



CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Community Oversight of Portland Police Bureau

City of Portland / City Auditor
Independent Police Review (IPR)
Citizen Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2014 (meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month)

Time: 5:30 pm * *Please Note: agenda times are approximate*

Location: **Lovejoy Room, Portland City Hall**, 1221 SW 4th Ave. Portland OR 97204

Present: David Denecke, Mae Wilson, Jim Young, Jamie Troy, David Green, Jeff Bissonnette, Rodney Paris, Teresa Baldwin, Bridget Donegan, Jean Tuller, Constantin Severe, Bill Accornero, David Famous, Jeff Bell, Maxine Bernstein, Denis Therault, Suzanne Hayden, Tory Campbell, Mark Amberg, David Knight, Ted & Kalei Luyben, Ken Brown, Debbie Aiona, Regina Hannon, Jeri Williams

Absent: CRC member Roberto Rivera could not attend the meeting for personal reason

AGENDA

5:30 pm—5:45 pm Introductions and Welcome (CRC Chair Jamie Troy)

Amended August, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Approved of March, 2014 Meeting Minutes

5:45 pm—5:00 pm Special presentation by Suzanne Hayden and Tory Campbell from the Training Advisory Committee

- TAC attended the meeting to introduce them self and looked for ways to collaborate with the CRC
- TAC is a community representative to the PPB training division
- TAC consisted of 27 volunteer community members
- Created by a resolution 36912. Adopted by City Council March 3rd, 2012
- TAC played a role in the DOJ agreement Section 79, 86, and 87
- 4 task forces:
 - First task force helps develop police training Scenarios
 - Second task force review and give feedbacks on PPB uses of force
 - Third task force provides input on facility business practices
 - Fourth task force to conduct outreach to other advisory councils

- TAC main contact email: ppbtac@portlandoregon.gov

5:00 pm—5:15 pm Director's Report (IPR Director Constantin Severe)

- Thanked CRC members for their hard work with the committee
- Judge Simon asked the parties involved if they would agree to the Court holding annual hearings
- IPR and CRC members had a meeting with a delegation from the countries of Moldova and Belarus
- Irene Konev attended Mega Mixer, Equity conference, Slavic Advisory Council meeting, and CPRC meeting
- Chair Troy made a motion to schedule a conference hearing on the case 2012-C-0371/2013-X-0003 at the May 7th CRC meeting. This was seconded by Bissonnette
 - Paris: Yes
 - Tuller: Yes
 - Denecke: Yes

- Bissonnette: Yes
- Troy: Yes
- Wilson: Yes
- Baldwin: Yes
- Green: Yes
- Donegan: Yes
- Mr. Bissonnette raised a concern regarding the outreach section in the Director's Report. There have been several requests from CRC and community members in past meetings asking IPR to elaborate more on what the outreach staff heard from the community when attending various community events

5:15 pm—6:30 pm Chair's Report (CRC Chair Jamie Troy)

- Edited March meeting minutes
- Assigned elected officials liaison to CRC members
- Had a conversation with Deanna Wesson-Mitchell regarding remote access for CRC members to review case file
- Met with the City Attorney's office and members of the DOJ regarding CRC's concerns on the 21 days' timeline
- Met with a delegation from Moldova

6:30 pm—7:30 pm Case File Review: **Appeal 2013-C-0194/2014-X-0001**

Appeal Summary:

Allegation that that Officers A, B, C, and Sergeant D inappropriate force toward the appellant during his arrest on July 9, 2013

