



Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 5:30pm, Remote Meeting

Committee Attendance:

Tae Chong, Chair (District 3), Belinda Ray (District 1), Mark Dion (District 5).

Councilors in Attendance: Andrew Zarro (District 4), April Fournier (At-Large)

Mayor Kate Snyder

City Staff:

Kristen Dow, Director of HHS; Keith Gautreau, Fire Chief; Frank Clark, Police Chief; Anne Torregrossa, Associate Corporation Council; Aaron Geyer, Director of Social Services Adam Harr, Executive Assistant for Social Services; Christine Grimando, Director of Planning and Urban Development; Bob Fowler, Public Health Director.

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Announcements

- March 4, 2021 draft workshop minutes.
 - o Councilor Ray moved to accept the minutes; Councilor Dion seconded and the minutes were accepted unanimously.
- March 9, 2021 draft meeting minutes.
 - o Councilor Ray moved to accept the minutes; Councilor Dion seconded and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Updates

- March totals for the City's General Assistance Program:
 - o Total Applications: 1685
 - o Number of approvals: 1392
 - o Number of denials: 81
 - o Denial rate: 4.81%
- Oxford Street Shelter:
 - o OSS average nightly census: 28
 - o Contract hotel average nightly census: 76
- Overview of the Family Shelter:
 - o Number of on-site at the family shelter: 24 families/72 individuals
 - o Number of families at local hotels for shelter overflow: 69 families/ 219 individuals
- March totals for the Needle Exchange Program (NEP) are as follows:
 - o Total number of exchanges: 497
 - o Total number of needles collected: 27,655
 - o Total number of needles distributed: 31,175

- o Total number of Narcan doses distributed: 113 kits (226 doses)
- o Public Health staff have modified Portland NEP exchange policy to retain 1:1+ exchange model, but increase no-exchange limit from 10 up to 50 syringes per exchange*
 - This recommendation was made based on their review of materials, our current operation practices (access 7 days per week) as well as feedback from the staff working the exchange.
 - * This change is while the governor's executive order remains in place.
- o Staff will Consider a rebranding of the Portland Needle Exchange Program to something more reflective of the integrated nature of the service.
- Clinic Numbers:
 - o STD Clinic: Patients seen: 111, new patients: 37
 - o PCFC: Patients seen: 82, new patients: 15
- Resettlement Coordinator interviews completed last week.

Committee questions and discussion,

- Councilor Ray asked if there is any follow up from the Needle Exchange workshop.
 - o Staff recommended continuing with a one-to-one plus model, increasing the allotment from 10 to 50.
 - o Proposing name change to be consistent with syringe services programs.
- Councilor Dion requested the monthly update numbers posted; Director Dow will write a memo.
- Councilor Dion asked about outreach as more people will move to encampments.
 - o What is the status of street outreach with the loss of volunteers?
 - o One staff member goes out with the mobile medical outreach team.
 - Ongoing weekly outreach.
 - o Outreach done by community partners.
 - o Creating an engagement board to coordinate with other syringe services programs.
- Councilor Ray is happy to hear the 10 has been increased to 50. She hopes this can be a regular part of the updates. She is interested in the engagement board and updates as vacancies are filled.
- Councilor Chong requested knowing where needles are collected.
 - o Councilor Ray is interested in knowing the number of needles collect from sharps boxes versus the ground.
 - o Number of needles collected this year is much larger than last year.
 - o We have 22 needle boxes and will install more in bathrooms.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – HHS Facility

- Director Dow gave background on the department's goal to consolidate the department to break down siloed and duplicative work dates back to 2004. She and the Social Services Director toured the space a year ago but the process was derailed by Covid.
- Director Dow addressed comments made at last night's City Councilor meeting that criminalized our clients, saying they would be a danger to college students. She as worked in the clinic and the characterization of out clients cannot be further from the

truth. She understands there will be neighborhood concerns and will be meeting with neighborhood associations and coordinate a public meeting with Portland Downtown.

