



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

CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Community Oversight of Portland Police Bureau

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 (meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month)

Time: 4:00 pm * *Please Note: agenda times are approximate*

Location: Virtual Meeting

Present: Candace Avalos, Jihane Nami, Vadim Mozyrsky, Sylvan Fraser, Jihane Nami, Taylor Snell, Carol Johnson, Adam Green, Shaina Pomerantz, Irene Konev, Dana Walton-Maucaulay, Ross Caldwell, Alex Condon, Allison Scotland, Ann, April McKay, Barbara Ross, Debbie Aiona, Jonas Geissler, Jared Hager, Drew Price, Jules Messenger, Kate, Laurie, Yume Delegato, Tom Christoff, Sean, Stephanie, Sam,

AGENDA

5:30 pm—5:35 pm Introductions and Welcome (Acting CRC Chair Candace Avalos)

(Approved of March 4, 2020 meeting minutes)

5:35 pm—5:45 pm Director's Report (IPR Director Ross Caldwell)

5:45 pm—6:00 pm Chair's Report (CRC Acting Chair Candace Avalos)

- Acting Chair Avalos raised some concerns with PPB use of force at recent protests.
- Acting Chair Avalos met with Mayor Wheeler on May 19 regarding the PPA contract. She expressed interest in the CRC having a role in the bargaining process. They also discuss the possibility of uniting the work of CRC and PCCEP
- Mr. Mozyrsky made a comment PCCEP released a statement regarding to the recent tragedy as well as a recommendation to the Mayor and police Chief about changing immunity law
- Acting Chair Avalos will assign new CRC members to different council member
- Acting Chair Avalos made an announcement there's going to be a CRC election at our next meeting and she intends to run for the Chair position.
- Mr. Mozyrsky announced his intention to run for Vice Chair position
- Mr. Green would be open to chair a workgroup
- Ms. Pomerantz asked Acting Chair Avalos to clarify the structure of CRC workgroups
 - The committee can make a decision on what kind of workgroup they want to start or dissolve.
- Acting Chair Avalos made a comment she wants to create a CRC Facebook page to better connect with the community. She had contacted PCCEP staff to see how they operate their facebook account

6:00 pm—7:00 pm New/Old Business

1) CRC Member Introduction & Icebreaker

2) Discuss outreach plan, logistics, decorum for virtual CRC meetings (are we able to host appeals virtually? Facebook account?)

- Acting Chair Avalos asked Director Caldwell if the current Zoom format is appropriate for appeal hearing?
 - It is possible. Doing appeal hearing online takes a little bit more time, but my concern is the new members who haven't done appeal before and the Committee going to have an election and workgroup work to do and doing appeal can take a long time.
- Acting Chair Avalos asked Director Caldwell how many appeals are currently pending?
 - We have 3 appeals pending
- Mr. Snell made a comment he is in favor of holding appeal the earlier the better
- Acting Chair made a comment she is weighing the balance being getting Committee's works done and hearing appeals in a timely manner. Appeals take a lot of time of the CRC meeting and that will affect other works. She proposed that the Committee delay hearing appeals for another meeting to get the Committee work organized and then start hearing appeal after.
- Ms. Pomerantz made a comment for someone to check-in with appellants to let them know what's going on
- Director Caldwell made a comment IPR had reached out to the Appellants and let them know what's going on and so far, IPR have not heard any feedback from them regarding having to wait for so long
- Mx. Fraser made a comment the challenge memo that was sent to Chief Resch was written by they and Ms. Chiller so there might be values getting Ms. Chiller to be present at the Conference Hearing
- The Committee agreed to delay hearing appeal until August

3) CRC/Joint PCCEP & TAC Retreat Planning

- Acting Chair Avalos made a comment she would like to have a joint retreat with PCCEP and TAC
- Ms. Nami made a comment she is a little concerned about being able to do meaningful work having too many people at the retreat.
- Acting Chair Avalos made a comment she have experience facilitating a large group of people
- Ms. Pomerantz asked Acting Chair Avalos if the Committee can get the PPB equity committee involved as well?

