



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: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 (meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month)

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

Location: **Lovejoy Room, Portland City Hall**. 1221 SW 4th Ave. Portland, OR 97204

Present: Julie Falk, Neil Simon, Vanessa Yarie, Jim Young, Marisea Rivera, Kiosha Ford, Jeff Bell, Erica Hurley, Constantin Severe, Adrian Brown, Doug Brown, Mary Hull Caballero, Hershel Soles, Dan Handelman, Regina Hannon, Laura Orr, Debbie Aiona, Pamela Fitzsimmons, Kelsey Lloyd

AGENDA

5:30 pm—5:35 pm Introductions and Welcome (CRC Acting Chair Kiosha Ford)

5:35 pm – 5:45 pm Director's Report (IPR Director Constantin Severe)

- Ms. Falk asked how many seats on the CRC are open for recruitment?
 - When we get an alternate, they are available to fill seats on the CRC. When we are doing recruitment, we are looking for brand new people to the process.

5:45 pm – 6:15 pm Discussion with Auditor Hull Caballero regarding the proposed Charter changes

- Auditor Hull Caballero made some comments regarding this changes:
 - It has been more than 30 years since the last time the Charter was updated.
 - Current Charter does not adequately reflect the current Auditor's Office functions: IPR, Hearing Office, Ombudsman.
 - The Auditor is in a daily conflict with other Bureaus which created challenges for the office to be fully independent from the City of Portland.
 - Council hearing on this proposed Charter changes is January 25.
 - Mayor and Commissioners are the ones who set the budget for City Bureaus including the Auditor's Office and the proposal is calling for the change in this process where the Auditor's Office will be evaluated in different budget criteria.
- Mr. Young asked Auditor Hull Caballero if she have received feedbacks from council members regarding the proposed changes?
 - Yes, and they are all over the place. We are current in a phrase where we are doing a lot of talking and briefings. When you try to draft a Charter language, you know what it means in your head, but other people might not understand.
- Ms. Falk asked Auditor Hull Caballero about her proposed budget' process.
 - We would stick with the timing of the City's budget process, but we would not submit our budget to the Budget's office and they would go through all of our line items and they are deciding what they would like to keep and not keep in the budget and then recommend it to City Council. This is doesn't work for the Auditor's because the Budget's office is managed by the Mayor.
- Acting Chair Ford asked Auditor Hull Caballero if CRC can be added into the Charter?
 - The reason of having the Ombudsman and IPR be added into the Charter is to make sure that there wouldn't be retribution for the work that staff does. The CRC does not face the same threats of retribution or cut in funding.
- Acting Chair Ford asked Auditor Hull Caballero about the possibility of changing the Standard of Review
 - Council have the power to change policies so if you would like that to be changed, it will have to go through City Council.

- Mr. Simon asked Auditor Hull Caballero if she looked at other Cities who have the similar citizen oversight groups to see if they enshrined their citizen oversight group in the Charter?
 - I have not looked at it that way. What we were looking at if there were police oversight systems in other states. For example, we looked Albuquerque, they have the ability to hire an independent council. Last February in Denver, they were able to put forward a Charter change related to independent monitor and it passed at high percentage.
- Ms. Falk asked Auditor Hull Caballero if CRC under IPR’s authority in City Codes?
 - IPR provides administrative supports to the CRC, and the CRC is the advisory body to IPR and the Police Bureau. There’s also a section in Code the describe the responsibilities of the CRC.
- Mr. Young asked the Auditor if she would like CRC to take a position?
 - CRC can take position in this by majority vote.
- Acting Chair Ford noted that she would like to spend more time reviewing it.
- Ms. Falk asked Auditor Hull Caballero if the exact language on the proposed Charter changes have to be the same as the language on the ballot?
 - Yes. We will have a work session on January 10. The current draft will most likely be changed
- Ms. Falk asked Director Severe about IPR code changes on February 8?
 - This is something we are currently working on. My hope would have something be released to the CRC by the middle of this month.
- Public Comments:
 - Mr. Handelman made several comments:
 - Crowd Control Workgroup should have a public meeting. He had a conversation with the Chief and he was informed that Bureau members are receiving crowd control training this month. Bureau members still kettling and launching tear gas at people during protests.
 - Auditor did not provide community members with a draft of the proposed charter changes.
 - Copwatch made a proposal in the past to put IPR into the Charter itself.
 - IPR Director Report did not mention the pending appeals, Auditor’s proposed Charter changes, stakeholder workgroup recommendations, or protest related complaints.
 - CRC will need its own independent counsel.
 - IPR should list the number of seats available on the CRC on IPR website.

6:15 pm – 6:20 pm Break

6:20 pm—6:40 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. Following up with appellants and others community requests will supplement current work group tasks. Additionally, outreach committee members will serve as point for ongoing communications with IPR, the City, the Bureau, community members and/or act as the face of CRC.

Chair / Members: Michael Luna, Neil Simon, and Julie R. Ramos

IPR staff: Irene Konev, Community Outreach Coordinator

- The Workgroup is currently working on to have each member of the Committee to commit at least one organization to conduct outreach to.
- Mr. Simon will put together a summary once everyone responded with an organization that they would like to be the liaison to.

2. 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 / Members: Vanessa Yarie, Bridget Donegan, and Jeff Bissonnette

- The Workgroup finished reviving the worksheet that Workgroup members use while reviewing case files. The Workgroup is hoping to finish reviewing all the cases by mid-February.

3. Policy and Protocols (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Policy and Protocols Workgroup examines CRC jurisdiction and the standard of review and recommends action to the CRC. Additionally, the workgroup will review community letters/input on policy issues and police bureau issues and present findings to full CRC.

Chair: Kiosha Ford / Members: Julie Falk, Roberto Rivera, Kristin Malone, and James Young

- The Workgroup looked at the Committee’s previous Standard of Review recommendations back in 2010. The Workgroup will meet again to discuss these recommendations.

4. 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 /Members: Michael Luna

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: Rochelle Silver, James Young

- At the previous meeting on this topic, the Committee asked Mr. Denecke to revise the Proposal to make things more organize. Mr. Young will check in with Mr. Denecke about this.

6:40 pm —7:00 pm Public comment and wrap-up comments by CRC members

- Ms. Hannon made several comments:
 - The Crowd Control Workgroup needs to get back on and running since there will be a lot of protests coming up. People who are out there to exercise their rights should not be subjected to tear gas.
 - CRC should do more outreach to homeless people.
 - There should be more representation of people who are constantly being mistreated constantly on the CRC .
- Laura made a comment for someone on the CRC to manage CRC’s website instead of having IPR staff managing it.

7:00 pm Adjournment

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