- Director Severe provided IPR side of the investigation:
 - Appellant came to IPR office with his mother 12 hours after the incident
 - IPR investigator was able to take photos of the appellant's injuries during the interview
 - IPR also collected the appellant's police "after action" report, VCAD information, video from MCDC, and a discharge report from Legacy Emanuel
- Investigator Accornero provided IA side of the investigation:
 - Incident was documented in the police report and the police "after action" report
 - Accornero received the case on August 21, 2013
 - Accornero received the intake interview transcript from IPR on August 27 and found some inconsistencies made by the appellant in his interview with IPR and needed to do a follow up interview
 - Accornero called the appellant on September 12 and 13 and left messages in an attempt to do a follow up interview
 - Accornero also sent a certified letter to the appellant to request a phone interview
 - Accornero was able to interview the appellant on September 16, but the appellant hung up half way through the interview
 - Accornero interviewed the involved officers on September 20
 - Accornero made attempts to call the appellant again on October 8 and 9
 - Appellant left a voicemail on October 11 and requested to have his mother be present at the interview
 - Appellant's mother called on October 17 and try to setup an interview
- Appellant's mother Jeri Williams made some comments on behalf of her son:
 - Police report said he was not injured when he has marks all over his body
 - She does not understand why her 105 pounds son was handled by 4 people
 - The allegation of excessive force should be that the police beat up the appellant up, not restrained him with a hobble
 - Why did the appellant not receive any medical care after he was arrested?
 - Ms. Williams would like to delay the appeal hearing until June
 - Ms. Williams also requested an APA and a representative from the National Lawyer Guild to help her son go through the appeals process

- Mr. Bissonnette made a motion to schedule an appeal hearing for Wednesday, June 4, 2014. This was seconded by Mr. Young
 - Paris: Yes
 - Tuller: Yes
 - Denecke: Yes
 - Bissonnette: Yes
 - Troy: Yes
 - Wilson: Yes
 - Baldwin: Yes
 - Green: Yes
 - Donegan: Yes

7:30 pm—7:35 pm Break

7:35 pm—7:50 pm New Business
 1) CRC elections

- Mr. Paris was nominated by Mr. Bissonnette to be CRC Chair. This was seconded by Mr. Denecke.
 - Paris: yes
 - Tuller: yes
 - Denecke: Yes
 - Bissonnette: Yes
 - Troy: yes
 - Wilson: Yes
 - Baldwin: Yes
 - Young: Yes
 - Donegan: Yes
- Mr. Denecke was nominated by to be CRC Vice Chair. This was seconded by Ms. Baldwin
 - Paris: yes
 - Tuller: yes
 - Denecke: Yes
 - Bissonnette: Yes
 - Troy: yes
 - Wilson: Yes
 - Baldwin: Yes
 - Young: Yes
 - Donegan: Yes
- Ms. Donegan was nominated by Mr. Denecke to be CRC Recorder. This was seconded by Mr. Bissonnette
 - Paris: yes
 - Tuller: yes
 - Denecke: Yes
 - Bissonnette: Yes
 - Troy: yes
 - Wilson: Yes
 - Baldwin: Yes
 - Young: Yes
 - Donegan: Yes

2) Discussing CRC council liaison assignments:

- Commissioner Novick: Bridget Donegan & Jim Young

- Commissioner Saltzman: Mae Wilson & Jeff Bissonnette
- Commissioner Fritz: Teresa Baldwin, David Green & Jean Tuller
- Commissioner Fish: Rodney Paris & David Denecke
- Mayor Hales: Roberto Rivera & Jamie Troy

3) Discussing new CRC meeting dates

- CRC Members decided not change the meeting date and to revisit the issue on a later date

7:50 pm—8:05 pm Old Business

1) Recurring Audit Workgroup - status of case dismissal project

- Information has been submitted to Derek Reinke at IPR. Mr. Bissonnette will follow up with Mr. Reinke on a later date

8:05 pm—8:25 pm Workgroup Updates: Please provide the following information —

- 1) Brief summary of the goals and objectives of your workgroup
- 2) Date of last meeting
- 3) Brief summary of the work done at your last meeting
- 4) Next scheduled meeting
- 5) Main topic to be discussed/addressed at the next meeting
- 6) Any assistance from IPR or CRC needed to achieve your goals

ACTIVE WORKGROUPS

1. Crowd Control Workgroup (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Crowd Control Workgroup examines existing crowd control policies, training, and tactics of the Portland Police Bureau, reviews crowd control best practices, legal standards and other information, and makes appropriate recommendations.

