



Town of Brookline

CANNABIS MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Miriam Ashkenazy
Chair

Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee MINUTES – Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:30am-10:30 am

Attendees

Committee Members: Matt Hyatt, Bruce Levin, Amy Newell, Ana Otero, Miriam Ashkenazy, Danny Stone

Staff: Melissa Goff, Lesley Craft, Lt. Cullinane

Miriam began the meeting asking committee members for any updates on issues in their neighborhood. Matt noted that there was a line at NETA on Christmas Eve, but that it moved fairly quickly. Paul Cullinane noted that the line was likely due to staffing issues more than demand. Ana also noted that there has been less idling of cars.

FY23 HCA Funding requests:

Miriam and Melissa presented a revised HCA budget:

HCA FUNDING PROPOSALS			
DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL REQUESTS	FY22	FY23	FY23 vs. FY22 Variance
POLICE Public Consumption Enforcement (OT)		\$ 50,000	
POLICE Lt. Inspectional (OT)		\$ 30,916	
POLICE Parking Enforcement Officers (2)	\$ 99,952	\$ 102,450	
POLICE Police Bike Unit	\$ 132,617	\$ -	
GROUP HEALTH Benefits	\$ 69,771	\$ 30,735	
TOTAL POLICE	\$ 302,339	\$ 214,101	\$ (88,238)
HEALTH Substance Abuse Counselor (Shift from Schools)	\$ 61,613	\$ 63,153	
HEALTH PT Substance Abuse Counselors (3 PT)	\$ 25,625	\$ 25,625	
HEALTH Community Health Specialist	\$ 56,964	\$ 58,389	
HEALTH Epidemiologist	\$ 65,378	\$ 67,013	
HEALTH Environmental Health Policy Analyst	\$ 71,750	\$ 73,544	
GROUP HEALTH Benefits	\$ 76,712	\$ 59,683	
	\$ 358,042	\$ 347,406	\$ (10,635)
SB Cannabis Licensing & Mitigation Coordinator	\$ 73,144	\$ 79,890	
GROUP HEALTH Benefits	\$ 21,943	\$ 23,967	
TOTAL SB	\$ 95,087	\$ 103,857	\$ 8,770
DPW Park Enforcement (OT)		\$ 30,000	
DPW Litter Enforcement MEO II (1)	\$ 55,144	\$ 56,522	
DPW Transportation Sustainability Engineer/Planner		\$ 96,000	
GROUP HEALTH Benefits	\$ 16,543	\$ 45,757	
TOTAL DPW	\$ 71,687	\$ 228,279	\$ 156,592
TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS	\$ 827,155	\$ 893,643	\$ (133,401)
DEPARTMENT NON- PERSONNEL REQUESTS	FY22	FY23	FY23 vs. FY22 Variance
DPW Litter Receptables	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	
DPW Signage	\$ 1,841	\$ 15,000	
DPW Vehicle for addtl. FTE			
POLICE Uniforms/supplies			
POLICE Education/Training/Conferences			
HEALTH Supplies - school prevention campaigns	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,900	
HEALTH Services - speakers for schools/subscriptions		\$ 64,500	
HEALTH Other - Dues, Conferences, Training		\$ 6,250	
SB Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
SB Education/Training/Conferences	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
SB Racial Equity Fund	\$ 200,000		
TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL COSTS	\$ 235,841	\$ 113,650	\$ (122,191)
TOTAL	\$ 1,062,996	\$ 1,007,293	\$ (55,703)

Erin Gallentine described the Transportation Engineer request. There has been a backlog that has been driven by the transportation staff requirements for the siting of the various operators, and there will likely be an increase demand on time from the division as delivery licenses are issued. Matt asked about other duties this position would handle, and how this would work with the timing of the budget.

Melissa explained that some of the Health Department's requests were met with additional funding in the Service category so that they could hire consultants instead of staff to address some of the health needs. Given the uncertainty of future funding the group needs to be cautious about adding additional staff.

By a roll call vote the committee approved the HCA budget as presented:

Aye:

Matt

Ana

Bruce

Amy

Miriam

Bruce and Miriam will continue to work on the revised charge. Danny arrived.

The minutes for November were unanimously approved. The minutes from December were approved with Ana and Danny abstaining.

Meeting adjourned.