

The Portland Tribune

City Hall Update: Federal Judge Cuts Portland Some Slack

By Jim Redden

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Plus, Uber apologizes to the City Council for past behavior and garbage rates are going up because of new China recycling restrictions.

A federal judge said Portland is not fully complying with all the terms of a previous U.S. Department of Justice settlement, but gave the city at least six months to resolve the shortcomings last Wednesday.

Portland has admitted the police have used excessive force against the mentally ill. During the previously scheduled update hearing on the settlement, U.S. District Judge Michael H. Simon said the city has failed to restore a required citizen police oversight committee after the original one fell apart. But the city responded it had approved a process for a replacement, to be known as the Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing.

The hearing was attended by Police Chief Danielle Outlaw, among other city officials, representatives of advocacy organizations and community members.

Uber says it's sorry

Uber apologized to the City Council on April 16 for how it has done business in Portland since starting operations in December 2014.

Without going into specifics, the April 16 letter from Alejandro Chouza, Uber general manager for the Pacific Northwest, acknowledges "certain missteps" in the past and promises to work closer with long-term partners like the city and TriMet to improve access and service.

Commissioner Nick Fish has promised to crack down on Uber for starting service without being licensed, using software to evade regulations, and other violations over the years. The apology comes about a month after the city fined Uber \$3.5 million and only renewed its permit to operate for six months, instead of the standard one year.

Garbage rates going up

The City Council voted to increase garbage collection rate by about \$2.25 a month on Wednesday to help compensate for new China policies that restrict U.S. imports of recyclable materials.

China's new policy means local companies that have been providing such materials have lost revenue, undermining the financing system for garbage and recycling companies licensed by the city.

"The rate increase is needed to cover higher costs for recycling, labor, fuel and garbage disposal. In particular, new quality standards for recycled materials sold to international manufacturers require local recycling facilities to hire additional workers," said the announcement by the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.

The Portland Business Journal

NW Natural Chipping in \$75,000 for New Homeless Shelter, Related Services

By Jon Bell

April 23, 2018

A three-year, \$75,000 donation from NW Natural will help fund a new homeless shelter planned by Homer Williams' nonprofit Oregon Harbor of Hope.

The utility announced today that it has committed \$75,000 to the nonprofit, which will be granted over the next three years to help support the planned navigation center. The shelter was announced earlier this month, when Columbia Sportswear CEO Tim Boyle announced that he was contributing \$1.5 million of his own money to fund the effort.

According to a release, NW Natural's donation will provide operational support for mobile shower and laundry units, medical care and the new facility, which is planned for a piece of property owned by Prosper Portland under the west end of the Broadway Bridge.

“As longtime business residents of the downtown corridor, every day we witness the homeless crisis,” said Von Summers, community relations manager for NW Natural, in the release. “We’re glad to join Oregon Harbor of Hope in support of its vision and work to transition people to the next step of care.”

Earlier this year, OHOH announced it was launching a new program called Portland Street Medicine, which would find a team of more than 70 medical providers making the rounds and providing first-aid and other medical services to folks living on the streets.

In addition, the nonprofit said in February that it expected begin offering mobile showers and laundry services in May, thanks to the donation of two 28-foot-long box trailer trucks from Thomson Equipment Corp., a heavy equipment company in Northeast Portland. The trucks are to be retrofitted with private showers that will be able to provide up to 160 showers per week. There will also be 12 washers and dryers for tending to laundry.

The trucks could begin operating three to four days a week in May, stopping at schools, churches and encampments around the city.

The Skanner

Community Members Invited to Apply for Portland Committee for Community-Engaged Policing

April 23, 2018

Applications are now available to sit on the Portland Committee for Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP)! The application submission deadline is June 1, 2018. In order to apply, you must be at least 16 years old and live, work, worship, and/or go to school in Portland. (Please note that “worship” is broadly defined to include all religions and areas of worship.) PCCEP

members cannot be current City employees or have an actual or perceived conflict of interest with the City.

Keep reading for more information, or go to:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/wheeler/article/681102>

PORTLAND COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY-ENGAGED POLICING APPLICATION INFORMATION

What is the Portland Committee for Community-Engaged Policing?

The Portland Committee for Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP) is being formed to independently assess the City of Portland's Settlement Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in addition to working with the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) to develop policies and assess community engagement efforts. The Settlement Agreement calls for reform to PPB policies and training, particularly related to use of force and interactions with people who have or are perceived to have a mental health condition.

You can find more information on the PCCEP [here](#).

You can find general information on the Settlement Agreement [here](#).

What will the PCCEP do?

