



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

CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Community Oversight of Portland Police Bureau

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2014 (meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month)

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

Location: **Room C, Portland Building**, 1120 SW 5th Ave. Portland OR 97204

Present: Rodney Paris, Jamie Troy, Teresa Baldwin, Jeff Bissonnette, Bridget Donegan, Mae Wilson, Jim Young, David Famous, Jeff Bell, Mark Amberg, Maxine Bernstein, Helen Silvis, Joseph Hagedorn, Mark McKechnie, Latoya Harris, Joyce Harris, Kalei and Ted Luyben, Debbie Aiona, Aimee Samara, Bruno Amica, David Knight, Dan Handelman, Regina Hannon, Barbara Ross, Caroline

Absent: CRC member David Denecke, and Jean Tuller were both out of town

AGENDA

5:30 pm—5:45 pm Introductions and Welcome (CRC Chair Rodney Paris)
Approval of April, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Baldwin suggested to add additional information into the April's meeting minutes to clarify why did the Training Advisory Council members did the presentation at CRC's meeting

5:45 pm—6:00 pm Director's Report (IPR Assistant Director Anika Bent-Albert)

- Regarding the Hip Hop Review, IPR staff has been interviewing members of the PPB and members of the music industry and local community
- IPR currently has four open independent investigations
- IPR Outreach Coordinator, Irene Konev attended and networked at several community events: Rob Ingram Youth Violent forum, Community Forum on Child Sex Trafficking, Willamette Women Democrats monthly meeting, Mexican Consulate, and Governing for Equity Conference Relations committee meeting
- Ms. Konev also attended the North Portland Safety Action Committee meeting with CRC member Jeff Bissonnette
- Mr. Bissonnette asked Ms. Konev to elaborate on some feedbacks she received from the community
 - Folks who immigrated to this country had issues on trusting the government, especially the police
- Mr. Troy asked Ms. Konev what efforts are being done by the Police Bureau to reach out to the Slavic community?
 - Command staff of the Portland Police Bureau regularly attending the Slavic Advisory Council meeting
 - In April Portland Police Bureau put up a Slavic Community Fair at Portland Community College

6:00 pm—6:15 pm Chair's Report (CRC Chair Rodney Paris)

- Went on a ride along with a PPB officer from Central Precinct
- Led Crowd Control workgroup meeting on April 25
- Gathered guest speakers for the tonight's policy discussion panel

- Took 6-7 media calls regarding tonight's meeting

6:15 pm—6:30 pm New Business

1) CRC's Race Talk forum (Irene Konev)

- The Outreach workgroup had a discussion with Donna Maxey earlier today. The group would like to have two forums: One on August 5 at Jefferson high school and one on August 12 at McMenamins Kennedy School
- Last time when CRC participated in the forum, the main topic was "community policing"
- CRC members available for the forum on August 5: Jeff Bissonnette, Roberto Rivera, Bridget Donegan
- CRC members available for the forum on August 12: Jamie Troy, Roberto Rivera, Jeff Bissonnette, Bridget Donegan
- Other CRC members will look into their schedules and get back to the Outreach workgroup

6:30 pm—6:45 pm Old Business

- The Committee received Chief Reese's letter responding to appeal case 2012-C-0371. Chief Reese accepted the CRC's recommendations to change to finding from unproven with debriefing to sustained

6:45 pm—7:30 pm Arrest and booking of minors policy (CRC Chair Rodney Paris, Latoya Harris, Joseph Hagedorn, and Mark McKechnie)

- Latoya Harris, the mother of the 9 year old girl
- Joseph Hagedorn, chief supervising attorney, the Metropolitan Public Defender's juvenile unit
- Mark McKechnie, Executive Director, Youth, Rights, and Justice
- Ms. Harris recounted the incident:
 - May 2nd, 2013 Her 9 years old daughter was involved in an altercation with another young girl at local Boys & Girls club
 - Police showed up at her house 6 days later and aggressively questioned her daughter
 - The two police officers handcuffed the child and took her downtown. The officers said they will bring her back as soon as they are done interviewing her
 - Ms. Harris tried to obtain a police report but she was unable to do so. She then hired an attorney
 - Ms. Harris then filed a complaint with IPR and the case was handled by Investigator Eric Berry. IPR was only able to processed one complaint one officer for arresting her girl without proper cause. But was unable to file a complaint against the other officer who was the one who put the handcuffs on her child
- Mr. Troy asked Ms. Harris several questions:
 - Did the police asked what had happened?
 - No they knew she wasn't there
 - Did the police asked what consequence had occurred at home?
 - No. she already got suspended from the Boys& Girl Club and she told the officers about and they still took the child to jail anyways
 - Why did Ms. Harris decided to come down to Central Precinct?
 - She didn't trust the officers to bring the child back. They weren't supposed to take the child in the first place

