



# CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE

*Community Oversight of Portland Police Bureau*

City of Portland / City Auditor  
Independent Police Review (IPR)  
Citizen Review Committee (CRC)

## Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 (meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month)

Time: 5:30 pm \* *Please Note: agenda times are approximate*

Location: Room C, Portland Building, 1220 SW 5th, Portland, OR 97204

Present: David Denecke, Jeff Bissonnette, Mae Wilson, Rodney Paris, Bridget Donegan, David Green, Roberto Rivera, Jim Young, Dave Famous, Dan Handelman, Regina Hannon, Debbie Aiona, Barbara Ross, Carol Crushman, Michael Bigham, Eric Terrel, Rochelle Silver, Julie Ramos, Ted & Kailei Luyben

Absent: Jamie Troy CRC member, Jeff Bell Internal Affairs

### AGENDA

5:30 pm—5:45 pm Introductions and Welcome (CRC Chair Rodney Paris)  
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5:45 pm—6:00 pm Chair's Report (CRC Chair Rodney Paris)

- Organized meeting with Chief O'Dea regarding the Crowd Control report.
- The Crowd Control workgroup will present the report to City Council on January 14

6:00 pm—6:15 pm Director's Report (IPR Director Constantin Severe)

- New Auditor Mary Hull Caballero will be at the February's CRC meeting
- Hip-Hop Review was released last month. Director Severe and other IPR staff were interviewed with several media outlets
- 6 new CRC members will be present to City Council in February
- OIR Report was presented to City Council
- Irene Konev and Investigator Eric Nomura made presentation to Outside In regarding the work of IPR
- Director Severe and Assistant Director Bent-Albert made a presentation about IPR to ACLU staff
- Irene Konev, CRC member Roberto Rivera, and Jeff Bissonnette attended a community forum with the Burmese community
- Used of Deadly Force workgroup had a 2 hour community dialogue with Don't Shoot Portland and received feedback regarding the Portland Police
- Community feedback: The Burmese community voiced their concern that the Burmese interpreter for the Portland Police spoke a different dialect than majority of the Burmese community currently living here in Portland
- Two Officer involved shootings currently under investigation
- IPR staff had a tour of Portland Police's Property & Evidence unit
- Ms. Donegan asked Director Severe what was the interest in checking out Property & Evidence Unit?
  - IPR had received numerous phone calls from community members seeking assistance in getting their property back. The tour gave staff member a better understanding of how the Unit operates
- Mr. Bissonnette asked Director Severe if there's an alternate more convenient location where people can pick up their belongings since Property & Evidence unit is located in a very difficult location to get to
  - Property & Evidence only store materials that are considered "evidence of crime". Usually when people being arrested and taken to jail, their belongings are being kept at the same facility

- Mr. Bissonnette asked Director Severe how many complaints did IPR received regarding the Fergusson related protests?
  - We had 30 individuals came to our office to file a complaint. A lot of the complaints dealt with the same issue so we compressed it down to 4 or 5 complaints

6:15 pm – 6:30 pm      New Business

1) Hip-Hop review presentation (Director Constantin severe)

