



POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Special Meeting
June 1, 2010

Council Member Shepherd called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

Present: Yeh (Chair) arrived at 7:15 p.m., Holman left at 9:06 p.m., Price, Shepherd

Absent: none

1. Oral Communications

None.

2. Discussion of 2010 Council Priorities Workplan

Assistant to the City Manager, Kelly Morariu spoke regarding the matrix for the Council Priorities Workplan. She said Staff would like to focus on the strategies of a few actions to determine what they mean and what success would look like. Then Staff would like to look at the top one or two subcategories and focus on those. Staff was concerned this was focused on the Council Priorities with little attention paid to the department work plans. She suggested they focus on Land Use and Transportation, then Collaboration for Youth Well Being.

Community Services Recreation Manager, Rob DeGeus spoke regarding how a large amount of the work his department does is for Youth Well Being. He said this was a good time to determine if they were as focused as they should be on these issues. Strategy Number One, Project Safety Net, was a task force that was a cross section of community members from a variety of fields focusing on the best practices around suicide prevention and to understand where we are succeeding. The City's responsibility has been to get the right people connected to the project and to provide other specific services.

Greg Hermann, from the City Manager's Office, said that Track Watch was meant to include the volunteer program and the paid security program. The contract with the paid service was to reinforce the area in the specific location

where the service was needed. The community has fully funded the program through June 2010. An additional \$30,000 was included in the Police Department Budget to continue the program on a scaled back basis through the year. He said the on-going goal was not to just have one person at one place as a last ditch effort to prevent suicide. Developmental Assets included a subset of projects that were staffed by community members that recognized the importance of a community supportive of Youth. He said the School District had taken on much of the work as well. A project safety net report would be presented to Council in the near future. The group was being trained and forming a speakers bureau to speak to the developmental assets model.

Mr. DeGeus said the program was moving in a very encouraging direction. Youth Outreach and Youth Forum has been very successful. He said Staff would like to see that turn into an annual event. He spoke to the stigma of mental health issues. A suicide prevention policy could be considered by the Council, he had asked Vic Ojakian to draft one as a means of elevating the discussion.

Ms. Morariu said that there were some clear action items in respect to the priorities. It would make sense for the Committee to offer their comments.

Council Member Price asked about Project Cornerstone and if it was being duplicated through Palo Alto's Speakers Bureau.

Mr. DeGeus said they were looking to implement the effort, and their Executive Director was on the committee.

Mr. Hermann said the Director of Project Cornerstone would make a presentation at their next meeting to the subcommittee.

Council Member Price asked for some clarification on the school board's model.

Mr. DeGeus agreed there were some models that exist. The City model would be a bit different. The duplication of effort is something Staff was careful to avoid. Staff's goal was to coordinate efforts. He said that everyone involved had a different set of experiences and expertise that could be leveraged. Cross functional teams were a critical component.

Council Member Price said she liked best practices when they were applicable. She said Staff should focus on figuring out what those are. She added that it was important to involve youth in the discussions.

Mr. DeGeus agreed.

Council Member Price said the tragedies had been happening for several years and the work being done was great.

Mr. DeGeus said years of budget reductions had taken their toll. He said he was concerned about their capacity to deal with these types of issues.

Council Member Shepherd asked if he felt it was appropriate for the City to take the lead on this issue.

Mr. DeGeus said he would love it if the schools took the lead, but they struggled with budgets as well. The City was in a position to be able to influence the right people and that has been a great strength.

Council Member Shepherd asked if the efforts were being complimented at the School District.

Mr. DeGeus said he felt it had been. He said the level of trust and strength in the partnership between the City and the School district had grown.

Council Member Shepherd said the cooperation reaches a certain point and then falls apart. She said she'd like to see the interconnection between the City programs added. She asked Staff for ideas on how to get Council involved.

Mr. DeGeus said they were fairly engaged.

Council Member Shepherd said she had worked with a speakers list of local people that could help provide speakers for the parent networks at the two high schools. She said those groups were great assets when they work.

Mr. DeGeus said those organizations had been very supportive.

Council Member Holman said she wondered about the resources and the expertise on City Staff. She said they should consider a level of medical care offered by Stanford being dedicated to these programs.

Mr. DeGeus agreed but added the model had been effective so far because many experts had been brought in.

Council Member Holman asked for a clearer picture of the relationships. The City was the lead and implementer in many programs and it was a lot to carry.

Mr. DeGeus agreed and said that conversation is part of the process. Much of it did fall on the School District which was a challenge for them when academics was their focus.