- Public Health staff currently work at India Street, the Rieche Community School, and the Cummings Center.
- Maintenance staff work across worksites at India Street and Lancaster Street.
- Prevention and Diversion program has the funding to hire but not the space for staff to work.
- Lack of a space has impacted
 - Need a counseling room.
- Ongoing maintenance issues.
 - There have been water issues at India street for years and the clinic had to close for 10 days in November.
- 39 Forest Ave is 37,000 square feet. GA is just over 10,000 square feet and India Street is 6,000 square feet.
- There are three entrances: one for staff, one for Social Services and one for Public Health.
- There will be no metal detector at the needle exchange door; there will be a metal detector at GA.
- Public Health will be on the first floor.
 - Large training room has many possibilities for client education.
- General Assistance and Prevention and Diversion will be on the second floor.
- The building is accessible to people who use wheelchairs. Accessibility has been an issue at India street; it is difficult to get through the entrance doors.
- Staff parking will be at the Spring Street Garage.
- The Facility will be open 7 days a week on an average from 8:00am to 7:00pm. It will not be open 24 hours per day and will not have overnight accommodations.
- Co-locating will increase health equity.
- Some minor repairs need to be done before moving operations.
 - July 1 for GA to start.
 - HHS staff from City Hall and Reiche move in July.
 - Clinic operations will move by November 1st.

Committee Questions and discussion.

- Councilor Ray asked what is the total number of employees moving into this space?
 - 84.
- What has been the feedback from staff who will be moving?
 - Very positive. Clinic staff, managers and GA staff have visited and are excited.
- Councilor Ray likes the room for growth.
- Councilor Ray asked about the phone number; will it be 24 hours?
 - Yes. The line goes directly to the shelters which is operate 24/7 and Social Services Division Managers rotate on-call responsibilities.
- Councilor Ray commented that the price per square foot is a deal.

- Councilor Dion wants to make sure we have done the work that's necessary including addressing abutters.
 - It would be helpful for Chief Clark assess security in and around the facility.
 - Chief Clark has toured the building.
 - It is important for the Chief to assert what any real public safety concerns are.
 - The City went through a continuous process when services changed at the India street clinic.
 - He would like client and patient feedback be solicited.
 - Poll the patients asking if the move would impact their relationship with care.
 - He said it makes sense for the programs but wants to see details.
- Councilors Chong asked about services that exist in the area already.

Public hearing opened at 6:27 PM

- Anita Stewart of 23 O'Brian and the Portland Stage. They want to recognize the dignity of everyone in the community. They understand the benefits of consolidating programs but feel left out of the process, as neighbors. Inclusion could have helped the process. They have children in their programs and want to know how it will be safe. Students are in their building 6 days a week. They have shows at night with 200 attendees who then walk back to their cars late at night, many of whom are elderly. She wants to know if it is safe for children to be next to a needle exchange is concerned about what happens when the facility is closed. She understands there is a number to call but thins it won't be helpful. She wants to work with the City to make sure her students and patrons are safe.
- Jonathan Culley of Redfern Properties which is working with MECA on a project at 45 Forest Ave which shares an alley with 39 Forest Avenue. He said the process is insufficient with a total public process of only 4 weeks. The project would change the environment where services are delivered. What will be the impacts on the Arts district? Does colocation of so many services spread the burden or concentrate the burden on the needihood. The process for finding the homeless services center took years and was a public process. He urged the council to view the proposal to be more than a realestate transaction and consider the people impact with a public process and outreach.
- Donna Yellen, social worker and Deputy Director of Preble Street at 38 Portland Street is the deputy director of Preble Street and asks the committee support the move of HS programs under one roof. It will be accessible on foot on the peninsula and bus lines. Space and meeting rooms were needed before the pandemic. During the Covid pandemic, people needing assistance has to wait outside. Having the space to socially distance indoors will solve this. There were surprising statements last night. It's always a challenge when people seeking services are misunderstood.
- Sarah Michniewicz of the BNA is looking out her window to the General Assistance parking lot. It is empty like it usually is. There are legitimate concerns but she does not see that activity around the GA office. The City controls the space and the area around it. Concerns about residence halls: the current GA office is sandwiched between two high

schools and an early education center. Having everything being co-located helps with issues of people lingering. The current office is a labyrinth and is very confusing. Security issues need to be paid attention to.

