



CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Community Oversight of Portland Police Bureau

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

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 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**, 1120 SW 5th Ave. Portland OR 97204

Present: Jamie Troy, Bridget Donegan, Jeff Bissonnette, David Denecke, Mae Wilson, David Green, Jim Young, Rodney Paris, Roberto Rivera, Dave Famous, Dan Handelman, Kiosha Ford, Carol Cushman, Regina Hannon, Debbie Aiona Angelo Turner, Michael Luna, Kalei and Ted Luyben

AGENDA

6:00 pm—6:15 pm Introductions and Welcome (CRC Chair Rodney Paris)
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6:15 pm—6:30 pm Director's Report (IPR Assistant Director Anika Bent-Albert)

- 6 new CRC members 1 male and 5 females will be presented to City Council on February 11 at 9:30 am
- Chair Rodney Paris and IPR Analyst Derek Reinke presented the Crowd Control report to City Council on January 14. Chief O'Dea gave a response on behalf of the Police Bureau
- IPR announced that it will conduct a policy review of how the Portland Police Bureau's compliance with Brady V. Maryland
- Community Outreach Coordinator Irene Konev attended and networked at the Fix-it Fair at Rosa Parks Elementary School, Community Peace Collaborative, and at Ghandian/King Principals of Peace at Oregon Historical Society, and gave updates on IPR and CRC to the Community and Police Relations Committee
- Community feedback: The Ukrainian community was grateful for the attendance of the Mayor and Chief of Police at the Ukrainian Church's new year celebration

- Ms. Donegan asked Assistant Director Bent-Albert what sparked the Brady investigation?
 - IPR has been wanting to do this for a long time and now that we have more resources (5 investigators), we are able to conduct more policy reviews
- Mr. Denecke asked Assistant Director Bent-Albert what the Police Bureau policies were regarding the Brady V. Maryland?
 - We will discuss about that at the completion of the review

6:30 pm—6:45 pm Chair's Report (CRC Chair Rodney Paris)

- Ms. Wilson asked the Committee if anyone from the CRC would be able to attend the Training Advisory Council meeting this Thursday?
 - Mr. Rivera can attend this upcoming meeting and Mr. Green will attend the future meeting

6:45 pm—7:00 pm New Business

7:00 pm—7:15 pm Old Business

7:15 pm—7:35 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. Outreach Workgroup (5 min.)

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.

Members: Jeff Bissonnette, Jamie Troy, Mae Wilson, and Bridget Donegan

IPR staff: Irene Konev, Community Outreach Coordinator

- The workgroup supports the plan to conduct CRC meeting at a non-down town location once a quarter
- The workgroup had a discussion about showing up to CRC meeting to meet with community members who are attending the meeting
- The workgroup will continue to meet at 4pm on the day of CRC meeting

2. 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: Jean Tuller, and James Young

IPR staff: Anika Bent-Albert, Assistant Director

3. 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

- Ms. Donegan asked Chair Paris about workgroup's current project
 - The workgroup reviewed closed cases and did an analysis. Mr. Reinke was supposed to analyze the data and get some scoring back. The next step is reviewing actual investigations to get an idea on how the workgroup will review those cases, and what question to ask
 - Mr. Troy suggested the workgroup look into dismissal cases to see why those cases did not get referred to the Police Bureau

4. 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: James Young, and David Green

IPR Staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- The workgroup is trying to conclude their work with the focus on de-escalation and disengagement tactics. Other thing is the need for CRC to be involved in the review of officer-involved shootings and in custody deaths
- The workgroup is trying to setup with the meeting with PPB's training division
- Mr. Green asked Ms. Wilson if there's any progress from the community forum with the Mayor last month?
 - The first meeting was more like an information gathering meeting. The largest focus was mainly on questions regarding the DOJ settlement and COAB.

7:35 pm—8:05 pm Public comment and wrap-up comments by CRC members

- Mr. Troy final comments as a Committee member:
 - There has been a lot of great changes in terms of IPR's ability to conduct investigation:
 - IPR now has subpoena power
 - IPR able to conduct more independent investigations
 - This Committee has been able to benefit from some of the changes as well like CRC members are now serving on the Police Review Board
 - He is excited to know that there will be more women on the Committee
- Mr. Denecke final comments as a Committee member:
 - He would like to see the quality and resources that the PRB has also provided to the CRC
 - He also thanked the new Auditor for showing some support for the Committee
 - It is really helpful to have a pro-active Auditor to support the CRC to keep pushing for changes within the Police Bureau
- Chair Paris final comments as a Committee Chair:
 - He is very pleased with the changes happening with IPR and CRC
 - He offered to help transition new members onto the Committee
- Mr. Young thanked the four departing members for their service on the Committee
- Mr. Young made some suggestions for the Committee, going forward:
 - suggested to create a workgroup to look into improving the Committee overall operating process to see how the Committee can operating more efficiently
 - He would like to see the Committee receiving the same quality of information as the Police Review Board
 - There needs to be meaningful, robust changes to the standard of the review process, to quality of information presented to this group, and the professionalism that the Committee members have to give
- Mr. Handelman's comments:
 - Mr. Rivera is now the most senior CRC member
 - There were female vice chairs in past but there hasn't been a female Chair on the Committee before
 - He was disappointed that the training the Police Bureau provided for new CRC members wasn't open to the public
 - Police Review Board report should be made available to the public at CRC meeting and CRC members should be discussing the report
 - Internal Affairs investigation is averaging 160 days which is a long time
 - There are several Race Talks forums on police accountability
- Ms. Aiona thanked the departing Committee members for their service
- Mr. Denecke thanked the community members like Dan Handelman and Debbie Aiona for bringing matters to the Committee's attention

6:30 pm

Adjournment

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CRC Members:

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