Council Member Holman asked if they had enough professional support.

Mr. DeGeus said he felt like they were getting good support through the community.

Council Member Price said that when she was on the School Board they fought to keep these types of issues a priority. She said that the funding mechanism there had a large chunk directed toward infrastructure. She asked if there was a way to have a percentage allocated to Community Services for these types of issues in an effort to begin to build a way to sustain research support.

City Manager James Keene said that the Stanford Proposal suggestion of a \$30 million pool had not been accepted by Stanford. He said he shared a lot of Council Member Holman's questions. He said the Developmental Assets piece alone was a huge undertaking for a community. To have it embedded in the community for some time would be a worthy goal. It would require actions of people across the community.

Council Member Holman said the City should be fostering, but more practically the hands on piece should fall on supportive non-profits.

Mr. DeGeus said they were trying to connect those non-profits together to form a more coordinated effort. Every caring adult in Palo Alto could be an asset builder.

Chair Yeh said that it was in the context of priorities and moving toward some form of sustainable model. He was curious if HSRAP funding or something else for a community resource was needed.

Mr. DeGeus said they were just beginning to design that.

Mr. Hermann said they were working with Project Cornerstone to work on a County level.

Council Member Price said that the issues with the matrix of workers the City Representatives need to do a better job of translating that into resources and money.

Mr. DeGeus said that many experts in many different fields were working on developing strategies and recommendations.

Council Member Price said something more sustainable such as an endowment that could grow over time would be useful.

Council Member Shepherd said youth had been subtracted from the culture. She said schools can make decisions that remove control of inputs of Social and Mental Well being. She said that only 1 in 5 youths with these types of issues were being diagnosed. She said the neutrality of the City was important in the process as a coordinator.

Chair Yeh reminded the Committee that Staff was trying to determine a few top priorities to forward back to the full Council as a recommendation.

Council Member Shepherd asked if they should rank the five priorities.

Ms. Morariu said that perhaps one strategy could be to develop an on going sustainable support mechanism.

Ray Bacchetti, 850 Webster Street, #700 spoke regarding youth development. He was interested in how to coordinate all of the Palo Alto resources. He said the role of the City was not to lead but to manage and coordinate the resources, and to build and sustain networks to allow the City to harvest all of the resources. There needed to be the Staffing to accomplish that. There needed to be a mechanism for cultivating, sustaining, and acknowledging volunteers.

Council Member Price asked Mr. Bacchetti if there were planning grants within the broad world of the foundations to examine the types of things he was referring to.

Mr. Bacchetti said much was known about building and sustaining networks and managing public resources. Whether a foundation would be interested in making an investment on how the City could manage its ongoing role. Making Grants to Cities had become a specialized interest. He thought foundations would be careful about becoming too involved with trying to fill these gaps in the public sector.

Council Member Price asked if he would be willing to help Staff identify those resources if it was determined to be a good direction.

Mr. Bacchetti said he would be happy to help though he didn't have any current contacts in the industry.

Council Member Price said the Community Foundation was something she would consider, but she wasn't sure if there were others.

Mr. Bacchetti said there were ways to research foundation priorities to find a match. He said he would be happy to help with that process.

Council Member Holman asked Mr. Bacchetti about any organization that could take on the lead role.

Mr. Bacchetti said Avenidas was a good model example. He wasn't sure if there were a comparable one for youth well being. He suggested gathering existing organizations to see what their solutions might be.

Mr. Keene said that it was important to identify what they were not able to accomplish due to work loads or expertise.

Council Member Holman said it would be dangerous to have the best of intentions, spend a lot of time on the issue and find out at the end that we didn't have a way to get there.

Council Member Shepherd said she wanted to look at how the senior organizations were structured. She reiterated that Avenidas was a good model as they came out of the City with the goal of organizing senior services.

Chair Yeh said that this could go to the full Council. There was a strategic aspect in terms of the longevity and sustainability and an implementation aspect for accomplishing goals while figuring out the long term strategy.

Council Member Price mentioned that funding had to be considered as well.

Council Member Holman said there were many levels the City could be involved in. Youth Well Being had many meanings, including good soccer fields and the Children's Theatre. There are many ways for the City to participate.

Mr. DeGeus agreed. He said the City had influences that involved these strategies such as with the Theatre, fields, teen center, networking, etc.

Mr. Hermann said the recognition that much was being done was called out. He said that there were some models such as the Second Wind Fund, which would be interesting to observe. He said they were based in Colorado and had a sustainable, community-driven model.