The PCCEP will engage with Portland's diverse communities in key areas of concern, including constitutional policing, use of force, interactions with people experiencing mental illnesses, complaint investigations, and racial justice. The PCCEP will also contribute to the development of the PPB Community Engagement Plan, as directed by the Settlement Agreement between the City of Portland and the DOJ.

The PCCEP will be authorized to:

Provide recommendations in key areas of concern (including but not limited to those listed above) to the Mayor, PPB, the Office of Equity and Human Rights and the DOJ based on information gathered from Portland's diverse communities.

Review and make recommendations on PPB policies touching the DOJ Settlement Agreement and/or key areas of concern.

Provide ongoing feedback to PPB regarding community engagement initiatives already in progress and those needed in the future.

During the effective period of the Settlement Agreement, appear before the Court at the annual status conference and provide an assessment of the City's progress toward achieving the goals of the Settlement Agreement.

Who can be a PCCEP member?

People who are at least 16 years old and live, work, worship, and/or go to school in Portland. (Please note that "worship" is broadly defined to include all religions and areas of worship.)

PCCEP members cannot be current City employees or have an actual or perceived conflict of interest with the City.

Who is an ideal PCCEP candidate?

Individuals who are:

- Open-minded and willing to consider other opinions

- Demonstrate an ability to be impartial and objective
- Possess sound communication and listening skills
- Lead and function well in a group
- Are willing to make a substantial time commitment — including trainings, at least two evening meetings per month (with one open to the public), and workgroup meetings
- Able to listen to community concerns at meetings open to the public

How will PCCEP members be selected?

The Mayor, in consultation with the Selection Advisory Committee and Council Offices, will interview final candidates and select 9 to 11 individuals to sit on the PCCEP. There will be five alternates. The Selection Advisory Committee, a five-member panel with representatives selected by the Mayor and each of the Commissioners, will review applications, conduct initial interviews and provide the Mayor with recommendations for final candidates.

What are the responsibilities of each PCCEP member?

If you are selected, commit to serve either a one or two-year term. (Please note that PCCEP members may, upon the completion of their first term, apply to serve for another. Per City rules, PCCEP members may serve for up to eight years).

Prior to being seated on the PCCEP, be required to:

- Learn about the history of the City of Portland's Settlement Agreement with the DOJ;
- Attend PPB community academy;
- Participate in a ride-along with PPB; and
- Participate in subject matter and board trainings.

The minimum time commitment for PCCEP members will be approximately 8 hours a month, including reading materials before meetings and attending meetings. The committee (with the agreement of its members) may, at its discretion, lengthen the time commitment depending on the work it wishes to conduct.

Under Oregon state law, a public official is any person serving the State of Oregon, any of the state's political divisions, or any other public body as an appointed official. Under City ordinance, a city official includes anyone appointed to a board or commission, or a citizen volunteer authorized to act on behalf of the City of Portland. PCCEP members will be both public and city officials. PCCEP members will have certain responsibilities and obligations that are different than those of private citizens. Training will be provided to all members prior to being seated.

Engage and collaborate with other PCCEP members, law enforcement and the Portland community in a respectful and productive manner.

Provide information to and solicit feedback from Portland's diverse communities through roundtables and town halls, to be held at least quarterly and open to the public.

TO APPLY:

Please return your completed application by Friday, June 1. There are several options for submitting your application:

FILL OUT AN ONLINE VERSION OF THIS APPLICATION BY JUNE 1:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/wheeler/76741>

You can print the application below, pick up a copy at the Mayor's Office, or call Mandi Hood at 503-319-7736 to request a paper copy by mail.

RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION BY JUNE 1.

SUBMISSION OPTIONS:

EMAIL: PCCEPinfo@portlandoregon.gov

MAIL or DROP OFF:

Mandi Hood c/o Nicole Grant

Office of the Mayor

1221 SW 4th Avenue Room 340

Portland, OR 97204

If you have questions regarding the PCCEP or this application, please contact Mandi Hood, PCCEP Project Manager, at (503) 319-7736 or email PCCEPinfo@portlandoregon.gov.

Please note that PCCEP application submissions are public records subject to disclosure upon request but effort will be made to protect sensitive information in public disclosure and discussion, to the extent allowed by law.

The City strives to eliminate barriers that may prevent persons with disabilities from participating in City programs, services and activities. If accommodations or translations are needed to submit a PCCEP application, or you have any other questions, please contact Mandi Hood at (503) 319-7736.

In recognition of the importance of the participation of persons with lived experience of a mental health condition in the PCCEP process, accommodations will be provided to ensure a safe environment that supports full participation of all PCCEP members.