- When they took the child downtown what was there any attempt to change the child's clothing?
 - She tried take the clothes out to the patrol car but the police didn't let her change
 - How long did it takes to get the police report and was they aware that she is the mother of the child involved?
 - It took 6 months for her to get the report
 - How was her daughter changed by this event?
 - The child was constantly teased by other kids and had to change school. She just started going to the park again
- Ms. Harris would like the CRC to do something to help prevent this from happening to another child
 - Mr. Hagedorn provided his view into the current policy:
 - Currently there's no state law that prevents police from arresting youths
 - The research regarding youths that youth and juvenile are different. Handcuffing of children can be extremely traumatizing
 - Based on the State's statue 419A.250 section D, officers didn't need to take the child downtown and fingerprinted her.
 - Mr. McKechnie Provided his view into the current policy:
 - We should try to make everything right so this kind of thing won't happen again
 - Changing the policy will help change the training of officers so they can make the right decision in the future
 - Create a proposal that would not allow children 10 or younger to be arrested, unless police have a court order from a juvenile court judge
 - Children 10 or 11 should also require court order to be taken into custody
 - Children 12 or under should not be house in juvenile detention unless there's a specific court order
 - Captain Famous spoke on behalf of the Police Bureau:
 - The bureau is currently open for public feedback for 30 days and will create a workgroup to address this issue
 - The bureau is currently researching national best practice and will be working with IPR, International Assoc. of Chiefs of Police, the Police Executive Research Forum, the ACLU and other city police departments to gather feedbacks on this gap in policy
 - Mr. Young asked Mr. Hagedorn several questions:
 - The incident that was described was a misdemeanor?
 - Yes
 - A person can be arrested without a warrant for a misdemeanor?
 - Yes
 - Was there any weapon use? Any injuries?
 - No and no
 - Mr. Troy recommended the bureau's workgroup include a juvenile defense attorney
 - Mr. Hagedorn recommended a representative from the County's juvenile department to be on the bureau's workgroup
 - Ms. Donegan asked Captain Famous about the process of forming the workgroup and whether the feedbacks will be available for public at the end of 30 days public feedbacks gathering?

- This is a brand new process and Captain Famous will get back to the Committee about this
- Mr. Rivera asked Captain Famous if any other cities' police departments that had this same issue? If so, what policy did they come up with to address this issue?
 - The Bureau is current in the process of reaching out to other agencies to gather information
- Mr. Bissonnette asked Hagedorn if State laws would stand in the way when it comes to creating a more stringent policy on this issue?
 - There's nothing prohibit a higher bar when it comes to policy on arresting and taking people in custody
- Mr. Bissonnette expressed interests on being able to be involved and provide feedbacks along the way
- Mr. Bissonnette asked Captain Famous if this incident will be on the child records once she is 18
 - The records will be on the child as a "juvenile records" with the expectation that it won't be on there forever. hopefully it won't be on the law enforcement database
- Mr. Troy asked Mr. Hagedorn if the arrest's record would affect a person when they apply for security clearance?
- Mr. Troy also asked if Mr. Hagedorn and Mr. McKechnie discussed this policy issue with any of the council members?

- IPR investigator Eric Berry made some comments regarding the case:
 - Ms. Harris called IPR for assistance in getting the police report
 - IPR was able worked with JDHD staff to get a police report, and dispatch records
 - Went out to Boys and Girls club to interview a staff member there about his memory of breaking up the fight
 - Interviewed Ms. Harris at her attorney's office

- CRC members unanimously agreed to create a "strike force" to keep a close eye in this policy change and provide recommendations
- The strike force members are:
 - James Young
 - Jamie Troy
 - Jeff Bissonnette
 - Roberto Rivera

7:30 pm—7:50 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

- The group met on April 29 to continue refining recommendations
- The final recommendations should be ready within the next couple weeks

2. Outreach Workgroup (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Outreach Workgroup, in coordination with the IPR Outreach 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 group met earlier today and looked up the group
- The group also worked on a work plan template from now until the end of the year

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, Jean Tuller, and James Young

IPR staff: Anika Bent-Albert, Assistant Director

- The group is hoping to find a date in July where all members can meet
- There might be more members joining the workgroup since the Crowd Control workgroup is ending

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. Bissonnette would like to talk to Chair Troy regarding his continue involvement with the workgroup
- The group be setting up meeting soon

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

- The group met with members of Project Respond on April 22 to hear about their work with the Portland Police Bureau
- The group learned during a meeting in March that CRC does not have to jurisdiction to hear officer involved shooting/in custody death. The group will be discussing this issue at future meeting and will come up with some recommendations

7:50 pm—8:00 pm Public comment and wrap-up comments by CRC members

Dan Handelman's comments:

- CRC workgroups does not have to be based on a trend

- CRC should stand up when giving updates about their workgroups
- No one brought up the handcuffing policy or race of the young girl
- CRC need to creating a policy around the ordinance to have a quorum of 5

Caroline with Portland Copwatch comments:

- How does Portland Police soliciting public inputs? And how does people know where to go to provide those inputs?

Ms. Luyben's comments:

- When a child is traumatized, the mother is also traumatized
- Not only the child is injured, the whole community is injured as well

Barbara Ross's comments:

- Thanked the Committee for putting up this discussion

Debbie Aiona's comments:

- Urged PPB to make the workgroup meeting public

7:45 pm

Adjournment

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