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Police Community Advisory Committee



Meeting #2
Bridgeview Resource Center
March 28, 2024



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Welcome in Centering Exercise



4-Minute Activity



Reflect with a Partner

Partner Conversation

With a partner, spend two minutes each sharing your answers to the questions below:

- **During our first meeting, what, if anything, surprised you?**
- **What is a topic that you are looking forward to talking about during future committee meetings?**





Agenda

- Introductions
- Outcomes, impacts and community expectations
- Continue conversation about staffing
 - Engage with those directly serving in our community
- Committee questions and conversation
- Closing reflection and next steps



Our Big Questions

During tonight's meeting, we'll continue to consider:

- What outcomes and impacts are most important to the community?
- How can the City report on these outcomes in ways that build accountability and trust?

- How can the City address gaps in staffing, facilities and technology to ensure that Vancouver is a safer place for all community members?

- How can the City of Vancouver ensure that police services are resourced to meet the needs of our growing community?

Group Agreements

- Speak from your own experience
- Listen to understand each other
- Be curious
- Recognize that we all carry wisdom
- Create space for others to share
- VPD will remain an open book to questions
- Trust each other. Keep the story here, take the learning with you
- Be open minded to others' suggestions and lived experiences
- Lead with grace and forgiveness
- Voice what your needs are
- Make space in these meetings to navigate tragedy if/when it occurs





Outcomes, Impacts and Expectations

- Before we revisit staffing needs, we want to preview a longer conversation we'll have during meeting #5
- Your handouts include themes from recent engagement and public safety surveys



5-Minute Activity



**Reflect
individually,
before
discussing
as a group**

Whole Group Reflection

Spend five minutes writing your responses to the questions below:

- **What does a safe community look and feel like?**
- **When it comes to public safety, how should we measure success?**
- **What should all community members expect of Vancouver's police services?**



Discussion





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Continue conversation about staffing

Erica Nilsen
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03/28/2024

Since We Last Met

- 3/22 Officer Rawlins' passing
- 3/15 Officer retirement (30 years of LE experience)
- 3/15 Drive-by shooting at the Firestone
- 3/16 Robbery with firearm at Minit Mart
- 3/19 Reported brandishing of firearm at the Waterfront
- 3/19 Missing juvenile located (suspect in assault)
- 3/21 Drive-by shooting off SR-500 (mutual aid to Washington State Patrol)
- 3/22 Stolen vehicle operation
- 3/22 Exigent entry for domestic violence assault, DUI, and kidnapping
- 3/22 Firearm brandishing at Vancouver Mall
- 3/23 Highway crime spree
- 3/26 Bicyclist hit by bus



Example of Resource Intensive Call

Mall brandishing Friday, March 22, 2024

- Total time: 1 Hour (7:38 PM – 8:38 PM)
 - Initial dispatch to call clearance
- 5.6 total labor hours for VPD units
- Clark County Sheriff's Office provided mutual aid
- 17 total police units responded



Example of Resource Intensive Call

Crime Spree Saturday March 23, 2024

- Total time: 8 Hours (5:13 PM – 1:13 AM)
 - Initial dispatch to jail booking
- 28.5 total labor hours for VPD units
- Clark County Sheriff's Office, Washougal Police Department, and Vancouver Fire Department (VFD) provided mutual aid
- 14 total police units responded, along with VFD and AMR ambulance company



Hear from those directly serving in our community

Corporal Block
Sergeant Harris
Officer Vigil



Traffic Unit

Corporal Block

- 1 sergeant, 6 officers
- 2023 statistics:
 - 10 fatal collisions, 4 involved pedestrians
 - 445 DUI Arrests
 - 2,979 Total Tickets



Crime Reduction Unit

Sergeant Harris

- Formed October 2023
- 1 sergeant, 6 detectives
- 2023 (Full Year) Statistics:
 - 275 arrests
 - 113 guns seized



Crime Reduction Unit

Sergeant Harris

- Stolen vehicle operations:
- 03/23/2024
- Two stolen vehicles recovered
- Two firearms recovered
- Fentanyl recovered



