

BAC meeting #4: Friday, January 13, 9-10:30 a.m.

Attendees

- Eric Engstrom
- Julie Ocken
- Nikoyia Phillips
- Love Jonson
- Svetha Ambati
- Lori Drew
- Calvin Hoff
- Brian Romer
- Hannah Walters

Budget Updates

Eric provided a recap of the budget instructions: no General Fund (GF) cuts or requests (one-time or ongoing). We are allowed to make non-GF requests and can make cost-neutral GF changes.

We expect the next Phase 2 direction will come later this month, and there may be opportunities for one-time or ongoing requests in that phase.

The two-year appropriations and ARPA funds from last year will be carried over in the Spring Budget Adjustment time, not in this Requested Budget timeframe.

BPS Budget Requests

We have 3 requests prepared so far:

- PCEF to increase staffing capacity
- BPS Business Operations to increase capacity
- Graffiti Abatement Program move to BPS

Next steps on budget instructions

We expect further instructions from the Mayor are expected later this month. There may about \$6.5M available in ongoing funds (which is really a small amount compared to past years), but one-time funds are unlikely to be available. The instructions may acknowledge the issue of one-time money funding some ongoing functions. Most of BPS's one-time money we have currently is for short-term projects, so this is relatively ok.

BPS will present our budget with our partner bureaus (Housing, Prosper Portland, BDS) in March.

We would like to have a couple more BAC members with this group in February to review any additional requests we may be submitting in the next budget phase.

If we are allowed to ask for additional General Fund in Phase 2, BPS expects to ask for more funding for the Graffiti Abatement Program and for the RICAP program.

Anthony: There are a lot of programs currently funded by ARPA, but we will see what happens with ongoing funding for these programs. City Commissioners will be at the forefront of budget asks, which is different from the City Budget Office (CBO) in past years.

Eric: There will be an effort to constrain package asks before bureaus submit their asks for the Phase 2 funding. We expect to get specific parameters about what asks will be allowed. It is not entirely off the table that there may be realignment asks to make additional funding, but that is still TBD.

BAC Letter

Eric: The draft we prepared mentions the one-time funding issue as well as the 3 BPS decision (add) package requests for this Phase 1 of the budget process.

Love: Where can we provide input about charter reform, the BAC process in when the form of government changes?

- Eric: Yes, the BAC certainly can comment on charter reform in either this letter or the Phase 2 letter. There is a potential change for participatory budgeting in the next step of the charter changes.

If BAC members have any further edits or suggestions, please share those comments by EOB on Tuesday, January 17. We will finalize the BAC letter by the end of next week (January 20).

Google Doc of the draft letter for input/comments/edits:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hvxnE35V3LBsmGvfRCFkCoZAh5rYyQgMCiID9_oGX4/edit?usp=sharing

Next Steps

BAC members will join staff again for a couple meetings in February:

- Monday 02/06 @ 12-1 p.m.
- Friday 02/17 @ 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[invites sent via Outlook calendar]

February BAC meeting topics may include:

- Recap of BPS's Requested Budget
- Discussion of the Equity Tool
- Additional budget asks as allowed per Phase 2 direction
- Time for BAC members to have discussion
- Overview of Community Budget Forums and if BAC members want to speak on behalf of the BPS budget requests