- Cullen Ryan of Community Housing of Maine (CHOM) has served homeless populations for 34 years and applauds this move. He is familiar with the clientele that seeks services; treating people with dignity and respect is important. The way services are delivered now has people waiting outside on full display. It requires waiting one place only to need to travel to another. Having service in one location will treat people with dignity and respect. One of the things about the homeless services center, is that it will treat people with dignity and respect; this move is in keeping with that and he fully supports it.
- Rebecca Hobbs of 1251 Congress Street and Executive Director of Through These Doors, a domestic violence resource center in Cumberland County. She was particularly moved by Director Dow's presentation tonight: her expertise and her concerns about negative stereotypes. She agreed with Cullen Ryan, Donna Yellen and the neighbor Sarah. The victims of domestic abuse would benefit from one centralized location and thinks it is a good move.
- Harold Pachios is an attorney at Preti Flaherty Beliveau and owns a building on Forest Avenue near this location. He is struck by the discussion that if you oppose it, you are ignorant. It is about people but also about planning and real estate. Looking at the plan for the city that considers many things including social services. He is against this because he had planned to build something on his lot nearby; if this happens it would not be as good as a fit and would affect him economically. He would like the process be slowed down and think of alternatives. He was part of the task force in Washington in the 1960s that created the war on poverty. He spent a lifetime serving the democratic party. This is a land use issue. If you think downtown is where the social services center should be. Some people think this is the Arts district.
- Elizabeth McCormack of Smith Street in Portland. She is concerned about what the security staff would look like. Everyone deserved safety: art students, unhoused people, and drug users. Unhoused people face harassment from police and security services. People with mental health issues are much more likely to be killed by police. She understands security has been a part of these facilities but thinks now is the optimal time to examine its use. She is interested in knowing more about the whose input was sought in the planning process: were clients surveyed, etc.
- Jayden Brasure of Cumberland Street is speaking in support of the proposal and is sickened by the ideology characterizing the homeless population as criminals/bad people. Real estate fighting the placement of this feels like a modern form of segregation.
- Heidi Souerwine appreciates the abutter engagement piece. She lives closeby. This doesn't seem planned with a lot of other moving parts. She can't help but think the City is purposely creating another social services corridor. For people who don't live in West Bayside, the planning can be jarring but West Bayside carries a high burden already. Consolidating services is a good and the end of the lease was known. The impact on the area will be significant and would like time to understand what the impact will be. Did

the City explore any other neighborhoods and did the City explore any other properties?
Is the city balancing impacts?

- Beth Ellicker is the Executive VP of Maine College of Art acknowledged that there are real benefits to consolidating services. They are asking for a broader consideration of location. They have concerns as they have plans for a project adjacent at 45 Forest Ave which would house 180 students. 500 students, 100 employees and 1,200 community members exist across their 5 buildings. They have a green space at the backside of the Oak Street entrance. Their population moves regularly between Congress and Cumberland with 24/7 student access. Students travel between them at night and they feel a sense of responsibility for safety. They respectively request a slowdown of the process and to consider other neighborhoods.
- Joey Brunelle of 61 Kellogg Street thanked Director Dow for the presentation which answered all of his questions. A lot of the drama at last night's meeting was from a lack of information and communication. There was little communication with abutters. The first the publicly heard of this was in the packet or the paper which did not include floor plans and other information. As there was no public comment planned for this meeting, he and others felt the need to give an agenda'd comment last night and misunderstood parts of the proposal because it wasn't shared. It was only after last night that public comment was added to this meeting. It needs to be a public process.
- Jason Tropp, resident on Mechanic Street is not debating the benefit of consolidation. He asked because it is similar to the project on Riverside, is it possible that this derails that project? said there is a possibility of creating an L shaped corridor for clients to pass through. There is already heavy foot traffic that affects residents such as needing to pick up human feces. It feels rushed and that this decision is being driven by a lease deadline. This building is not technically in Bayside but it is close; the consolidation of services did not work there. That is with scattered sites and this is under one roof.
- Tori Errington on Row Avenue in Portland. They said public comment can be difficult. We are talking about people and often time it seems like we are not. Does the City's Public Health Division Engage with the community on where to deliver services. Does having security guards at the door create a welcoming environment? Why are we spending money on this when we don't have public bathrooms? We are funneling more money to the police. It's not going to be great for unhoused people to have security guards at the door.
- Erin Kiley thanked the committee for taking public comment. It is emotional for the clients and abutters while people see each other's sides. Some concerns could be allayed if Director Dow shared what issues did occur at the various locations as they suspect people think there are more than there actually are. Also, how many people would be accessing the location at any given time?
- Jim Hall of Cedar Street said consolidation is good for people seeking services. People walking from one location to another is when people get preyed upon. He takes offense at being told he is weaponizing people while being concerned for his own safety. Security protects the clients at the Oxford Street shelter and not just the neighbors. Bayside is

unique with one ways and Forest Ave would have much more foot traffic to mitigate issues. Was this really because a lease is up?