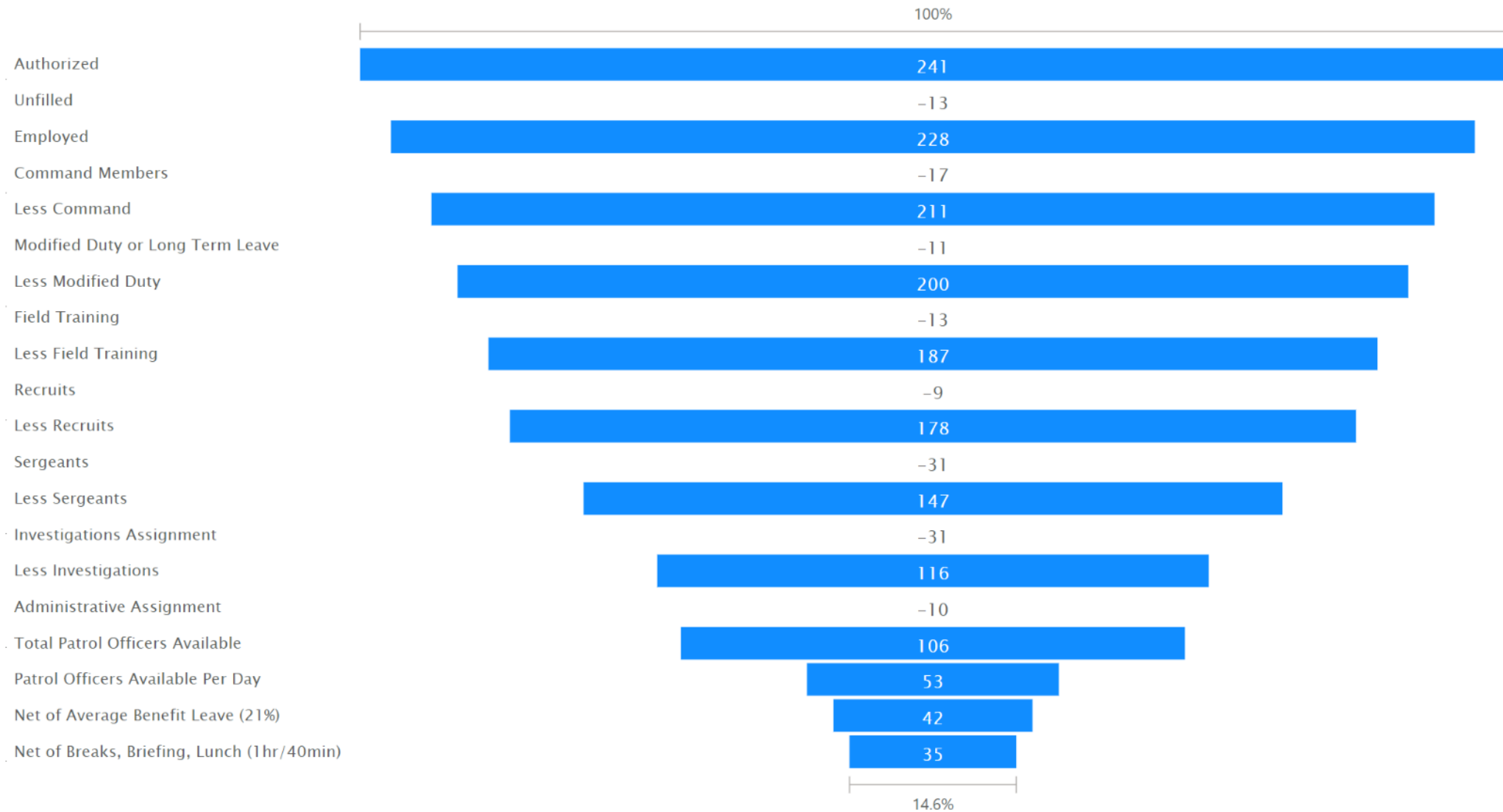
Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO)

