolerance, responsibility, and understanding in public places.

Based on these desired outcomes, any recommendation must:

1. Respect all people in the community;
2. Empower the community to solve problems with assistance from police if needed;
3. Use comprehensive solutions developed by stakeholders to address the underlying causes of problematic behavior as well as regulate specific objectionable behavior.

Pragmatically, each recommendation should:

1. Focus on our core outcome: to analyze and understand the key issues impacting safety on our streets and formulate recommendations for needed improvement with the goal of creating a safe environment on our streets for everyone;
2. Be consistent with our agreement to develop a few pilot projects in one or more neighborhoods;
3. Be concrete, practical and reasonable enough that the group would likely be able to reach consensus on it;
4. Be likely to be approved by the Agency and/or Commission responsible for implementing it;
5. Implementable within a six-month timeframe.

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Proposed Draft Recommendations for Review by Workgroup at September 9th Meeting

A. Services

✓ 1) Homeless Connect: Open a 365 day Homeless Connect Center to provide ongoing services to the homeless community; a location staffed by volunteers using Homeless Connect model. Locate the facility somewhere on Port property with available space, public transportation, and infrastructure.

✓ 2) HOT Team Enhancement: Empower HOT Teams to escort homeless individuals to the appropriate care/shelter/homeless services facility. HOT teams have been effective but have difficulty helping those who need, but refuse, help.

X ~~3) Street Social Worker Protocols: should be altered so staff do not wake people up in the middle of the night to offer services.~~

✓ 4) Supported Employment: Create more supported employment programs linking target population to competitive employment. Enhance employment training opportunities for this population; create incentives for employers to hire the target population. Research the feasibility of having an employment program that is connected to the Community Justice Center.

Same as 1 ✓ 5) Community/Drop In Centers: Create one to three neighborhood based 24-hour drop-in centers. These centers must have the capacity for at least 100 people, and at least one must be in the central city area. These would be low threshold centers that could offer health and hygiene, safety from the streets, crisis intervention, and engaging people in behavioral health/housing opportunities. Centers would be available to all genders, cultures etc., and include storage, showers, phones, and bathrooms. In addition, continue to support current Community Centers and Drop-In Centers.

re-write too long term X 6) Permanent Affordable Housing: Create several neighborhood specific pilot projects where private dollars are matched by the city to create new permanent affordable housing. Housing would be easy to access, and allocated on a first come first serve basis. Units would have kitchens and bathrooms. Community and Economic development infused into model as well - creating housing jobs and a vibrant and healthy community. In addition, all city funded housing units should be made affordable; current housing such as Care not Cash, or Direct Access to Housing, have rents equivalent to 50% to 85% of income so tenants can handle for income.

X 7) Review Chronic Inebriates Program: The program needs additional funding and should be expanded. - too much \$; have Hospital Council privately fund

✓ 8) Support Alternative Income Generating Activities: such as vending newspapers, selling used clothing, etc. with 4

X 9) Fully Implement/Fund Treatment on Demand and Mental Health Treatment: including creating alternative board and care facilities in private housing. prop, T

✓ 10) Home Team Program: The Dept. of Public Health and Fire Department should continue the development and deployment of the Home Team and standardize a training program to enhance the program with more staffing. Develop a budget to include: staffing, equipment, and vehicles for Home Team sustainability. Develop Harsh Weather Contingencies for interoperability of City agencies and continuity of services over the fall and winter months.

B. Enforcement/Ordinances

- ✓ 1) Drug Free Zones: Establish a "drug-free" zone in the areas with the highest concentration of drug crimes and arrests. Penalties for drug dealing within the zone would be significant – with second/third offenses leading to longer sentences. Consider application of the "drug-free" zone to include enhancements for violations occurring within 1,000 feet of any transit line or facility.
- ✓ 2) Street Vender Registration: ^{Voluntary} Require registration of Street Sheet vendors and sellers. Post the approved sellers on the web for easy access, or for complaints. *Wash DC vendor jacket, info*
- ✓ 3) VIP Zones: ^{Business & Tourism} Establish VIP zones (Downtown, Yerba Buena, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, Union Square, etc.) that have special enforcement of drug laws, aggressive panhandling, sitting/lying on sidewalks, quality of life crimes. Establish zone(s) where sitting or lying on the sidewalk is not allowed during business hours – zone should be defined as high pedestrian traffic areas where unobstructed passage is important for business, residents and visitors. Care should be taken not to impose on first amendment free speech rights.
- ✓ 4) Moratorium on Camping/Sleeping Citations: citations should not be issued for sleeping, camping, lodging in public when services are not available, or when person is on a wait list for treatment or housing.
- ✓ 5) Amend the Law Regarding Urinating in Public: to take into account whether a clean, working public bathroom is available within 500 feet of the violation.

C. Justice System

- SL 1) Revise Quality of Life Infractions: ^{infraction sub-code} Revise the current system of issuing infractions for quality of life issues. The more serious should be classified as misdemeanors and handled through the new Community Justice Center.
- SL 2) Create Pre Booking Diversion Program Implement a Pre Booking Diversion program. This would impact people who do not get cited or arrested but are diverted from any criminal justice action by the police.
- SL 3) Community Justice Center: Implement the Community Justice Center (CJC) and make the services at the CJC attractive to target population so that they want to participate. Create a Homeless Connect program at the CJC that operates every day.
- X 4) Redirect Operation Outreach Police Officers: away from assisting homeless people to walking beats focused on crime.
- SL 5) Community Justice Center: Ensure that misdemeanor level citations for sleeping in public, urinating in public, etc. do not increase as a result of implementation of the CJC.
- X 6) Eliminate Civil Assessments and Warrant Issuance: for violations such as sleeping/urinating in public, etc.
- X 7) District Attorney Staffing: Redirect funding currently budgeted for a DA position to prosecute misdemeanor citations for sleeping/urinating in public, etc. to fund methadone slots, or positions at a mental health clinic.