



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, March 1, 2017 (meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month)

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

Location: **Room B, Portland Building**, 1120 SW 5th Ave. Portland, OR 97204

Present: Julie Ramos, Kristin Malone, Vanessa Yarie, Marisea Rivera, Roberto Rivera, Jeff Bell, Constantin Severe, Doug Brown, Dan Handelman, Regina Hannon, Lightning, Sheddrick Wilkins, Herschel Soles, Debbie Aiona, Pamela Fitzimmons

AGENDA

5:30 pm—5:35 pm Introductions and Welcome (CRC Chair Kristin Malone)
(Approval of December 7, 2016, January 4, 2017, January 26, 2017, and February 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes)

- Minutes for January 26 and February 1 are approved. The Committee is delaying the December 7 and January 4 meeting to the next CRC meeting since a majority of the members present at those meetings are not here tonight.

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

- Vice Chair Ramos asked Ms. Konev about the goal of doing outreach at the events that she attends.
 - Ms. Konev stated that attending meetings is a good way to reconnect and meet new people, exchange information, and build relationships for IPR. IPR just finished recruitment for the CRC and is launching another recruitment later on this year.
- Vice Chair Ramos asked Ms. Konev why more people were not interviewed during the recent recruitment, so they can be put on CRC's alternate list.
 - Ms. Konev responded that CRC currently has one alternate. The selection committee ranked each candidate during the recent recruitment and few candidates received scores high enough to warrant an interview.
- Vice Chair Ramos suggested that IPR update its interview questions and interview as many people as possible.
- Ms. Konev said she had already started strategizing on the next recruitment. There will be 5 positions opening up later on this year.

5:45 pm—6:00 pm Chair's Report (CRC Chair Kristin Malone)

- Attended a community dialogue at First Unitarian Church with the Auditor and Director Severe
- Met with City Club research committee regarding the Auditor's proposed Charter Changes
- Prepared for the City Council appeal hearing on CRC case 2015-C-0104
- Public Comments on City Council appeal hearing on case 2015-C-0104:
 - Mr. Handelman's comments:
 - City Council spent a lot of time talking to the Bureau.
 - Council could've change the protocol and allowed the public to make comments.
 - Mr. Wilkins said he does not support the use of Tasers.
 - Lightning asked that the Committee to have a discussion at the retreat regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement between Portland Police and other police agencies.
 - Mr. Soles made some comments:
 - He was disappointed at the outcome of the City Council appeal.
 - It seemed that the Appellant was experiencing some anger because a person hit him with a car.

- Why did the police bother to arrest the Appellant when the car driver didn't even press charges?
- Chair Malone noted that the City Attorney changed the protocol the day of the hearing, but city employees and the city attorney's office did not want to share that information with her because of attorney-client privilege.
- Director Severe acknowledged that Council is not bound to use the protocol. However, he stated that there is a reason why the protocol exists, which is so everyone understands what the rules are when coming to the hearing. When the protocol is changed without adequate notice to the people participating, then we will end up not having a good process. CRC should have been shown more respect.
- Mr. Handelman recalled that when the protocol was developed, the IPR Director at the time claimed that City Council signed off on it.

6:00 pm—6:30 pm New Business

1) CRC retreat agenda discussion

- Agenda items proposed by Committee members: CRC recruitment, CRC expectations, Standard of Review, other code changes, Outreach planning and expectations, IPR and CRC complaint process
- Chair Malone would like to invite former CRC members to the retreat to gain some institutional knowledge.
- Ms. Yarie noted that then-Chair Mae Pfeil made a presentation about IPR's complaint process and the DOJ settlement agreement at the last retreat. The Chair should send out a copy of the presentation so new members can have a better understanding of these processes.
- Chair Malone said she will send out an outline before the retreat

2) CRC elections announcement

- CRC elections will happen at the April 5 meeting

6:30 pm—6:55 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

- Chair Malone said she has been trying, without success, to schedule a meeting with Mayor Wheeler.
 - Director Severe will reach out to Nicole Grant from the Mayor's office.
- Ms. Rivera would like to add to the CRC retreat agenda a discussion of what each member should talk about while meeting with elected officials.
- Ms. Konev asked the Committee if they would still like her to send out emails with information on community events so CRC members can attend. Also, she asked what kind of additional information the CRC would like to see regarding community events in the Director's Report.
 - Vice Chair Ramos asked that an email about upcoming events should be going out once a month, with enough advance notice so CRC has time to plan. Regarding the question about more information

regarding the outreach events, there should be more information on what Ms. Konev did at those events.

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 members still working on reviewing the files

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 issue of pushing for the change in the standard of review will be discussed at the retreat

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

- The Committee had a discussion on the revised Use of Deadly Force report. Per request from the Committee at the last discussion, Mr. Denecke did some reorganization of the report to make it flow better.
- Mr. Handelman made a comment that he has not been able to review the revised report and he will let the Committee know if he has any comments via email
- Ms. Hannon would like the Committee to make sure to list items like this on the agenda so people know that they will be voted on
- Mr. Lightning asked the Committee to delay the vote to next month since this is the first time he had seen the report.
- Vice Chair Ramos reminded the group that Committee members did delay the vote on the revised report last month because some members were not able to review it
- Mr. Rivera clarified that the report merely serves as a starting point for the CRC to be able to bring something to the Bureau regarding the use of deadly force. Community members will have more opportunity to weigh in if there are new Directives resulting from these discussions.
- Committee unanimously voted to adopt the revised report edited by Mr. Denecke

6:55 pm —7:15 pm Public comment and wrap-up comments by CRC members

- Ms. Hannon made some comments:
 - Chair Malone did a good job at the City Council appeal hearing.

- The Director’s report mentioned that Westmoreland neighborhood residents appreciated the police response to the homeless in their neighborhood. She would like to know more detail about the police response and what was appreciated by neighbors.
- The Crowd Control Workgroup needs to meet again.
- Mr. Handelman made some comments:
 - He has not seen a draft of IPR code changes. The changes will be in front of Council March 23.
 - Regarding the Council appeal hearing, the Chief kept mentioning about there are no side effects after being tased. Amnesty International documented over 700 cases of deaths due to Taser use.
 - Copwatch did an analysis of the Police Review Board. These members should be able to assist the CRC at appeal hearings.
 - Use of deadly force workgroup report should be presented to the City Council.
 - Council should have deliberated on the appeal in front of the public instead of using executive session and retreating to another room.
- Mr. Lightning made some comments:
 - CRC should look into complaints referred by IPR to other counties and make sure that they are being handled properly.
 - CRC should look into monitoring the City forcing liens into foreclosure properties. He would like to make sure city employees or police officers are not profiting off these properties.
- Ms. Aiona made some comments:
 - The Council appeal hearing wasn’t mentioned in the Director’s report.
 - IPR should also add the number of pending appeals to the Director’s report.
 - Regarding the community feedback section in the report, did any of the community members raise concerns about their interaction with the police?
 - If there is something that carries over from a previous meeting, that item should clearly be shown on the agenda.

7:00 pm

Adjournment

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- 2. After this meeting, please return your folder so IPR staff can use it for document distribution at the next CRC meeting.**

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