Officer Vigil

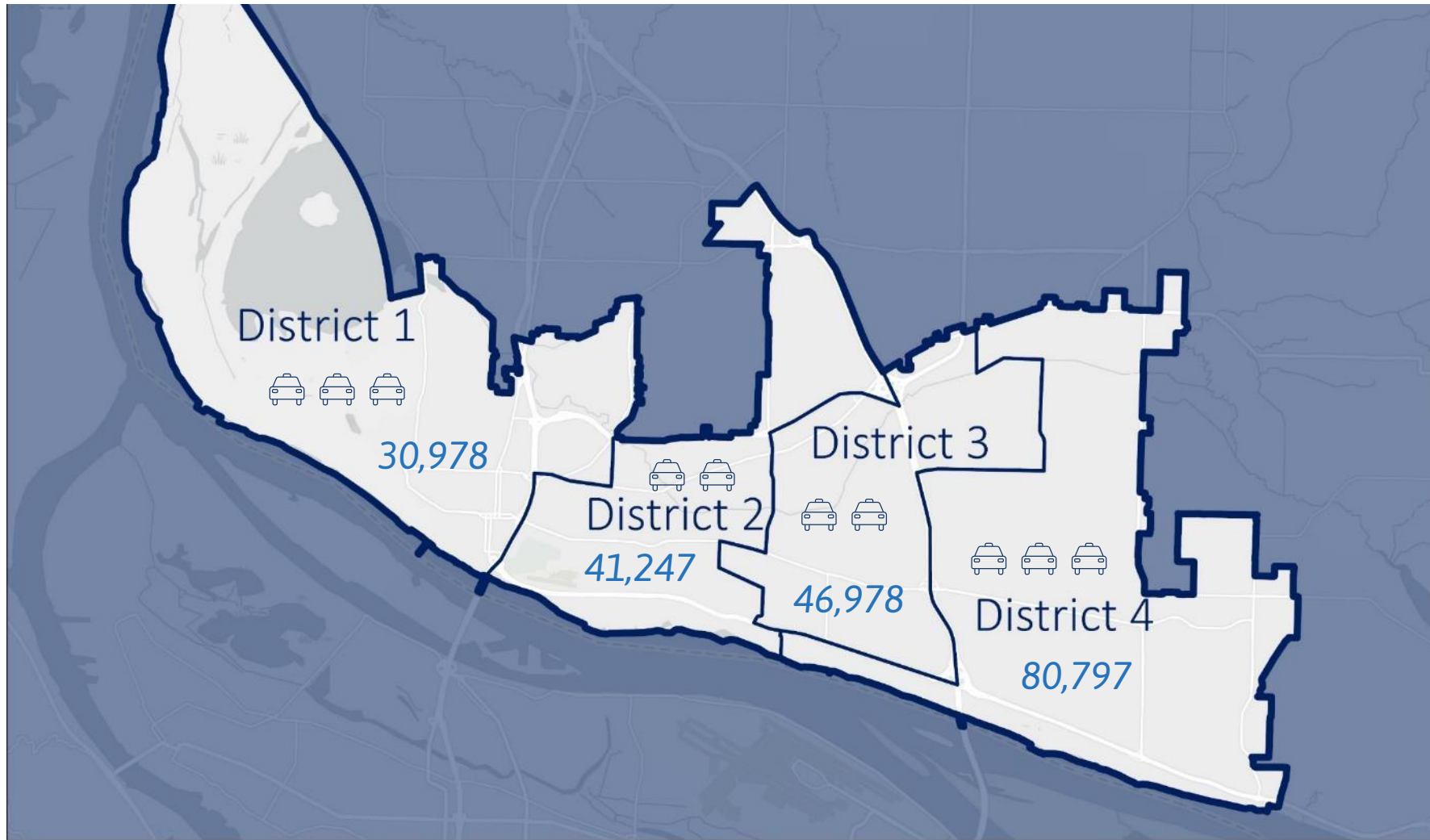
- 4 citywide NPOs (one for each patrol district)
- Serve as liaisons for neighborhoods and businesses to discuss and help address crime and livability issues
- Attend community meetings and events on behalf of the VPD
- Backfill for patrol



Staff Allocation and Patrol Officers Per Day



Patrol Precinct and District Staffing



Additional Investigators Needed

Based on % of cases available to work and average caseload

- 2023: ~30 investigators assigned
includes modified duty assignments from point-in-time summary
- 2023 cases assigned to investigative units: ~1,800
- 2023 average caseload: ~60 cases per investigator

Additional Investigators Needed From 2023					
Year	Percentage of Incidents Available for Follow-up				
	100%	75%	66%	50%	25%
2024	54.3	40.7	36.2	27.2	13.6
2025	55.4	41.5	36.9	27.7	13.8
2026	56.5	42.4	37.7	28.2	14.1
2027	57.6	43.2	38.4	28.8	14.4
2028	58.8	44.1	39.2	29.4	14.7
2029	60.0	45.0	40.0	30.0	15.0
2030	61.2	45.9	40.8	30.6	15.3

*Utilizes 2023 average caseload (60 cases per investigator)

**Incidents without a clearance, with a named suspect or suspect description, and no follow-up

***Assumes annual growth rate of 2% to Vancouver population



Discussion



2-Minute Activity



**Reflect
individually,
before
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as a group**

Closing Reflection

Take two minutes to reflect on tonight's meeting, before we share as a group:

- **What additional questions do you have following tonight's meeting?**
- **What other information can we provide to help inform the committee's work?**



Closing Reflection



Meeting Schedule

Committee meetings are tentatively scheduled for:

- Meeting #3: 6–8 p.m. on **April 18**, location TBD soon
 - We will not be meeting at Bridgeview Resource Center, due to a community training that night
- Meeting #4: 6–8 p.m. on **May 9**, location TBD
- Meeting #5: 6–8 p.m. on **May 30**, location TBD
- Meeting #6: 6–8 p.m. on **June 6** or **June 13**, location TBD



Meeting Schedule

Topics for upcoming committee meetings:

- Meeting #3: Discuss facilities, equipment and technology
- Meeting #4: Review funding mechanisms and possible scenarios
- Meeting #5: Revisit outcomes, impacts and community expectations
- Meeting #6: Deliver formal funding recommendation

*Topics and timing may evolve, based on committee discussion; future meetings TBD, based on committee interests



Next Steps

- Thank you for joining us tonight
- Our next meeting will be from **6–8 p.m. on April 18 (location TBD)**
- City staff will send you an updated calendar invitation soon and a reminder the week of April 15
- Please remember to turn in your W-9 and ACH authorization forms



Thank You



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