Council Member Shepherd said she agreed with all of this but reductions are still being considered. She asked about Track Watch and the end date of the funding for it.

Mr. Hermann said the security personnel were meant to be a visual deterrent to stop the contagion at that intersection; it was never meant to be a permanent solution. He said it was important to make the transition away from that level of effort to these other components being discussed. Staff was working with the Track Watch volunteers so they can self organize if they wish to cover the program as the City scales down their commitment.

Mr. DeGeus said that regarding collaboration with the schools the City runs the Middle School Athletic Program with one dedicated full time Staff Member. He said there were about 1,400 children that pay to participate. The Science and Performing Arts Outreach have the Art Center and Children's Theatre which all run curriculums in the schools at a fee for the schools.

Council Member Shepherd asked about the Junior Museum.

Mr. DeGeus said they had Science Outreach programs.

Council Member Shepherd asked if it was mainly for the elementary schools.

Mr. DeGeus confirmed that it was. He added that the School District ran a summer school and the City acted as a fiscal agent for and provides recreation programs for it. He said the Collaborations for Youth Directly provided various opportunities including a Youth Form, Youth Arts Council, and the Mitchell Park Youth and Teen Center. He said the collaborations with youth serving agencies utilized a tremendous amount of community support. He said there was a lot of fund raising and volunteer work.

Mr. Hermann discussed the media partnership as a strategy for Safety net. He said that more work was continuing while Staff continued to reengage with local media.

Chair Yeh said that Staff was looking for one to two items to prioritize.

Ms. Morariu suggested they could rank the top two actions.

Mr. Keene said it was a forced choice. Some things would be intertwined

Council Member Shepherd wanted to add Resource Officers to the list as they were the ones that were helping the kids find their way. She asked to add Crossing Guards. The LAC priority was to make sure the Libraries were covered during the afterschool hours. She said there was a real interest in youth and the services they needed. She said that PACCC, onsite child care, was driven by the City and should be listed.

Mr. DeGeus said they report to the City School Liaison Committee about the different things they do, but there were a lot more than what Staff listed.

Mr. Hermann said there was a wealth of programs that are running and will continue to run but would not be listed.

Council Member Shepherd said when programs such as Resource Officers, Crossing Guards and PACCC were not being discussed by Staff much was missing from the discussion as money was required for these programs.

Chair Yeh said that the Finance Committee was making funding decisions as they were able to. The Policy & Services Committee should be focused more on Staff time and workloads. Crossing Guards did have more to do with funding. Good criteria for Policy and Services conversations might be to focus on Staff time, and prioritization.

Council Member Shepherd asked if they were prioritizing in terms of what was being funded.

Chair Yeh said yes, but in terms of Staff time rather than funding. The Policy and Services Committee can't step on the Finance Committee's process.

Council Member Shepherd said her interest was in making sure the City and the Schools were working together to make sure the goals were aligned.

Chair Yeh said he was interested in what the Committee thought of his suggestion.

Council Member Price said if they were to set priorities, they were not that familiar with the actual tasks that needed to be done. She asked how the role could be meaningful.

Chair Yeh said that the Finance Committee made a recommendation about Crossing Guards. He asked if it would be helpful to the Council if the Policy and Services Committee were to make another one.

Mr. Keene said the basic issue would be if they should continue to fund a program or not. Finance will make that decision. He said it might be helpful to segregate these issues. There would be no conversation taking place about developmental assets at the Finance Committee. The conversation clearly would have to do with Staff time, and would clearly have funding implications.

Council Member Shepherd said she keeps wondering about it being a goal. The purpose of that should be to identify everything they were doing for youth and to collaborate with the schools.

Mr. Keene said that the Finance Committee was using a parking lot for items when they couldn't reach a consensus. Those items would eventually go to the full Council. He added that with the Crossing Guards, perhaps they want to include various components of the program when it comes time to report on the discussion. He said there were items in discussion that needed a change of direction to accomplish. He thought the focus could be the new resources and the items that are automatically done but may be getting in the way of the new items.

Mr. DeGeus added that there was a unique opportunity to shift cultures. With the asset piece we have the entire community engaged, they should take advantage of that.

Council Member Price asked if there was a way to find an answer to the issue of being more systematic and coordinating resources. She said there were disconnects between the Council Priorities and the Budget Priorities. She asked for guidance to make the process feel like it was forming into a workplan. She said that later in the year they could return to the Committee with a systematic approach to better coordinate resources internally and externally. She added that there was probably no available Staff to do this. She said they were not fully documenting the full resources the City was dedicating to the issue. She asked how they decided which efforts would be productive or not.

