

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



FULL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 5:30 pm
Meeting held in-person with public
comment at:
City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
Hearing Room 408 San Francisco, CA 94102

Full Commission:

Margaret Brodtkin, President
Linda Martley-Jordan, Vice President
Johanna Lacoë
Allison Magee
Toye Moses
Manuel Rodriguez
James Spingola

Meeting Minutes

In-person meeting only. Comments would have to be from the public sitting in the audience.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

1. Roll Call:

1. Margaret Brodtkin, President – Present
2. Linda Martley-Jordan, Vice-President – Present
3. Johanna Lacoë – Present
4. Allison Magee – Present
5. Toye Moses – Present
6. Manuel Rodriguez – Absent
7. James Spingola – Present

2. President's Report – Hiring of Secretary and Outreach for meetings:

- a. The new Commission Secretary, Nicole Codling, was introduced.
- b. Community engagement is important, and as such, we are looking into having hybrid meetings.
- c. Tonight is a great opportunity for the City to figure out what to do with the Log Cabin Ranch. There are many great ideas about what we want to see done with the ranch.
- d. It is the role of the Commission to submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
- e. No public comment.

3. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:

- a. No public comment.

4. Log Cabin Ranch:

- 1. **Presentation from the California Conservation Corps on program proposal – JP Patton, Executive Director – see the attached plan and PowerPoint**

Other key points made by Patton:

- a. CCC provides wrap-around care and trauma counseling to its participants. There are four crews, each made up of 15 young people. The CCC currently has funding for four crews that could be used at Log Cabin Ranch.
- b. The CCC trains participants in fuel reduction when not in fire season.
- c. Young people can spend up to three years in the program.
- d. CCC will commit \$1 mil. to determine the physical feasibility of the Ranch.

Questions from the Commissioners and Response from Patton:

- 1. **President Brodtkin:** How flexible is CCC with its program?
 - a. There is some flexibility in how the program is crafted. CCC wants to partner with local programs.
- 2. **Commissioner Lacoë:** What share of the participants have been involved in the criminal justice system?
 - a. Quiet a few participants have been involved in the justice system – can get specific figures.
 - b. It is in their code that the CCC works with young people in the justice system.
- 3. **Commissioner Moses:** Can you go over the 42% of participants who do not identify their ethnicity?
 - a. Participants can opt out of disclosing their ethnicity.
- 4. **Commissioner Moses:** What is the retention and success rate?
 - a. 100% of core member recruits leave the program with some industry-recognized credentials.
 - b. 60% go on to have a career, with a percentage in state service.
 - c. There are more benefits when young people stay in the program for at least a year.
- 5. **Commissioner Moses:** What neighborhoods do the 9% of African Americans come from?
 - a. From all over the state.
- 6. **Commissioner Magee:** Do you have a particular vision of what the ranch would be?
 - a. A strong San Francisco identity.
 - b. Project will reflect work and needs of the Bay Area.
 - c. Have a further reach of the young people whom the CCC has been unable to connect with.
 - d. Partner with local organizations
- 7. **Vice President Martley-Jordan:** How would we see the influx of our students coming from San Francisco?
 - a. Partner with San Francisco, Bay Area, & San Jose Conservation Corps.
 - b. Reserve spots for participants from San Francisco.
- 8. **Commissioner Spingola:** Do you partner with CDF?
 - a. Yes

9. **Commissioner Spingola:** What has been the roadblock?
 - a. The need for official approval to move forward with planning from the city government.

**2. Overview on status of property by SF Real Estate Department –
Claudia Gorham, Deputy Managing Director**

Points about Log Cabin Ranch:

- a. Located in San Mateo County near La Honda.
- b. Consists of five parcels and 614 acres.
- c. It is zoned RM (resource management).
- d. Its permitted uses are recreational, residential, agricultural, and open space.
- e. The SF Real Estate Department will find, negotiate, and contract the property.
- f. The city has no rights to water. The city would need to seek an easement agreement with San Mateo County.
- g. Real Estate Department will need a scope of work. The deal will be negotiated based on the scope of work.
- h. If a lease/permit/license is over a year and \$15k a month, it must be taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Anything less can be approved administratively.
- i. There are a lot of unknowns on the property. Issues will need to be identified (specifically water issues).
- j. There is currently a permit with Mandigo Creek.
- k. Approval process:
 - a. Appraisal
 - b. Give notice under the code and land use act.
 - c. Request for proposals
 - i. If this step is skipped, a reason must be given for why one was not done.
- l. There are endless possibilities for what can be done with property.

**3. City's decision-making process and next steps –
Katherine Miller, Chief Probation Officer**

- a. Mayor's office wants us to look at all possibilities for property:
 - a. CCC
 - b. Non-profit for various purposes.
 - c. Inquiries about purchasing the property.
- b. Commissions Role includes:
 - a. Figure out the scope of work for the real estate department. Propose what could be done with the undeveloped land.
 - b. Decide whether there should be One type of use or multiple uses.
 - c. Recommend whether interim programs are possible while working on a long-term use?

Questions from the Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Magee:** Can you repeat the requirement regarding the board of supervisors vs. administrators?
 - a. If a lease is over a year and \$15k a month, it must be taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Anything less can be approved administratively.
2. **Commissioner Moses:** Can you give an idea of a long-term lease?
 - a. By code, anything more than a year, but 10-25 years.
3. Commissioner Lacoë: If we are talking about multiple uses, will the programmatic interests be for all 614 acres?

- a. CCC is not interested in the totality of the property.

