**CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING** 

City of Portland / City Auditor

*Community Oversight of Portland Police Bureau* Independent Police Review (IPR)

Citizen Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2015 (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: Julie Falk, Kristin Malone, Vanessa Yarie, Bridget Donegan, Mae Wilson, Roberto Rivera, James Young, Kiosha Ford, Julie Ramos, David Green, Angelo Turner, Constantin Severe, Jeff Bell, Glenn Fullilove, Judy Prosper, Dan Handelman, Regina Hannon, Carol Cushman, Debbie Aiona, Jamie Troy, Jennifer Tenorio, Jamie Troy

**AGENDA**

5:30 pm—5:45 pm      Introductions and Welcome (CRC Chair Mae Wilson)  
                                   Approved of June 3, Meeting Minutes

5:45 pm—6:00 pm Director's Report (IPR Director Constantin)

* Director Severe responded to the scene of the officer-involved shooting on June 28 which occurred in Outer NE Portland
* CRC related appeal Code change went into effect June 19
* The Portland Police Bureau held a training for new CRC members to prepare them to serve on the Police Review Board (PRB). The training covered the powers, duties and responsibilities of serving on the PRB, and each CRC member is now ready to serve on the PRB
* IPR published complaint/commendations forms in several new languages. The brochures in eleven languages may be found at various community locations and on the IPR website
* The second of four IPR Information and Community Engagement Session was held on Wednesday June 24th at Charles Jordan Community Center from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Community stakeholders and CRC members attended, learned about the IPR complaint process and made recommendations for improving police accountability in Portland
* IPR Outreach Coordinator Irene Konev attended and networked at Good in the Hood, Latino Health Conference, Africa House Fundraising event, The Pitch, a networking event for women in law practice. She attended and gave updates on IPR at the Community and Police Relations Committee. IPR Investigator Casey Bieberich attended the Parkrose Neighborhood Association meeting
* IPR Director Constantin Severe and IPR staff made classroom presentations at Cleveland High School, and Severe attended the Youth and Law the book signing at Roosevelt High School
* CRC member Julie Ramos and Konev attended a Portland Business Alliance networking event at the Portland Police Bureau Sunshine division. CRC members Angelo Turner and Ramos went on a tour of the K 9 Unit with IPR staff
* Director Severe thanked IPR intern Kayse Crump for her work at the office
* Community feedback:
  + Community members request that IPR meeting notices be translated into several languages to reach a more diverse audience
  + Community members report fear retaliation by police when thinking about filing a complaint with IPR

6:00 pm—6:15 pm      Chair’s Report (CRC Chair Mae Wilson)

* Attended IPR’s Community Engagement session at Charles Jordan Community Center
* Worked with outreach workgroup to create a google calendar of police oversight community groups

6:30 pm—7:00 pm  **Special Presentation:** U.S Department of Justice Settlement

(Assistant U.S Attorney Adrian Brown)