Mr. DeGeus said the many programs were working well and they were doing a lot. He said the gap was how they deploy effective other resources around town.

Council Member Price confirmed that he meant a program that community members could access to coordinate with each other.

Mr. DeGeus said yes. He said they needed to figure out what to pass on to the community.

Council Member Price asked if there were actions related to coordinating resources.

Mr. Keene said that they should remember this was a process that would take place over many years. He suggested that rather than annual, let's have two year projects based on the new Council ideas each two years. He said it was important to make a statement to the community about things that were a

priority, and things the City was already doing. He added that marginal value each year would be to manage it in smaller chunks. He said it didn't have to be a perfect plan immediately.

Ms. Morariu added that the value added initiative would be helpful to prioritize as they were new items.

Mr. Keene said to remember that all the questions couldn't be answered immediately. He said that Staff would be able to connect with the Committee to report on the questions or conflicts that come up while they were working on it.

Council Member Holman suggested as a first priority they could review how to answer some of the questions and solve some of the issues by exploring the Avenidas or Second Wind models. She said the City could not sustain all of the suggestions any way, so why not use these other models to accomplish more with less City resources.

Council Member Shepherd said there was a lot that was City related such as Park and Recreation. She asked if Council Member Holman was referring to only the Project Safety Net component.

Council Member Holman said primarily that's what she was referring to, but she wasn't refusing to add any other program.

Council Member Price said it was important to know what was being sustained.

Council Member Holman suggested they not try to evaluate or prioritize immediately but rather review other models first.

Council Member Shepherd suggested they broaden and identify how the City was supporting youth. She wanted to understand how they could have a rigorous conversation with the schools about how youth were supported in Palo Alto. She said this included the Crossing Guards, Resource Officer, the library hours, the Teen Center, and Track Watch.

Council Member Holman agreed.

Mr. DeGeus said that Project Safety Net was important and the question was how to sustain it. He said it would be good direction for Staff to make it priority.

Mr. Keene said it started to turn into an implementation directive, so they wanted to be able to understand that. He said there seemed to be a concern

about the City's ability to deliver this. He said how it fits in was a smaller concern.

Chair Yeh said it was important to recognize that there was a process. He said some community members were excited, but they felt it should have been started before. Now that it was starting, they could take Staff's feedback for a strategic long term priority for Community Collaborative and develop a comprehensive list and timeline.

Council Member Price said the City School Liaison Committee had on-going reports that described all of these reports and the committee work. She added that Palo Alto was not unique with this problem and they needed to explore what other cities were doing to manage these issues.

Mr. DeGeus said Staff had reached out to many cities, universities, and other experts from around the country, particularly in relation to suicide prevention.

Mr. Hermann added that one of the major learning's was that each community builds upon the previous work.

Council Member Price said Staff was suggesting that they had not found another community that had really done this well.

Mr. DeGeus said the NY Times recently came to Palo Alto for a week as part of a tour around the country. Their feedback was that Palo Alto had done much more than any of the other communities they had visited.

Council Member Shepherd said that one of Staff's questions was about what success looked like. She said that she understood the importance of asserting families in Palo Alto. She said if they could start gathering all of the information about the way of life here and the services offered, they could put it into a manageable form so they could help families with a book or something that details all these services.

Mr. DeGeus said that was something that could be done.

Council Member Shepherd reiterated that it would be good to see the basic services in a comprehensive format. She clarified that she didn't mean a schedule of lessons, but rather a description of how to find the lessons. She asked if the information was available on-line and if it was possible to get it in a printed brochure format.

Mr. DeGeus said it was on-line, available through kiosks and that a brochure would be possible.

Chair Yeh said if they make it a priority as a Council it would be possible.

Council Member Shepherd said that might be a good link.

MOTION: Council Member Shepherd moved, seconded by Council Member Price that the Policy and Services Committee recommends the development of a long-term, sustainable model for Project Safety Net to be further defined by Staff, and that Staff produce an inventory of youth focused services offered by, in, or through the City of Palo Alto in a user-friendly, deliverable format.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Council Member Price asked if there was a possibility of having longer term priorities.

Mr. Keene said Staff would look into it.

Chair Yeh suggested they discuss Land Use and Transportation.

Ms. Morariu said Staff would be happy to discuss any that the Committee felt they were unclear about.

