

PCCEP 5/31 listening session ideas/brainstorming:

- **Accelerate the City's effort to launch a Truth and Reconciliation Commission.** Last year, PCCEP [recommended](#) that the PPB "as part of the Community Engagement plan-- formally create a TRC Working Group to analyze various models and develop a plan to implement a TRC in Portland within the next three years." Given the recent events, we urge the City to launch the working group by Labor Day to develop a T&R Commission that can be launched in 2021.AK
- **Support Cultural Shift by Issuing Policy Requiring Officers to Intervene and Adopting Peer-Intervention Training.** As tragically depicted by George Young's death, police officers sometimes stand by while their colleagues engage in excessive force (other professions are not immune to being bystanders while colleagues break rules/norms). Social psychology tells us that there are significant inhibitors to intervention that need to be intentionally addressed, not only through a clear and unequivocal policy requiring intervention (as in [Las Vegas](#)), but also through peer-intervention training, like that pioneered in [New Orleans](#), that "represents a cultural change in policing that equips, encourages, and supports officers to intervene to prevent misconduct and ensure high-quality policing." AK
- **Amend policy relating to non-vehicular ("foot") pursuit.** George Floyd was believed to have committed a non-violent, low-level offense. In addition, he was known by the police to be unarmed (they searched him upon arrest). However, they continued to impose greater force in response to supposed "resistance." PPB Directive 0630.05 governs the vehicular pursuit of certain individuals, specifically, "when there is reasonable suspicion to believe the suspect committed a felony person crime or where the suspect's driving conduct, prior to the initiation of a stop, displays a willful disregard for the safety of others that reasonably places the public in immediate danger of serious bodily harm or death." Notably, that directive calls on officers to "balance the safety risks posed to the community against the benefit of capture before initiating and while continuing the pursuit." [Directive 0630.15](#) governs "foot pursuits" and is currently under review. **We believe that foot pursuits should be limited in scope and should balance the safety risks to the community and the individual being pursued against the need for arrest (i.e. significance of crime, whether suspect is armed, etc.).** Put more directly, under no circumstances should a suspect believed to have passed a bad \$20 ever be subject to the type of force applied in the Young case *even if* the suspect flees, unless the police have specific reason to believe that the individual is armed/dangerous to himself or others. AK
- Improve hiring practices and community policing by having police live in the community they serve. MP
- More police out of uniform, especially while in schools. MP
- Make it easier to get fired for misconduct. MP
- Mandate police to complete volunteer hours with organizations that serve communities of color. MP
- Body worn cameras and overcome the privacy concerns. MP

- Develop community accountability structures if policing is reformed . MP
- Understand Historical and Ongoing Anti-Blackness in Oregon. Also was also soliciting community input for legislative action. qblanton09@georgefox.edu- MP
- PCCEP please present Mic's suggestion to give the Independent Police Review agency more power to investigate and respond to police brutality-- Pursuant to City Code 3.21, the IPR has power to "act on complaints" and "recommend changes." Yet the IPR's power is limited to recommending that IAD conduct an investigation or conduct an independent investigation. However, IPR's independent investigation is ultimately under the authority of IAD. To give credence to Mike's suggestion, we need a system that is truly independent of IAD and informed and represented by the community. Another suggestion is to amend the requirements in PCC 3.21.080 to give better access to diverse community members. max.yoklic@stoel.com-- MP
- Angelika Steinberg suggestions on changes she'd like to see:
 - Fired police officers cannot be hired by another department.
 - Eliminate the inequity of police officer and citizen's rights. It shouldn't be harder to arrest a murdering police officer than a protester.
 - Require police officer to be residents of Portland.
 - Reduce funding with an aim of defunding the police department. MP
- Kayse asked us to review HB2355. AC
- As a community, we need to focus on Restorative Justice and Police accountability. AC
- Portland Police Bureau needs to engage the black community in reforming the department, it's practices and hiring. Through this engagement they can develop a plan to further build relationships with the black community.AC
- White people need to step up and check other whites. AC
- Property damage/items are more important than black lives. Who is going to protect black people from the police? AC