* The full presentation is posted on IPR website under DOJ tab
* Mr. Turner asked Ms. Brown if the DOJ had seen any use of excessive force against any other minority populations aside from homeless people?
  + The pattern that we found through an 18-month investigation is people who are suffering through mental crisis which cut across genders and racial lines
* Chair Wilson asked Ms. Brown the definition of people who experimenting mental health crisis?
  + It is in paragraph 40 of the settlement agreement. It is also defined within the policy directive
* Mr. Young asked Ms. Brown several questions:
  + On paragraph 67 in the hand out related to disengagement and de-escalation, does that applied to only people with mental health crisis?
    - It applied to the use of policy for officers in all situation
  + Does COAB have the ability of recommending the Bureau to adopt policies related to disengagement and de-escalation?
    - Yes there’s a sub-committee under the COAB that is currently looking into the use of force policies and how issues can be addressed during training of officers
  + Does the DOJ have a matrix on police oversight around the country?
  + Does COAB have the authority to make recommendation to City Council regarding CRC’s jurisdiction?
    - This is not an issues that the settlement agreement addressed. COAB’s authority is specified under the implementation of the agreement. They certainly have the ability to make additional recommendations
* Mr. Young made a comment that there is currently no independent oversight the decision making decision on officer-involved shooting and in custody death cases and he suggested DOJ look into this issue
* Ms. Falk asked Ms. Brown regarding the Memphis model, whether the training in the role playing was culturally specific and took into account issues of sex, gender and race?
  + Those issues can be addressed in training inform of a role-playing kind of scenario
* Chair Wilson would like the Committee to draft a list of questions to DOJ so that next time when they come back to CRC meeting
* Ms. Ramos asked Ms. Brown how does the community continue to have inputs in the oversight system since there are not a lot of time for public comments at the COAB’s meeting?
  + COCL do conduct town hall meetings to hear public comments, people can also submit comments in writing on the website
* Ms. Donegan is wondering if there’s a way to track where the Bureau is at in complying with the settlement agreement?
  + Ms. Brown made a comment that DOJ made a suggestion to COCL to create chart or a summary of the progress being made. PPB is also doing their own assessment. Hopefully COCL will take DOJ suggestion to heart and incorporate the progress tracking in their quarterly report
* MS. Donegan asked Ms. Brown if the annual meeting with the AMA a public meeting?
  + I will have to look into the collaborative agreement and see if the meeting is public, but any materials presented at the meeting will be public
* Ms. Ramos asked Ms. Brown about the one year evidentiary hearing with the court
  + The City currently appeal the requirement and both sides are currently trying to work it out through mediation process
* Ms. Malone asked Ms. Brown how the settlement agreement either legally or pragmatically affect issues related to race?
  + During the DOJ investigation, the issue of race and bias policing did not rise to a level that required us to look into it. These issues are also under a different statue and if we want to look into this, we would have to seek additional authority. However, we did made notes in the finding letter that we did received data from Portland Copwatch on concern of pedestrian stops of African American. That concern and those statistics did not give DOJ the evidence of “intent” to look into the issue
* Chair Wilson, asked Ms. Brown if there are any community oversight boards that serve as advisors aside from the COAB, CPRPC, and CRC?
  + There are other overlaps community groups that are not mentioned in the settlement agreement like the Training Advisory Council, the Behavior Health Advisory Group
* Ms. Ford asked Ms. Brown about the CRC’s standard of Review in related to the settlement agreement
  + This is something that my colleague Jonas Geisler who is working on accountability issue and we can definitely dive deep into this at a later time
* Ms. Falk would like to clarify with Ms. Brown that when she talked about “intent” has to do racial profiling and bias based policy, and not a pattern of practicing of excessive force. In regarding to dealing with mentally ill, there’s no need to demonstrate “intent”
  + There are different standards in use of force. it’s based on objectively looking into an officer’s action. The “Intent” of what is on the officer mind, that subjective-ness should not come into place
* Public Comments:
  + Mr. Handelman comments:
  + PRB have the power to send a case back for further review
  + Training Advisory Council meeting is open to the public
  + BHU Advisory Council meeting is not a public and he is hoping if CRC members can attend that
  + The contents of the AMA meeting with the DOJ are public it was not clear if the meeting is self is public
* Chair Wilson suggested to have deeper conversation on accountability structure and other topics with the DOJ to occur in a workgroup format
* Ms. Ford suggested to have Ms. Brown comes back to a CRC to hear public comments afterward

7:20 pm—7:40 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. Outreach Workgroup (5 min.)

**MISSION STATEMENT: The Outreach Workgroup engages the community to raise awareness about the Citizen Review Committee (CRC), gather concerns about police services and accountability, and identify issues for the CRC to address.**

Chair: Angelo Turner/ Members: Mae Wilson, David Green, and Julie Ramos

IPR staff: Irene Konev, Community Outreach Coordinator

* The workgroup passed around a list of homeless organizations to see if community members have any other suggestions
* The workgroup will attend the HRC meeting next month

1. Directive Workgroup (5 min.)

**MISSION STATEMENT: The Directive Workgroup reviews bureau directives open for public comment and**

**submits public comment to the bureau.**

* Workgroup will meeting at noon on the second Friday at IPR
* Ms. Donegan met with Stephanie Prybyl, and Captain Marshman regarding the Directives comments timeline
* PPB improved their website to make looking up directives easier

Chair: Bridget Donegan / Members:

IPR staff: Constantin Severe, IPR Director

1. 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: Mae Wilson / Members: Vanessa Yarie

IPR staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

1. Standard of Review (5 min.)

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

Chair: Vacant / Members: Julie Falk, Kiosha Ford, Roberto Rivera, Kristin Malone, and James Young

* Had first meeting and learned a lot about the history of the standard of review process

1. 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

7:40 pm—8:10 pm Public comment and wrap-up comments by CRC members

* Ms. Hannon made a comment that she did not see any outreach to homeless organizations based from looking at the Director’s report
* Her suggestions of homeless outreach organizations: Sisters of the road, R2D2, Bud Clark Commons, Springwater Corridor, Blanchet House, and under bridges
* Mr. Handelman comments:
  + He does not understand why the Committee did not talk about the issue of City of Portland spent 1.8 mil to replace new taser
  + It is great to see all CRC members show up to the meeting
  + COAB might be able to have some says in issue regarding to CRC’s standard of review
* Mr. Troy made a comment that the Outreach did done some outreach to homeless organizations in the past
* Ms. Luyben is concerned about the use of deadly force Vs. winning public trust

8:00 pm Adjournment

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**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.**

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