- The purpose of this joint retreat is for the 3 committees to figure out how to work together since we all have workgroups that might overlap with each other. After that we can collaborate with other committee
- Ms. Pomerantz made a comment the PPB equity committee is currently working on the 5 years racial equity plan for the Bureau
- The Committee agreed on moving forward with the joint retreat

4) Workgroup Review & Assignments (logistics for hosting workgroup meetings)

- Mr. Mozyrsky made a comment that the CRC used to have a policy workgroup.
- Mr. Nguyen made a comment that workgroup was disbanded awhile ago
- Mr. Mozyrsky made a comment the policy workgroup can look into PPB discipline process
- Ms. Nami make a comment the policy workgroup can also look into PPB directives and provide feedbacks
- Director Caldwell made a comment there has been a lot of talks about improving police accountability. This involve changing the policy at the city and state level. This is something that a policy workgroup can look into. Workgroup members can testify at the State level and following state bills related to police accountability
- Ms Pomerantz and Mr. Green made a comment they are both interested in a policy workgroup
- Acting Chair Avalos made a comment she would like to keep all the current workgroups
- Ms. Nami made a comment she is looking at the workgroups and maybe the Committee can limit to only have 2 CRC members per workgroup
- Mr. Snell made a comment he is a little hesitant to jump into a workgroup without knowing the workload
- Mr. Mozyrsky made a comment policy workgroup would cover crowd control and use of force. Maybe the policy workgroup can have 5 CRC members and each work on a topic
- Director Caldwell made a comment the workgroup can just work on a specific topic for a short amount of time and then come up with a report and then move on to another topic
- Mx. Fraser made a comment she is not oppose to Director Caldwell idea, and she would like to combine the use of force and crowd control workgroup and then create a policy workgroup
- Ms. Pomerantz made a comment the new policy workgroup can be combined with outreach workgroup
- Ms. Konev made a comment she support the idea
- The Committee agreed on combining the use of force and crowd control workgroup. Policy workgroup will combine with outreach workgroup. Recurring audit workgroup will be by its self
- Mr. Mozyrsky and Mr. Green volunteered to be co-chair of the policy and outreach workgroup
- Mr. Handelman made several comments:
 - The crowd control directive was posted on june 1 and comments are due on the 15. He doesnt know if the workgroup have enough time to get together and make comment.
 - It is great to have the alternate CRC member be involved in the workgroup

7:00 pm—7:20 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 points for ongoing communications with IPR, the City, the Bureau, community members and/or act as the face of CRC.

Chair: / Members: Vadim Mozyrsky, and Julie Falk

IPR staff: Irene Konev, Community Outreach Coordinator

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: Hilary Houck, and Jihane Nami

3. 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: Candace Avalos /Members: Andy Chiller

4. Use of Force Workgroup (5 min.)

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

Chair: / Members: Andy Chiller, and Sylvan Fraser

7:20 pm—7:30 pm Public comment and wrap-up comments by CRC members

- Samantha made a comment she would like to see more information about how the public can get involved in the PPA contract
- Ms. Aiona made a comment she would prefer to make public comments at the end of the meeting, but she can understand why people want to address the Committee at the beginning. Also, going forward when meetings are back to normal, the Committee should consider keep using Zoom so people can attend the meeting virtually. League of Women voters submitted a statement regarding to IPR annual report. She urged the Committee to get

IPR to present the annual report at CRC meeting. She would like a CRC workgroup to look into old IPR annual reports and provide feedbacks to IPR

- Mr. Handelman made several comments:
 - the OIR report should be released as soon as possible IPR had plan to present the OIR report to Council, but due to the current pandemic that was postponed
 - CRC retreat should allow the public to observe
 - Copwatch put out an analysis on IPR annual report addressing issues with it
 - CRC should do everything they can to hold appeal hearing as timely as possible
 - IPR should list a reason why they conduct these independent investigation on the director report
- A community member asked if the CRC can do to address the issue of the police use of force on protestor
- Acting Chair Avalos made a comment the workgroups will try to make recommendations to the Police Bureau regarding this issue
- Mr. Green asked Acting Chair Avalos if the Committee is making out a statement to let the public know that the CRC is here to listen to them
- Director Caldwell made a comment IPR has been sending out notices to let people know that they are there to take complaints
- Acting Chair Avalos made a comment she worked with Mr. Nguyen to create a protest experience survey to gather community inputs. She will include that in the CRC statement

7:30 pm

Adjournment

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CRC Members:

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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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