Public Comment:

1. **John Henry:** Property should have multiple uses—housing, automation, farming, fire, robotics, sustainable economic growth, and co-op businesses. Remove young people from the city and build life skills and careers to help steer them from crime.
2. **Anya Castillo (Roadmap to Peace):** Think out of the box. How do we serve incarcerated young people? Get young people to be independent. Let's think about a residential substance treatment center for young people, as we are currently sending young people out of the county. How can we partner with other counties? Create local sweat lodges. Did we lose the permit for housing? Can we create housing there? Can we use the existing buildings for housing? With CCC – how can we partner and creatively think of ways to work with our justice-involved youth with these programs and the non-profits?
3. **Liz Butler-Styer:** Model after Rancho Cielo in Monterey County in Salinas. They have a high school (chartered with John Muir) & vocational training program. They also have an enrichment program. They also partner with CCC.
4. **Miguel Roza:** There is a lack of residential treatment facilities. Remove individuals from their environments for a period of time and teach them life skills. Youth has told him there is nothing to stimulate their mind while locked up.
5. **Edward Haddard:** We need long-term detention. Give them alternatives to deter bad behavior. If Log Cabin Ranch is used as a ranch, young people can work as ranch hands. Young people need to learn.
6. **Dawn Stueckle:** Partner with local CBOs. Think outside the box and creatively for the use of the land.
7. **Dan Macallair:** Contracting with CCC is a great idea. It will serve the young people of San Francisco and the community at large.
8. **Sandra (Young Women's Freedom Center):** Support foster care systems, housing, and wrap-around services under one roof. In terms of CCC – How many have been placed in career pathways? She would like to see a comparison to the market salary based on their role because young people cannot just apply anywhere once they are done with the program. What is the racial make-up of the staff? Is it reflective of the population? How many monolingual Spanish speakers and how many work there? She doesn't want to see people of color being put on the frontline in times of emergencies as opposed to trained firefighters. Will they be able to meet the qualifications to apply to a local fire department? Who accepts these certificates? Do families support this? What exactly is the hourly pay? Is this a stipend? How extensive is the health insurance? Does it match up to a firefighter? Is it PPO? Is it industry-recognized certificates? She would like to see the names of the industries and the type of certificates. \$500 is not enough for housing in San Francisco. Online reviews of the last three years state their health was being treated, and it feels like jail. We need testimony. We need to see how many find employment at 3, 6, and 12 months after the program. Disagrees with contracting with CCC. There are other ways to get youth out of their environment to help them learn more about themselves and connect with their communities and cultures. This city is not inclusive for everyone. Put money back into youth.
9. **Mike Mills:** CCC is a positive opportunity.
10. **Molly Brown (JJPA):** There is a considerable need for beds out of the city. Carve out the land. Get something started. CCC is the first step. Don't talk about how much money we make off property. Are extended foster care youth eligible for this program? Where would

youth on probation or in a group home fall in? For the four youths that were awaiting placement in the February data report, does something like this apply to them?

11. **Julie Tron (Bar Association):** She would like to see the Log Cabin Ranch reopened. CCC is a good step. Will a judge be able to send a kid who is on secure track to CCC? Can you have justice involved youth with non-justice involved youth? Is it true the property was donated on the condition that it be used for justice-involved youth?
12. **Carlton Williams (MCW):** He is for vocational and educational programs, but it is not a silver bullet. While he was fortunate to have a career with the U.S. Forest Service, that is rare when people go through the program. Many obstacles with vocational programs. They don't want to hire you because of your criminal background. Your community looks at you differently because of your mannerisms, etc., changes. Focus on re-entry and therapeutic intervention.
13. **Luna Robledo (SF CASA):** Thrilled about CCC. Room for multiple options.

5. Chief's Report - Power points and written reports are attached.

- a. Monthly data report highlights
- b. Workforce update
- c. Juvenile Hall building update
- d. No public comment

Questions from the Commissioners:

1. Are there more RFAs?
2. How many youths are in the hall today?
 - a. 24
3. What placements do we need for non-secured young people?

6. Program Committee Report:

- a. The next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in room 421. Members of the public can attend via Zoom.
- b. We are going to discuss diversion. What is diversion, and what is it not?
- c. We will continue conversations on the hall. What can be done now? What is the right number of beds? What is the process for determining alternative placements?
- d. Continue the conversation to think about next year's performance measures.
- e. No public comment.

7. Consent Calendar:

- a. Submission of request to execute a Novation Agreement to formalize the merger of AutoMon, LLC into Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC.
- b. Submission of request to amend the current sole source agreement with AutoMon, LLC for software maintenance and support to extend the original 6-year term by 3-years for a revised total term of 9-years, and to increase the current not-to-exceed amount of \$824,467 by \$317,820 for a revised amount of \$1,142,287.
- c. Submission of request to amend the current agreement with Todd Wright for Ombuds Services to extend the original 2-year term by 1-year for a revised total term of 3-years, and to increase the current not-to-exceed amount of \$140,000 by \$70,000 for a revised amount of \$210,000.

d. No public comment.

e. Motion:

- Commissioner Lacoë moves to approve the consent calendar.
- Commissioner Spingola seconds the motion.
- Votes: Yes: Brodtkin, Lacoë, Magee, Martley-Jordan, Moses, and Spingola
- Motion passes.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- a. May: Diversion & Log Cabin Ranch and results of DCYF grants for juvenile justice services
- b. June: Juvenile Hall Surveys Report

9. Review and Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2024:

- a. Minutes will be approved at the next Commission meeting.

10. Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.