- The investigation started in March, 2014 at Blue Monk. The issues that people brought up were more of a systemic and policy issues than just a normal complaint of an officer violating a directive. The reason why it took so long to complete was because IPR did extensive research on the issue. IPR staff talked to numerous City staff, hip hop artists, and community members. IPR staff also went out on multiple ride along with the Police and Fire Bureaus
- IPR also interviewed several OLCC staff members
- As a result of the investigation, IPR released 5 Recommendations:
  - City should create a checklist of its expectations on late night entertainment
  - Portland Police should create a standard operating procedure that provide guidance to officers when conducting a walkthrough of late night entertainment venues
  - Portland Police should track walkthroughs of late night entertainment venues and make it available for public
  - Fire Bureau inspectors should have a tracking mechanism and should be made public
  - City should maintain a dialogue with the Hip-Hop community
- Chair Paris asked Director Severe how the decision was made on whether the Fire Bureau or the Police Bureau made the decision to conduct a walkthrough
  - There wasn't an overall scheme on how they conduct a walkthrough. Representative from OLCC, Fire and Police bureaus have very good communication with each other. If an officer from the Fire Bureau found some issue with a venue, that venue might also get visited by an inspector from OLCC and as well as the Police Bureau. This could be overwhelming for venue owner who is not used to City's scrutiny
- Ms. Donegan raise a point that there were concerns about the manner on how the whole thing was carried out
  - Blue Monk's situation was a highly charged incident. There should've been a better communication between the officers and the venue: Illmaculate felt that police presents was unnecessary. Talking to the Police officers, they explained that that the reason why they had a bigger present there was because the crowd wasn't following their commands. The community members felt that the officers called in the fire inspectors in attempt to shut the show down
  - Another issue was some Police officers were concerned with Mr. Vegaz about possible gang's issues
- Mr. Green asked Director Severe if there are going to be more recommendations on how City will deal with these kind of events going forward?
  - There are ongoing dialogue between the City and the Hip-Hop community on how the City would like these kind of late night entertainment areas operate

2) Ad Hoc workgroup updates (Director Constantin Severe)

- The code changes are in compliance with the DOJ agreement of a 21 day timeline for appeal. Currently, an appeal takes 60 days
- The proposal will shrink appeal deadline from 30 days to 14 days
- Based on the feedback IPR received from previous CRC members, IPR Staff will now be in charge of putting together the Case File Summary CRC. CRC members will then go over the summary and make edits as necessary
- CRC can make one request for an additional investigation to IPR or IA
- Mr. Bissonnette asked Director Severe when this will be coming to City Council?
  - Late February. IPR will try to put the code changes on our website for public comments before the Council meeting

### 3) CRC officers election

- Ms. Donegan nominated Ms. Wilson for CRC Chair. This was seconded by Mr. Young
  - Mr. Bissonnette: YES
  - Ms. Wilson: YES
  - Chair Paris: YES
  - Ms. Donegan: YES
  - Mr. Green: YES
  - Mr. Young: YES
  - Mr. Rivera: YES
  - Mr. Denecke: YES
- Ms. Wilson nominated Ms. Donegan for CRC Vice Chair. This was seconded by Chair Paris
  - Mr. Bissonnette: YES
  - Ms. Wilson: YES
  - Chair Paris: YES
  - Ms. Donegan: YES
  - Mr. Green: YES
  - Mr. Young: YES
  - Mr. Rivera: YES
  - Mr. Denecke: YES
- Chair Paris nominated Mr. Green as Recorder. This was seconded by Chair Paris
  - Mr. Bissonnette: YES
  - Ms. Wilson: YES
  - Chair Paris: YES
  - Ms. Donegan: YES
  - Mr. Green: YES
  - Mr. Young: YES
  - Mr. Rivera: YES
  - Mr. Denecke: YES
- Regarding Don't Shoot Portland's discussion: The Outreach workgroup met on Monday and had a discussion regarding possible further dialogue with Don't Shoot Portland. There will be a community forum with Mayor Hales and Mr. Daryl Turner, President of Portland Police Association this Saturday and Don't Shoot Portland would like CRC to help come up with questions for discussion at the forum
- Chair Paris suggested that CRC members send possible questions to Mr. Bissonnette. He will then forward them to Teresa Raiford

6:30 pm—6:45 pm Old Business

6:45 pm—6:50 pm Break

6:50 pm—7:10 pm Workgroup Updates: Please provide the following information —

- 1) Brief summary of the goals and objectives of your workgroup
- 2) Date of last meeting
- 3) Brief summary of the work done at your last meeting
- 4) Next scheduled meeting
- 5) Main topic to be discussed/addressed at the next meeting
- 6) Any assistance from IPR or CRC needed to achieve your goals

## ACTIVE WORKGROUPS

### 1. Crowd Control Workgroup (5 min.)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Crowd Control Workgroup examines existing crowd control policies, training, and tactics of the Portland Police Bureau, reviews crowd control best practices, legal standards and other information, and makes appropriate recommendations.