- Ben Strick of the Rosemont neighborhood and Spurwink. Spurwink is excited to see the City consolidate services. Our staff walk clients back and forth between India Street and GA multiple times a day. There will be a benefit to staff and clients. He thinks there's a misconception of what will be located there. It will not be a homeless shelter. It will serve families, students, there are struggles in the bayside neighborhood but those are very different than what would be seen here due to the services offered in the space.
- Diana is a client of the Teen Center on Preble Street. It is hard waiting for food, standing outside during winter. As much as she hates being homeless, she shouldn't be hated for being homeless. Everyone is trying to be housed and be functioning members of society and doesn't appreciate the negative comments.

Public comment closed at 7:17 PM.

- Councilor Ray answered questions:
 - o What will security look like at this facility:
 - Who it will be: There is no security at India Street for lack of need. Director Geyer explained there are two security staff at Social Services. They have had security since 2006, contracting out before switching to two City staff members in 2017. We have two staff, one at the entrance and one patrolling the building.
 - This is a civilian security service.
 - The only entrance with security is for Social Services.
 - o What was the process and were other buildings considered?
 - Director Dow and Director Geyer happened upon this location in February of last year and progress got supplanted by Covid. Contacting the owner, it was still available.
 - o Per the plan for the riverside homeless services center, there is a planned triage and referral center on the peninsula.
 - o Jason mentioned a Jennings proposal for ultra-low barrier housing.
 - Councilor Ray to follow up with Jason.
 - o The \$280,000 is the current cost plus the rent for the prevention and diversion program. This will be spent if we move or not.
 - Councilors Ray invites the commenter to email her to discuss public restrooms.
 - o Do we currently have a lot of calls for service occurring at the current locations?
 - We do not.
 - Chief Clark said the most frequent call type is for building alarms.
 - 19-44 calls for service per year at 196 Lancaster Street over the past three years. Some calls are happening outside and the address is used as a landmark.
 - Between 8 calls per service to a high of 18 in 2020 at India Street, mostly for alarms

- Several at India Street were from burst pipes or staff going through secure doors and one was the wind blowing open an unlatched door: 12 in total.
 - Are there any land-use issues?
 - This use is compatible with zoning use requirements.
- Mayor Snyder clarified that the cost comparison is based on rental. Regardless of location, the city will be spending this money. Costs for renovation and moving is not part of this comparison. She is happy to share more information on bathrooms throughout the budget process. She thanked the committee for having this conversation. The City of Portland have so many services and professional staff; these thoughts have been happening since 2005. The City's Council's job is to work with professional staff and engage with constituents. On Friday the memo was posted, covered in the media on Saturday, preliminary thoughts were shared last night and a thorough presentation was given tonight. It may seem like everything is being rushed, but the Councilors take this very seriously. The resolution passed in February of 2020 called for a triage facility on peninsula. We are talking about daytime services into the evening but not into the night to a really broad audience of people.
- Councilor Fournier thanked the committee. She had a different idea coming into this meeting and Director Dow's presentation answered many questions. She works with families in her day job and appreciates trying to find a way to removing barriers to the services people need, Her main question is understanding where the process goes from here. It feels very condensed with a posting 4 days ago and less than 24 hours' notice for public comment. When we looked at other big projects, there were full council workshops. The mayor mentioned professional staff have had the opportunity to work through all of this and that would be helpful for her. From here, where does this go? The visual presentation wasn't in the packet and hopes it can be uploaded. Does it go to a full council vote next?
 - Process for HHS and communication:
 - Initial communication was tonight's meeting.
 - Throughout the next couple of weeks into the beginning of May have talks with the public including neighborhood associations.
 - Director Mitchel is finalizing the terms of the lease with the landlord and Corporation Counsel.
 - The lease would need to be voted on by the full Council.
- Councilor Ray asked if it is possible to do a neighborhood meeting with notice. For the public, the district and at-large councilors and abutters to attend.
- Councilor Ray said it was brought up in Public comment that the Lancaster Lease is up in June. Is there a way to get more time if needed?
- Councilor Ray said it is really hard to be careful with language, but it is important. We will do our best to get the language right, but we will still make mistakes.
- Mayor Snyder said that the full council would like to be engaged and will work with Councilor Ray to bring people to the table.

