

CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Community Oversight of Portland Police Bureau

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Minutes
Citizen Review Committee
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Date Approved: September 5, 2012

Meeting Location: Lovejoy Room, Portland City Hall

Chair Troy called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Introductions and Welcome

Citizen Review Committee (CRC) Members Present: Jamie Troy (Chair), Michael Bigham (Vice-chair), Jeff Bissonnette (Recorder), David Denecke, K.A. Lalsingh, Rodney Paris, Andre Pruitt, Steve Yarosh

CRC Member Absent: Dr. Rochelle Silver (excused)

City staff: Constantin Severe, Assistant Director, Independent Police Review (IPR); Irene Konev, IPR; Derek Reinke, IPR; Jeri Williams (Office of Neighborhood Involvement); Afifa Ahmed (Office of Neighborhood Involvement)

Portland Police Bureau: Captain David Famous, Professional Standards Division, Lieutenant Larry Graham, Internal Affairs (IA)

Community: Dan Handelman, Portland Copwatch and Flying Focus Video; Debbie Aiona, League of Women Voters; Ann Brayfield; other unidentified community members (names inaudible on recording)

Approval of Minutes of the 7/5/12 CRC Meeting

Chair Troy stated that he is still analyzing the minutes of the 5/30/12 and 6/6/12 CRC meetings, and they will be ready for the next meeting.

Regarding the 7/5/12 minutes, Ms. Lalsingh noted that under "New Business" the minutes should read "Office of Neighborhood Involvement," not "Office of Equity and Human Rights." With that correction, a motion was made by Ms. Lalsingh and seconded by Mr. Pruitt to approve the 7/5/12 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of the 2011 IPR Annual Report

IPR Senior Management Analyst Derek Reinke presented a summary of the 2011 IPR Annual Report and answered questions from CRC members. Mr. Reinke also discussed the quarterly IPR-CRC Quarterly Report. He said he is now responsible for the Quarterly Report, and he relies on responses from the CRC Chair and workgroup chairs for the CRC content of this report.

Presentation on Intergovernmental and Mutual Aid Agreements

At the request of Director Baptista, Mr. Reinke presented a summary of his review of Mutual Aid Agreements, as a follow-up to Chief Reese's and Deputy City Attorney Woboril's presentations on this topic at previous CRC meetings.

IPR Director's Report

Assistant Director Severe presented the IPR Director's Report. (See attached.)

CRC Chair's Report

Chair Troy met on a casual basis with Mr. Pruitt to discuss CRC matters, and he welcomes the opportunity to meet personally with other CRC members. Much of Chair Troy's focus over the past month has been on trying to resolve the impasse with IPR and IA related to CRC's request for additional investigation on the last appeal. He is coordinating a time for him and other CRC members to meet with the Mayor, Captain Famous, Director Baptista, and Deputy City Attorneys to talk about this issue.

Old Business

Equity Training

Ms. Afifa Ahmed and Ms. Geri Williams of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement presented an overview of the Equity Training that will be provided for CRC at a later date. The training involves two three-hour sessions. CRC members agreed to schedule the training sessions on 11/10/12 at 9:00 a.m. and 12/1/12 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Pruitt and Ms. Konev will work on the location of the training and report back to the group.

Taser/Less-Lethal Force Workgroup Report

CRC voted to adopt this report with the revisions that were agreed upon at the last meeting. Mr. Bigham confirmed that the revisions have been made and that the report is ready to be published. Captain Famous asked if the report is being formally presented to the Police Bureau for their response. Mr. Bigham replied in the affirmative.

New Business

None.

Additional Comments on Intergovernmental and Mutual Aid Agreements.

As a segue to his presentation, Mr. Reinke discussed a recent incident that involved another agency aiding the Portland Police Bureau that resulted in an officer-involved shooting.

Workgroup Updates

Crowd Control Workgroup (Mr. Paris): The workgroup met and completed its work plan. Chair Troy made a motion that CRC approve the work plan and mission statement of the Crowd Control Workgroup. Mr. Yarosh seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The workgroup will meet on 8/11/12 at 12:00 noon at Chair Troy's law office.

Outreach Workgroup (Mr. Pruitt): The workgroup met today. The workgroup is currently working on plans for an outreach program with Race Talks at Kennedy School and equity training. The workgroup meets on the first Wednesday of each month prior to the CRC meeting.

Recruitment, Retention, and Promotion Workgroup (Mr. Yarosh): The workgroup meets on the third Friday of each month and last met on 7/20/12. IPR Intern Christopher Anderson is going to help the workgroup with a project to look at existing studies that correlate complaints and findings of misconduct with demographics such as educational requirements, age, gender, and length of service of police officers. The next meeting is scheduled for 8/17/12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditor's Conference Room.

Recurring Audit Workgroup (Mr. Bissonnette): The July meeting of the workgroup was postponed until 8/3/12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Audit Services Library. The workgroup will be wrapping up the initial phase of the dismissals review and starting to talk about launching the review of closed investigations.

Taser/Less-lethal Force Workgroup (Mr. Bigham): Work is completed.

Use of Deadly Force Workgroup (Mr. Denecke): The workgroup met on 7/17/12 and had a very productive meeting with Deputy City Attorney Woboril and discussed the City Attorney's perspective on directives, law, and training that apply to use of deadly force. Mr. Denecke will email the workgroup's minutes to CRC members within the next week. The next meeting is scheduled for 8/23/12, but it may have to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Denecke agreed to bring the workgroup's work plan to the next CRC meeting for CRC's approval.

Public Comment

Mr. Handelman critiqued the 2011 IPR Annual Report. Mr. Handelman said he was glad that IPR has done research into the shooting that happened with Washington County Sheriff's Office, because one of his biggest concerns for years has been about how Portland Police work with an outside agency and who gives the okay to shoot. Mr. Handelman said he would like to see more consistency and clarification of the terms and acronyms used in the Status of Officer-involved Shootings and In-custody Death

Investigations section of the Director's Report. He said there have been community concerns expressed about the appropriateness of the Deadly Force Workgroup meeting in the Hillsdale Library as opposed to meeting in an area more affected by officer-involved shootings.

Ms. Aiona suggested that in the future a CRC ad hoc group should meet with Mr. Reinke prior to completion of the annual report to give him their suggestions about what they would like and not like to be in the report. Ms. Aiona expressed concern that the IPR customer satisfaction survey has been discontinued.

Ms. Brayfield seconded Mr. Handelman's comments about the need for consistency of terms and descriptors used in the Status of Officer-involved Shootings and In-custody Death Investigations section of the Director's Report. Ms. Brayfield said she would like to hear more about IPR's capacity to conduct investigations.

Wrap-up Comments

None

Adjournment

Chair Troy adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.