PCCEP Settlement Agreement & Policy Subcommittee (SAPS)
January Mintues

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 4:30 – 5:30p
PCCEP Office - 525 NE Oregon St. Suite 110, Portland, OR 97232

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kalloch, Amy Anderson, Patrick Nolen, Lakayana Drury, Elliott Young

MINUTES

Welcome	• Andrew welcomes everyone to SAPS. Introduces the topic and turns conversation to Commissioner Hardesty to provide background on her perspective and approach to the issue.
Town Hall on Facial Recognition Technology (FRT)	• Commissioner Hardesty says that Smart Cities PDX was the impetus to her efforts. • Why a ban? (1) for profit companies (ex. Ring) selling data without consent, (2) stores using facial recognition at door (ex. convenience store downtown), (3) racial bias of technology (as applied to women, people of color). Says that she plans to bring public and private ban together at the same time. [The first Public draft of the public use of Facial Recognition Ordinance is available](). Private ban draft will be available in February, per Kevin Martin of Smart Cities PDX. • Smart Cities PDX and the Office of Equity and Human Rights established a set of [privacy and information protection principles]() -adopted by City Council in June 2019. • Assistant Chief Mike Fromme (PPB) confirms that Bureau does not use technology at present and does not have capacity to use technology. Says PPB does use "Can you ID me?" website to crowd source investigatory efforts. Provides background on technology's use by Washington County Sheriff and Seattle PD. He stresses that PPB isn't confident in algorithm now, but were it to use the technology, it would be "under very controlled circumstances" -- not minor crimes (shoplifting), but major, violent crimes-- interested in working with community to set a "community threshold" for use. • Jon Isaccs (Portland Business Alliance) stresses that there is no extensive use of the technology among his membership at present, but lays out principles to guide their approach, which is skeptical of outright bans (businesses want security): (1) consent (no collection/resale without notice/consent); (2) transparency (disclosure of surveillance), (3) free from bias. Notes that the State AG is working on State rules and that business community is

	supportive of a single standard, rather than a local patchwork (Commissioner Hardesty responded that the State wasn't moving fast enough, and that the City wasn't going to wait).
	• Urban League of PDX (Darren Golden) said that ULPDX would oppose facial recognition even if the technology was not biased, citing the fact that criminal databases (inc. photo databases) are much more likely to include faces of people of color due to historic discrimination and thus, no use should be allowed.
	• Question from community about how to enforce the private sector ban -- Hardesty says that fines will need to be sufficiently high as to not merely be passed off as the "cost of doing business"
	• The concern of using FRT with the Youth community is risen and asked how that population will be affected.
	• Smart Cities PDX plans to host a Community info session.
Closing Remarks	• Next Work Session with Smart Cities PDX and City Council will be: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 from 9am-11am at City Hall. Portland organizations and members of the public are all welcome.
	• Next Set Standing Subcommittee Meeting: Wednesday, February 12th from 4:30-5:30p at the PCCEP Office 525 NE Oregon St. Suite 110 Portland, OR 97232
	• The Portland Compliance Officers/Community Liaison will join the February 12th subcommittee meeting for a presentation on their compliance report for the Q4 2019.