- Councilor Dion asked Director Mitchel if there is some flexibility for a grace period in the leases. He heard that one commenter believes her comment being taken was just a courtesy and the decision had been made. Knowing what the grace periods are, the actual timeline, would help.
- Councilor Chong reminded the public that HHS has been looking to this since 2005 and planning this since 2020. Throughout the process we have had to respond to asylum seekers and covid-19 and are searching for an assistant director; this was off their radar until checking to see if it was still available. The price of the building is phenomenal. It is healthier for the clients and staff. He agrees to creating a better process and wants to know what happens if we don't renew the lease.
 - o If we do not renew the lease on Lancaster; what does that look like?
 - o Staff.
 - o It's not out of place even if it's in the Arts District. When there are more calls for service because of alarms, that doesn't translate into a security concern.
- Next steps
 - o Community outreach.
 - o Information back from Greg Mitchell on if there is a grace period in the lease.
 - o Larger dialogue at the council level.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Shelter Moratorium Discussion with Corporation Council

Memo:

<https://civicclerk.blob.core.windows.net/stream/PORTLANDME/5da0320af5.pdf?sv=2015-12-11&sr=b&sig=yuHZ%2BNt%2FZJrirN5s7hx71Zwzdf13nIre9aSwjPNL1nU%3D&st=2021-05-07T13%3A56%3A36Z&se=2022-05-07T14%3A01%3A36Z&sp=r&rsc=cache&rsct=application%2Fpdf>

- Community members expressed interest in a moratorium on new emergency shelters in Bayside and this presentation on moratoriums.
- Recently did a moratorium on Munjoy Hill and one for Marijuana facilities.

Committee questions and discussion,

- What is the time frame for a moratorium?
 - o 180 days with the opportunity to extend by another 180 days.
 - o It is his understanding that moratoria are to give time for the City to catch up with regulation.
 - This could be used while the City finalizes shelter licensing.
 - o Can these be location based?
 - Yes.
- Councilor Ray considered the “WHERE AS” statements on why this would be necessary and the goal would be to have this until licensing is in place.
 - o In terms of a timeline, as soon as possible is better.
 - o Could the committee submit suggestions to Corporation Counsel and Corporation Counsel have “where as” statements at the next meeting?
 - o Would the committee vote to recommend to the full council?

- Usually would get consensus from the committee before drafting but will take this direction.
- This is normally a 2 read but Corporation Counsel can check to see if this could be an emergency one read.
- It makes sense to limit this to a geographical.
- Councilor Dion could support a moratorium
 - Bayside residents need assurances of an effective barrier while licensing is finalized.
 - At the same time, he doesn't want to hurt out capacity to respond to emergency needs.
- Councilors Zarro asked about the maximum moratorium.
 - It is possible to extend a moratorium a third time past? Yes, but it must meet requirements.
- What is the typical time frame an emergency shelter goes from proposal to approval?
 - A conditional use approval.
 - Building permits to a certificate of occupancy
 - Licensing (once it's in place.)
- Director Grimando explained it can be as quickly as workshop and a public hearing. There is noticing requirements for the paper and the public.
 - It is unlikely to see a proposal to finalized project in 180 days.
- Councilor Zarro asked if this is a bridge to licensing and the difference with the Munjoy Hill demolition moratorium?
 - Munjoy Hill development was imminent.
 - Both are preventative measures to be put in place for new regulations.
 - Licensing for Shelters,
 - Zoning for Munjoy hill
 - Regulations for marijuana.
- Councilor Ray said it generally takes three to four months to go from submitting a proposal to it getting approved.
 - Once something has had its first meeting it has moved to pending/proceeding status.
 - Once it has that pending/proceeding status, new regulations won't apply to it.
 - There is potential for more imminent possibility.
 - We don't want to hamstring our ability to respond to emergencies. This could be a moratorium on permanent emergency shelters so we are able to respond to emergencies as we with asylum seekers in the Expo.
- Councilor Dion sees rather than a bridge, a moratorium would give Bayside safe harbor as licensing is worked out.
- Councilor Ray thought of potential for public harm: facilities developed without adequate day space presents potential harm to clients if they have to be somewhere else during the day. As our ordinance is currently written, day space is not required if a shelter is within a quarter mile of a metro line. Our zoning is deficient in this area and creates public harm. This is not geographic and raises a different concern.

