



HEARING NOTES

Bill: LO23-0039

Oversight Brooklyn Mass Shooting

Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations

Chaired by: Mark Conway

Hearing Date: July 13, 2023

Time (Beginning): 5:08 PM

Time (Ending): 9:15 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 171 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Mark Conway (Chairman)
Phylcia Porter (Committee member)
Antonio Glover (Committee member)
Eric Costello (Committee member)
Sharon Green Middleton
Kristerfer Burnett (Committee member)
Zeke Cohen (Committee member)
Odette Ramos (Committee member)
John Bullock
Isac Schleifer
James Torrence
Robert Stokes
Nick Mosby

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [] YES [X] NO [] N/A
Motioned by:
Seconded by:
Final Vote:

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Stefanie Mavronis Interim Director MONSE
Kevin Keegan -Catholic Charities
Michelle Wirzberger - BPD
Faith Leech - Baltimore City Chief Administrator
Richard Worley Acting Police Commissioner
Kevin Jones - BPD
Janet Abrahams - CEO/President HABC

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Conway called the hearing to order and introduced the committee members in attendance.
2. Chairman Conway made brief opening remarks.
3. Councilmember Porter made brief opening remarks.
4. Council President Mosby made brief opening remarks.
5. Commissioner Worley began an interagency presentation.
6. BPD noted that
 - a. There had been multiple opportunities to intervene prior to the shooting.
 - b. BPD should have been better prepared for this event and should have responded earlier.
 - c. BPD's performance is being reviewed by officials overseeing the consent decree.
 - d. After-action review should be ready in 45 days.
 - e. There have been some immediate changes in the wake of the shooting (see presentation in file for details)
7. Janet Abrahams HABC noted:
 - a. Plans for Brooklyn Day had been previously shared with HABC by a tenant – but that individual had passed away and they had not been informed about the date for the event this year. When HABC had been informed they would share that information with BPD.
 - b. The Brooklyn Homes Community did previously have a Security Manager, but that individual resigned in May and they are actively looking to fill the post.
 - c. Discussed enhanced pilot security program at four HABC sites – which HABC is now looking to implement at all sites.
 - d. Discussed updating policies and communicating that to tenants.
8. Stefanie Mavronis discussed MONSE response to the shooting including:
 - a. 45 day Coordinated Neighborhood Response
 - i. MONSE team has been deployed since July 2nd.
 - ii. Estimated to have reached over 600 individuals related to this response.
 - iii. Priority on direct services.
 - b. Discussed that there will be a need for services after the 45-day period and that they are working with community leaders to drive that response.
9. Corrin Johnson from DOT noted:
 - a. DOT does not issue permits on HABC property.
 - b. Reviewed the permitting process for special events.
 - c. Is responding to Brookly Homes – helping with projects such as clearing brush and abandon vehicles and clearing trees blocking security cameras.
10. Committee and Councilmembers then began to question agencies regarding their response. Topics included:
 - a. When did BPD know about the event in Brooklyn?
 - b. Why did they not know about the event earlier?
 - c. Why when confronted with calls for service – including one that potentially involved the discharging of a firearm was there not a response to the event.

- d. How many officers were on duty in the southern district and did BPD have adequate resources to respond to the shooting?
 - e. Why was there a lack of resources in this community compared to others like Federal Hill and Fells Point?
 - f. Concerns with curfew enforcement
 - g. Concerns that officers knew that the event was taking place and did not escalate outside the district or follow protocols to deal with unpermitted events.
 - h. When did MONSE know about the event?
 - i. Did MONSE know about Safe Street staff mediating incidents prior to the shooting?
 - j. Did any of the incidents that Safe Streets staff mediate that evening involve weapons?
 - i. If yes why is that not reported to the police?
 - k. Why have the reports from Safe Street staff not been reviewed yet?
 - i. How are these reports submitted?
 - ii. Who is responsible for reviewing them and who makes a determination if information is passed on to the police?
 - l. What information is recorded in these reports?
 - m. Questions about the deployment of the BPD helicopter Foxtrot
 - n. Questions about deployments of BPD officers during that time.
11. Chairman Conway then called for public testimony (see attendance sheet)
12. Chairman Conway then allowed for additional questions from the Committee and Councilmembers. Topics included:
- a. What is the relationship between MONSE and Safe Streets/ Catholic Charities?
 - b. Will there be an equity assessment in the BPD after-action report?
 - c. What are the protocols when there is a shooting on HABC property?
13. Chairman Conway recessed the hearing.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

- All 911 calls from a 3-mile radius of Gretna Court from the day of the Brooklyn Day event.
- Request to consent to an external investigation of BPD response - Councilwoman Ramos asked about this and BPD said they were open to it - but would need Mayor's Office to agree as well.
- Logs of all calls BPD received for service from the shooting itself.
- After-Action Reports from all agencies - DOT, MONSE, HABC, as well as BPD
- BPD protocol for dismantling unpermitted events.
- Request for Briefing on MONSE/Safe Street Reports from the mediations prior to the shooting.
- When were reports from Safe Streets entered into the Apricot system?
- A copy of the written answers Catholic Charities provided to MONSE prior to hearing system.
- A report on mediations by Safe Streets from MONSE - Including successful mediations and ones where the conflict escalated to violence.
- Contract template between service provider (operator) for Safe Streets locations and MONSE
- Written explanation of protocols for dismantling unpermitted events (I believe this was part of our pre-hearing requests as well).

- Times for when Foxtrot flew overhead and times for first shot fired.
- Amount of time South District commander has been in SD and amount of time commanding officer(s) that night have been in SD.

Committee Vote:

M. Conway:
K. Burnett:
Z. Cohen:
E. Costello:
A. Glover:
P. Porter:
O. Ramos:

Tony Leva,
Committee Staff

Date: July 14, 2023

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