Chair: Rodney Paris / Members: David Denecke and Jamie Troy

IPR Staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- Chair Paris will present the recommendations to council on January 14

### 2. Outreach Workgroup (5 min.)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Outreach Workgroup, in coordination with the IPR Coordinator, identifies and continually conducts consistent outreach to neighborhood associations, community organizations, and business groups to make the general public aware of the existence of the Citizen Review Committee and its role in police oversight.

Members: Jeff Bissonnette, Jamie Troy

IPR staff: Irene Konev, Community Outreach Coordinator

- The workgroup new mission statement: The Outreach Workgroup engages the community to raise awareness about the Citizen Review Committee (CRC), gather concerns about police services and accountability, and identify issues for the CRC to address.
- CRC member voted to approve the new mission's statement:
  - Mr. Bissonnette: YES
  - Ms. Wilson: YES
  - Chair Paris: YES
  - Ms. Donegan: YES
  - Mr. Green: YES
  - Mr. Young: YES
  - Mr. Rivera: YES
  - Mr. Denecke: YES
- Mr. Bissonnette will continue to be involved with the workgroup after his term on the Committee is expired

### 3. Recruitment, Retention and Promotion (Portland Police Bureau) (5 min.)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Recruitment, Retention and Promotion Workgroup examines existing policies and practices of the Portland Police Bureau in recruiting, retaining and promoting its members, and formulates policy recommendations where needed.

Chair: Vacant/ Members: Teresa Baldwin

IPR staff: Anika Bent-Albert, Assistant Director

### 4. Recurring Audit (5 min.)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Recurring Audit Workgroup seeks to improve accountability of IPR and the Portland Police Bureau by reviewing closed cases to ensure procedures, policies and protocols are followed and will recommend improvements, if necessary.

Chair: Jeff Bissonnette / Members: Rodney Paris

IPR staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- Mr. Bissonnette will continue his involvement with the workgroup

5. Use of Deadly Force Workgroup (5 min.)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Use of Deadly Force Workgroup examines Portland Police Bureau use of deadly force policies, directives, training and implementation in order to recommend and support any needed change in Portland Police Bureau use of deadly force.

Chair: David Denecke / Members:

IPR Staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- Conducted a meeting with Don't Shoot Portland.
- The workgroup will meet with staff from Portland Police training division
- Mr. Denecke will continue to be involved with the workgroup after his term on the Committee is expired
- Ms. Donegan asked Captain Famous how IA handle use of deadly force investigation?
  - Use of deadly force is consists of administrative and criminal investigation. The case then being forwarded to the Police Review Board for recommendation

7:10 pm—7:30 pm      Public comment and wrap-up comments by CRC members

- Dan Handelman's comments:
  - There were actually 4 officers involved shooting last year
  - The minutes are confusing because they look exactly like the agenda
  - The Hip-Hop review provides recommendations for the Police Bureau for when they conduct a walkthrough in one of those venues. Questioned police usage of "gang-affiliated", felt it unfairly stigmatized African Americans
  - The designation of "suspected gang member" is very serious issue in the community and need to be looked at
  - He is concerned that the Police Bureau have not responded to the Crowd Control workgroup recommendations
  - Regarding the changes in the ordinance, we should leave the language "ambiguous".
  - He would like to congratulate the CRC for having a woman as Chair for the first time in the Committee's history
- Dr. Silver Would like to thank the four CRC members who will be retired next month: Jeff Bissonnette, David Denecke, Jamie Troy, and Rodney Paris

6:45 pm

Adjournment

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**CRC Members:**

1. If you know you will not be able to attend a CRC meeting or that you will be missing a significant amount of a meeting, please call or e-mail IPR in advance so that the CRC Chair may be made aware of your expected absence.
2. After this meeting, please return your folder so IPR staff can use it for document distribution at the next CRC meeting.

*\*Note: agenda item(s) as well as the meeting date, time, or location may be subject to change.*