

2013 October 9

To Comms. Novick, Fritz, Saltzman, Fish, Mayor Hales and Whom It May Concern (as promised, a copy is being sent to the other organisations I had also contacted, listed in CC: below)

Re: The first Wednesday of September I asked you (in person* and in the Council Chambers) the questions below when I returned from the hospital after being tortured in a small concrete bunker underneath the Federal Building.

I have not received any significant action from any of you. During that time, Commissioner Fish managed to "investigate", with great fanfare, I might add, a parking fine issue on SW Moody, saying it is a matter of great concern to Portlanders, but hasn't said boo to me about my issue not until I actually stopped him in his office* and said "you're the only commissioner who has yet to give me a reaction". Though his staff person (who had met with me twice on Fish's behalf over the years) tried to step between us and send me out, I managed to lock eyes with Fish, who stated before those gathered around him that he didn't know what could be done, but he was sure sorry to hear that I was treated so roughly. "Will you speak out against it to keep other Portlanders from unwarranted abuse and detainment?", but the staff person successfully interrupted us, walking me backwards out the door, "The Commissioner is busy right now."

The IPR system that you think is so swell, Commissioner Fritz, as you claimed last week to the young man who experienced police brutality, is actually egregiously derelict in its duty. I told the man that, while I was impressed with the public facade the City Hall's IPR office presented (four nice, young, pretty ladies welcomed me in, one black, three white), the one who had conducted a recorded intake with me that day DELETED it without informing me. I only found out that very day when I stopped in the office again to retrieve Officer Hughes' report. Two of the nice young ladies could find no file on me whatsoever, were searching for quite some time before the interviewer emerged from the cubicle behind them and announced: "I didn't think you were pressing charges." On that and every Wednesday since (save one) I spent 9 to 5 at City Hall and told everyone I know and those who work in related capacities--I'd say a good 20% of the public-face employees--all about the ordeal, in addition to the comrades on the street, including five witnesses (four, if you count Officer Hughes and his posse). There are four videos (one on youtube; one deleted by the IPR) of me recounting the ordeal, three audio recordings in the torture chamber, unknown numbers of recordings from witnesses, and I requested surveillance footage from the City Hall entrance and Federal Building. I have received plenty of sympathy and plenty of conflicting information, but nothing that gets to the heart of the matter.

It is pursuant to your role as our taxpayer-funded, elected representatives to find out what went wrong that day and make sure it never happens again. The delay alone is grounds for civil rights litigation, not to mention the procedural complications and direct obstruction of justice. I ask for your public statement today, a personal promise and commitment to see this through. And then, a week after the appointment I have made with you, I expect you to give a statement on behalf of City Hall, especially the employees I have notified and involved in this matter. Here are some of the collective questions again (obviously some can only be answered by the Feds, with whom communication is by postal service apparently, but they may be of help to you):

hypothetically but seriously:

WHY do we hire these nincompoops? WHY do we allow people to make decisions who can't make decisions? Bureaucrats and officials are just that: there to direct people in the right direction, not to let the ball drop, or worse, act unprofessional or obstruct progress.

time, he would take me to "booking". DID the officers follow up and make sure he carried out this plan? SHOULD the officers (at least the one who gave me his card) have followed up at booking or escorted me to booking to assure follow-through and so I wouldn't get beaten up more? DID they? (Hughes returned my phone message with another phone message, saying he was returning my phone message; his card had a non-direct number, so I left another message this time asking him or whoever was listening to send me the police report from 4 September 9.40am, City Hall foyer. No reply.) WHAT responsibility does Officer Hughes have to me when I ask questions and request intervention while being accosted by another agency (if otherwise unbeknownst to him)? (DID he know about it, or was it transpiring in front of the four civil servants as it was happening to me?) To mention a couple examples: "I only have to give my name by law, right? Some states don't force you to say a word, but I think Oregon isn't one of them ...Isn't he supposed to tell me why he's arresting me?...Can one of you go in quickly and retrieve John, John or Mike, the security guards, so they can identify me and confirm my appointment in the Council Chambers?... Can you grab a DJC so I can show him the agenda?"

{I am including this section of the unredacted version [my feelings, injuries, timeline, etc.] only to give reference to the one commendation I gave in my IPR intake interview and form: Officer Hughes mediated a bizarre impasse and gave me his card and, with it, his word to see it through. The only utterance Hughes gave, once the man in black appeared, was calm encouragement, at the end of the 10-minute back-and-forth clown show, "Just go with him." I looked him in the eyes and saw a kind compromise, that he was watching my back. "Yeah, booking. But I need to know WHY. And now he's just handcuffed me after my request for a citation for whatever-it-is so I could get to the Council Chambers as I only have ten minutes left which leads us to believe this must be very serious, indeed. I don't know why it's come to this heavy-handedness and you don't seem to either, so I guess this is the only way to find out." I sighed audibly to indicate my agreement. His face was that of understanding, and just before I could utter the words "Please, your badge number," he was already handing me his card, which I clamped in a hand which soon went numb from the violent squeeze and the handcuffs, aggravating nerve damage. "Please tell the security guards to tell Karla I can't make it."}

Feds/Police DHS

WHY did the man in black lie to me and Officer Hughes, et al., about taking me to booking? (I asked him as he led me right onto 3rd Ave off of Main WHY were we not going to booking? DID the Federal building have a separate booking area?--He never answered.) WHY did he choose the small concrete bunker with nothing resembling a booking area, no windows, empty but for lots of buzzing fluorescent lights and screens? WHY did he refuse my request to be taken upstairs before I had a seizure?

WHY did the man in black refuse to identify himself (said he didn't have to, though at one point he said a name quickly, but I didn't catch him, so asked him to repeat and I began to spell out the first syllable, "R-A-...", but he just laughed and said he didn't have to tell me a thing.

WHY did he search my belongings without telling me (a search warrant, probable cause?), but for saying out loud: "Man, she has a lot of shit!" WHY are things missing? WHERE is the list of items he catalogued?

WHY did Ra{} hurt me (the entire time I never resisted)? WHY did Ra{} handcuff me? HOW are such tactics allowed? WHY did he continue to do so *after* I told him I was seizure-prone and had degenerative discs, the pain was unbearable and it would result in long-term debilitation. paralysis? (A month later I'm still in medical treatment for permanent damage, scars are fading). WHY don't Ra{} and his colleagues know how to remove handcuffs properly from a person having a seizure, on their back and on their side (why didn't they turn me on my stomach, for instance?) WERE AMR staff present? WHY didn't they react properly?

WHY did he refuse to get me medical attention or call my doctor when I requested? WHEN was the

PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION REQUEST
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM

Council Meeting Date: 10-9-13

Today's Date 8-28-13

Name CRYSTAL ELINSKI

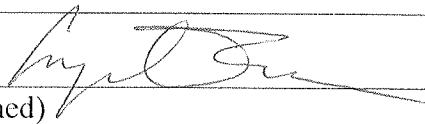
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Address PO B 8973 RDX 97207

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Reason for the request:

city budget - plans to reinstate services/commitments
human rights - police review


(signed)

- Give your request to the Council Clerk's office by Thursday at 5:00 pm to sign up for the following Wednesday Meeting. Holiday deadline schedule is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. (See contact information below.)
- You will be placed on the Wednesday Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken promptly at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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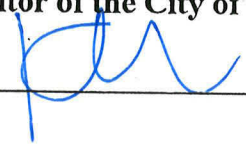
Request of Crystal Elinski to address Council regarding City budget and human rights (Communication)

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3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
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