



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	Nov. 28, 2022
Department:	Communications, Police, Public Space
Agenda Section:	Regular
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Communications Manager Catherine Wright, Police Chief Duane Hampton, Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Potential Engagement Meeting on Safety

Attachments:

Proposal: Annual Engagement Meeting on Safety

Summary:

Staff are proposing an annual engagement meeting on safety as a chance for community members to share safety concerns, meet the staff who work in aspects of safety, and learn how the town operates in relation to safety. The goal would be to reach members of all areas of town for participation, including seeking at least one representative from each neighborhood or community and making attendance easier for community members. The meeting would be an attempt to offer an alternative method of outreach that could lead to more and different voices engaging with the town. The idea for the meeting was grown from town board and staff discussions of the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on Reimagining Public Safety as well as Hillsborough's Government 101 and the topic-based outreach recommended by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity. Fall occurrences of the meeting would allow the meeting to inform budget requests for the next budget cycle and could immediately follow the Government 101 program, with the meeting serving as one session of the program that is opened to the larger community.

Financial impacts:

Estimated \$2,500 for expenses including translation of documents, interpreter services, childcare, facility rental, refreshments and promotional materials.

Staff recommendation and comments:

Staff recommends a trial meeting in spring 2023, with the goal of offering this type of meeting annually in the fall, which would allow the meeting to inform budget requests for the next budget cycle. Staff also recommends the board approve a budget of \$2,500 for the annual meeting.

Action requested:

Staff requests that the board provide direction on the proposed annual engagement meeting.