- Councilor Dion learned upper forest is in bayside; it would be helpful to get a tight geographic boundary for Bayside.
 - The boundary can be established as needed.
- Councilor Chong would not support this. It is a triple assurance that we will limit the number of shelters.
- Councilor Ray said that the council does not decide.
 - If someone submitted materials and have an initial review with planning board, they would no longer be bound by anything the City Council passes.
 - Director Grimando clarified that pending/proceeding is established deepening on who is doing the review.
 - Subject to staff review is
 - Subject to planning board review
 - Once a project is in pending/proceeding they are no longer subject to new regulation.
 - Attorney Torregrossa clarified that pending/preceding does not mean there is a vested right. If the law changes, they can be made retroactive. Licensing can be made applicable to existing businesses. She does not prefer from a legal perspective to use retro activity, but it is possible. Simply being in pending/proceeding status within the one month does not mean it is untouchable.
- Councilor Ray asked of Corporation Counsel would ever advice retroactivity.
 - It would not be Attorney Torregrossa's first choice.
- Councilor Ray would like to pursue it and supports moving it to the full council.
- Councilors Dion would like to pursue it; the history of the neighborhood demands we take some sort of action.
- Councilor Chong asked how many new shelters the have been created in Bayside in the past 10 years?
 - The city has added capacity.
 - The new Preble street shelter.
 - There are rumors of another proposal.
- How quickly can a moratorium go into effect?
 - You can skip the committee process and waive a second read, if the council chose to do so; it could be done in one meeting.
 - The moratorium on new buildings abutting parks in r6 and the moratoria on Munjoy hill and marijuana all went straight to the full council.
- Should Corporation Counsel work on moratorium language for the committee to vote to recommend? Going to the city council without the committee would require speaking with the mayor to get on the council agenda.
- Councilor Dion wanted to have this discussion to see what is possible with a mortarium. He thinks it should be sorted out at the committee and wants proposed language from Anne.
- Councilor Ray would like the moratorium to pass. She would like to see it to go straight to the Council but will also agree to having it come back to the committee.

- Councilor Chong requested Corporation Counsel draft language.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Shelter Licensing Updates

- Bed density and shelter proximity:
 - Met with shelter providers for feedback and some residents for feedback.
 - Looking at what licensing means for our shellers in their current locations.
- Councilor Dion requested that pre-existing shelters have their own section.
 - Lawfully operating with all required permits and approvals.
 - Operating a conditional use approval that is not expired
 - Operating with a change of use that has not expired.
- Bed density would not disqualify a shelter and proximity to other facilities will not disqualify.
- Councilor Ray would like to postpone this item to the next meeting for an opportunity to ask questions.
 - The committee agreed.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Encampment Discussion

- Chief Clark explained encampments are handled on a case by case basis. Most action is based on complaints or officers on patrol looking for ordinance violations.
- Larger encampments have included structures, generators and heat sources. These have resulted in accidental fatalities.
- There have a three-person team in their behavioral health unit. They are clinical civilians working out of the department.
- Works with social services partners to get people in encampments connected to services.
 - Provides a warning and information verbally or post it.
- Determine if camping is on private property, checking with the property owners to see if people are allowed to camp there.
- Criminal Trespass Orders
- There were only two encampments related summons' in the past 5 years.

Committee questions and discussion.

- Councilor Chong asked that over those five years there would have been hundreds of interactions at encampments and only two summonses were issue.
 - Does not have the hard number but that is accurate.
- Councilor Dion asked if there is good communication between the department and railroad police? People are camping right next to the tracks out on ala nave all way to Falmouth.
 - Fatalities can occur.
 - Are they being patrolled?
 - There is only one Railroad Police office that covers the rail line form Portland down to Boston.
- Councilor Chong asked as the weather warms up, what kind of patrols are in the area? Community policing or based on calls?
 - Community policing will come in at 2:00 am checking the East end train and other usual places people camp to address them while people are still there.
 - Patrol officers and community placing respond to calls.

- o Mostly wellness checks and are about connecting people to services they need.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Next Meeting Agenda Discussion

- The next meeting is May 13, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:12 PM