Mr. Keene said that the six strategies all made sense to him. He said rather than discussing whether or not these strategies should be there, they should discuss how to accomplish them. He said the actions were easier to deal with as some of them were already set for the Planning and Transportation items. He said that resources should be discussed, for example they should explore whether there was enough Staff to manage the High Speed Rail issue. They could discuss if they were on target with the priorities and what actions needed to be taken if they were not.

Director of Planning and Transportation Curtis Williams said he wasn't sure what level of detail the Committee wanted to review. But there were a few things that were important even though they may not be state required; 1) High Speed Rail, 2) Comprehensive Plan, 3) Stanford, 4) Bike Plan, 5) Development Center, and 6) Organizational Structure.

Mr. Keene added that there were many other projects, but if the City were to make progress on any of the items mentioned by Mr. Curtis, it would be a successful year.

Council Member Shepherd agreed. She asked where Staff would place the Rail Corridor Study in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Williams said it bridges the High Speed Rail in the Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Shepherd said there was skepticism about how effective it would be and added that she was looking forward to seeing the community work together.

Mr. Williams said it would take perhaps a year and a half to complete. A solid policy framework could be established in about six months that defines the parameters.

Council Member Shepherd said she learned, while visiting Sacramento recently, that they would have to build High Speed Rail into the work plan.

Council Member Holman suggested that the strategies under Land Use & Transportation were overlooking the process to improve permit efficiency. Another category should be consistency and predictability. Adherence to City and State rules should also be factored in. Under Transportation Actions they should consider adding Pagemill and Hwy 280 to get the funding they needed to correct the issues there.

Council Member Shepherd reiterated that High Speed Rail was not going away, and they would have to find a way to fund the issues that came along with it.

Mr. Keene said that CalTrain wasn't specifically listed, perhaps it should be "High Speed Rail/CalTrain". He suggested the Corridor Study should be under the Comprehensive Plan rather than High Speed Rail. High Speed Rail was reactive, whereas the Corridor Study was more proactive.

Council Member Shepherd said the electrification of CalTrain needed to be added.

Council Member Price added that Alma was part of it as well.

Mr. Williams said all of those would be in there by default anyway.

Council Member Shepherd said that it seemed like the only priority that could go away would be Stanford.

Mr. Williams agreed.

Council Member Price clarified that they meant Stanford could come to a conclusion, not that it could be deferred.

Chair Yeh asked if the Bike Plan was a calendar year 2010 deliverable.

Mr. Williams said it would go into 2011.

Chair Yeh asked about the Development Center Restructure.

Mr. Williams said the effort would be completed this year but pieces may move into next year.

Chair Yeh said, of the items Mr. Williams mentioned, Stanford and the Development Center were 2010, the others were 2011.

Council Member Price said that was correct in terms of focus. She clarified that the Corridor Plan should be part of the Comprehensive Plan. She thought that the Corridor and Stanford would be the big items.

Mr. Williams said that Stanford was paying the cost of most of the work for that project, so resources were not as much of a problem. High Speed Rail was a different issue, and resources were a problem. The Comprehensive Plan was fine for this year, resource wise. Funding for the bike plan was also in place.

Council Member Price asked if the Bike Plan process required consultant support.

Mr. Williams said the Bike Plan did use consultants with one RFP being worked on now. That part of the project was budgeted through a grant. It would total an estimated \$50,000.

Council Member Price confirmed that it was contracted out due to Staff resources.

Mr. Williams said that was correct, though a lot of work was being done by Staff.

Council Member Shepherd said it would be nice for Staff to have the expertise on that project.

Council Member Price agreed but added that with the Bike Plan there would obviously not be someone in house that could do it. She asked how many people were in Planning.

Mr. Williams said there were 44 employees total. Half were in Building, and about 20 were in Planning.

Council Member Shepherd asked if Planning was in a lull.

Mr. Williams said it was a little slower, but some Staff had been cut.

Shepherd said the process and project review should be easy for residents to improve their homes. She said that gaps in the commissions were an issue. She asked if Staff had time to fix any of that this year.

Mr. Keene said they had to find time to fix it this year.

Mr. Williams said there were Staff and Ordinance issues.

Council Member Shepherd asked for clarification regarding the Staff issues.

Mr. Williams said communication between departments, regulations, and other issues including regulations.

Council Member Shepherd asked if there was a problem between that and Public Works.

Mr. Keene said there were regulation issues, system issues, organizational structural issues, control oversight, need for more performance metrics, but he added that these were all issues that could be fixed. He said that public announcements regarding the importance of this and the urgency of some progress should be considered.