Chair: Rodney Paris / Members: David Denecke and Jamie Troy

IPR Staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- Met on March 21 and got some good feedback on possible recommendations
- Next meeting is April 11 at noon at Mr. Troy's office
- The workgroup will work with Mr. Reinke to create a report

2. Outreach Workgroup (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Outreach Workgroup, in coordination with the IPR Coordinator, identifies and continually conducts consistent outreach to neighborhood associations, community organizations, and business groups to make the general public aware of the existence of the Citizen Review Committee and its role in police oversight.

Members: Jeff Bissonnette, Jamie Troy, Mae Wilson, and Bridget Donegan

IPR staff: Irene Konev, Community Outreach Coordinator

- The workgroup met at 4pm today and looked at recent outreach activities that the group conducted with various homeless organizations
- Workgroup also had a discussion about having a community forum
- Ms. Konev pointed out that group's work plan is outdated and suggested the group should look into updating it in future meetings
- Next workgroup meeting will be on May 7 at 4pm at City Hall Auditor's library

3. Recruitment, Retention and Promotion (Portland Police Bureau) (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Recruitment, Retention and Promotion Workgroup examines existing policies and practices of the Portland Police Bureau in recruiting, retaining and promoting its members, and formulates policy recommendations where needed.

Chair: Vacant/ Members: Teresa Baldwin, and James Young, and Jean Tuller

IPR staff: Anika Bent-Albert, Assistant Director

- Ms. Baldwin will be discussing with other members about having a meeting on May 7

4. Recurring Audit (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Recurring Audit Workgroup seeks to improve accountability of IPR and the Portland Police Bureau by reviewing closed cases to ensure procedures, policies and protocols are followed and will recommend improvements, if necessary.

Chair: Jeff Bissonnette / Members: Teresa Baldwin, and Rodney Paris

IPR staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- Mr. Paris would like to step down from this workgroup

5. Use of Deadly Force Workgroup (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Use of Deadly Force Workgroup examines Portland Police Bureau use of deadly force policies, directives, training and implementation in order to recommend and support any needed change in Portland Police Bureau use of deadly force.

Chair: David Denecke / Members: James Young, and David Green

IPR Staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- Met on March 24
- The group is the process of formulating all the information into a recommendation to PPB
- Dr. Silver is trying to schedule a meeting with representatives from Project Respond

8:25 pm—8:40 pm Public comment and wrap-up comments by CRC members

- Latoya Harris made an appeal to the CRC for advice on her 9 years old daughter's case. Her daughter was arrested by Portland police last year
- Ms. Hannon complimented the Outreach workgroup for reaching out to the homeless
- Mr. Handelman from Portland Copwatch had several comments:
 - The City responses to Judge Simon's questions regarding the length of time to hold an appeal asked for 45 days. He urged the CRC to push for a longer timeline
 - The CRC meeting is not listed on the PPB community calendar under DOJ tab
 - IPR and IA's key to identifying officers by letter (e.g Officer A, Sergeant B, etc.) need to be consistent to avoid confusion for CRC in conducting its appeals and the public in following the discussion
 - CRC should address the issue of Multnomah County Detention Center's camera no longer record audio to appropriate authority
- Ms. Aiona thanked Mr. Bissonnette for raising concerns regarding the outreach section in the Director's Report. She also thanked Chair Troy for his service on the committee
- Ms. Ross reminded the CRC that one of their roles is to recommend policy changes
- Mr. Brown urged CRC members to assign a liaison to the CPRC. The next CPRC meeting is April 16, 4:30 – 6:30 PM at the North Precinct

9:20 pm

Adjournment

A request for an interpreter or assisted listening device for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made prior to the meeting—please call the IPR main line 823-0146 (or TYY 503-823-6868).

Visit the website for more information regarding the Independent Police Review division, Citizen Review Committee, protocols, CRC meeting schedules, and approved minutes: www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr.

CRC Members:

1. If you know you will not be able to attend a CRC meeting or that you will be missing a significant amount of a meeting, please call or e-mail IPR in advance so that the CRC Chair may be made aware of your expected absence.
2. After this meeting, please return your folder so IPR staff can use it for document distribution at the next CRC meeting.

**Note: agenda item(s) as well as the meeting date, time, or location may be subject to change.*