Council Member Price said that in anticipation of a recovering economy they should get ready for increased delivery.

Council Member Shepherd said that every month that a family is out of their home due to delays with the process was unfair and expensive for the family. She asked if there could be a guarantee of time.

Mr. Keene said processes that are clear and written down need to be set, and performance measures set. He said there always had to be a variable because the contractor could drop the ball and then tell the homeowner it's the city's fault. He added that there were some processes that drive the project that need to be fixed. It needed to be a permit center, not five departments that work separately.

Council Member Price asked if applicants were given a tentative schedule for when their projects would be reviewed by the various review bodies.

Mr. Williams said applicants were not handed a piece of paper, but were typically told what the schedule should be.

Council Member Price said there would be assumptions, but her vision was that the entire team meets with the applicant and creates a schedule.

Mr. Williams said they host that meeting, but not every department attends, or Staff hadn't reviewed the plans yet and give an unrealistic timeline that is later adjusted.

Mr. Keene said improvements could be made. Staff had to be accountable for implementation and documentation. He said the public had been very vocal about these issues. He thought assigning project management responsibility to one Staff Member would be efficient.

Chair Yeh said there were five priorities on the table; he wanted to know how the Committee wanted to proceed. He said they could focus on the two that were for 2010 and then continue through 2011.

Council Member Price said that just managing these items would be a success due to their complex nature.

Council Member Shepherd asked if the permit fees were comparable to surrounding cities. She asked if raising the fees to earn more money and hire more Staff would solve the problem.

Mr. Williams said that money and Staff were not the issue.

Council Member Price felt that Palo Alto's permit fees were comparable to other cities.

Mr. Williams agreed. He said it ranges a bit depending on the type of permit. He said personnel would help to some extent, but it wasn't the fundamental problem. He felt they could double the Staff and still have problems.

Council Member Price said that aligning the High Speed Rail with the Comprehensive Plan was an understanding taken from the meeting. She felt both issues were largely mandatory. The five identified here made the most sense with limited options.

MOTION: Council Member Price moved, seconded by Council Member Shepherd that the Policy and Services Committee recommends to the City Council approval of the 2010 Council Priorities Work Plan.

Council Member Shepherd asked about the Rail Corridor verbiage. She said it's not always about High Speed Rail.

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

3. Discussion for Future Meeting Schedules and Agendas

Chair Yeh said the June 8, 2010 meeting had been cancelled and they were meeting again on June 22, 2010 to discuss the priorities further.

Ms. Morariu said they will not likely be able to discuss finances that night, so she asked about scheduling a special meeting in July. She said the items for June 22nd were pretty well laid out. She suggested they meet on July 6 to focus on City Finances priority.

Council Member Price confirmed that this was a post budget adoption conversation.

Ms. Morariu confirmed they would meet on July 6, 2010 at 7:00pm and then on July 20, 2010.

Council Member Price said that on the 6th they would be able to discuss the issues surrounding restructuring.

Chair Yeh asked for confirmation that would allow time to get to full Council by July 12.

Ms. Morariu said she hoped so, but she wasn't sure that they could do it any early than July 6th.

Chair Yeh confirmed that they had Social Media and Applicant Policies on the 22nd.

Ms. Morariu suggested the second meeting could be scheduled on July 30th.

Council Member Price said it would be a chance to discuss restructuring.

Chair Yeh asked if that would leave enough time to bring to the full Council by July 12th.

Ms. Morariu said they could always push July 12th out, but they couldn't do it any earlier than July 6th, considering the budget process.

Chair Yeh said they did have Social Media on the 22nd.

Ms. Morariu suggested on the 6th they could discuss the longer term priorities.

Council Member Price asked if there were items that were useful for Council Members to discuss with legislators and if so how did Staff track them.

Ms. Morariu said there wasn't an organized process for that yet, but the Staff had considered a Council subcommittee to work with.

Mr. Keene said that the legislative program had started waning, while they had resurrected the Federal Program, they depended on the League of California Cities for the State level. He said that generally speaking the State politicians were on the same side of issues as Palo Alto was.

Council Member Price said she attended a meeting regarding transit occupancy tax. She wasn't sure what the practices had been.

Ms. Morariu said her focus had been the Federal program and working on the structure of the overall program would be the next step.

Chair Yeh suggested that could be on the agenda for July 20.

Council Member Price said it would be helpful to have an update.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.