



Community and Police Relations Committee (CPRC)

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Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2013

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Kelly Building · 4735 E. Burnside St. Portland, OR 97215

Committee Attendees: Antonio Chimuku, A.C. Mike Crebs, Donita Fry, Damon Isiah Turner, María Lisa Johnson, Allan Lazo, Abdul Majidi, A.C. Larry O’Dea, Patricia Ford, Sam Sachs, Capt. Pat Walsh, Capt. Chris Uehara, Ken Brown

Staff Attendees: Jeff Selby, Sarah Milliron

Audience: Twelve community members

Welcome and Introductions

- Chair Donita Fry called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. and all committee members introduced themselves.

Receive Minutes and Approve Agenda

- ***MOTION: A.C. LARRY O’DEA /SECOND: COMMANDER MIKE CREBS/MOTION PASSED***
 - Approve minutes
- ***MOTION: A.C. LARRY O’DEA/SECOND: CAPT. CHRIS UEHARA/MOTION PASSED***
 - Approve agenda

Public Meeting Law-Jeff Selby

- Jeff Selby briefly spoke about the public meeting laws in regards to committee member communication. He said that any communication among more than 7 members constitutes a quorum therefore it is subject to public meeting laws. This includes emails as well. If an email is sent to members they can reply individually but cannot reply to the entirety of the group.

IPR and Citizen’s Review Committee Update (CRC)-Irene Konev and Dr. Rochelle Silver

- Irene handed out the Director’s Report and announced that the IPR is at full staff, hiring a new Assistant Director as well as 3 new investigators.
- Dr. Rochelle Silver, a Citizen’s Review Committee member, extended a formal invitation to attend CRC meetings and give CPRC updates. She explained the CRC is currently hearing two cases based on race. They meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. with

the exception of Sept. 2 as it is Jewish New Years. Donita thanked Dr. Silver and encouraged CPRC members to attend. S

Community Day Event

- Patricia Ford gave a brief update on the 11:45 event and thanked CPRC members for attending. She said it was great seeing residents come together with police officers as a community.
- Donita said she heard people asking for sign up sheets to receive more information about the CPRC, leading her to ask how the Committee could better engage the public. Patricia further reiterated how important community outreach is as it shows that work is actually being done.
 - A.C. Crebs suggested gathering people's information through a raffle system in order to put them on a mailing list.
 - Dan Handelman of Copwatch said that he has put the URL to the CPRC on their latest newsletter. Donita suggested the HRC and DOJ websites could do the same.

Traffic Stops Data discussion- Sgt. Greg Stewart and Emma Covelli

- A draft copy was handed out reflecting the requests from feedback received. Sgt. Stewart stressed that he sees the report as a process piece rather than an annual document, thanking people for their contributions.
 - Sgt. Stewart noted that some requests could not be met, such as identifying Native American and Hispanic disparities, as the data was not sound. Another issue raised was that the data collected records stops, not individuals and the same individual could be stopped multiple times. Ken Brown suggested officers flag individuals stopped multiple times but Greg noted that the margin of error would be too high to produce quality data.
 - María Lisa Johnson reiterated the need for clean data. She appreciated the further break down on race in the report but fears requesting more detail could be a slippery slope. Abdul Majidi agreed, saying that the stops are a race issue and country of origin is not important.
 - Sgt. Stewart explained that an issue regarding duplicate data was resolved today.
 - Damon Isiah Turner asked who would be replacing Sgt. Stewart when he leaves next month. Stewart explained they are currently looking for a replacement and that they are creating a template for continued work.
 - Sgt. Stewart hopes the report will be made public in September after all requests have been submitted and the Chief approves it.
 - Ken Brown asked if feedback from the public would be included in the report. Capt. Walsh noted that public forums are hard to measure and core groups representing the public would be easier. María Lisa suggested that public input not be allowed as it can convolute the data and anger people. She recommended putting out the final report and unpacking it for the public.
 - A consensus was reached that the report would not allow for public feedback but would rather be presented for the public to receive.

Next Steps

- A.C. O'Dea asked members if there was a potential to form a sub-committee to discuss strategies to combat the data in the report, possibly looking at Carl Goodman's plan to effect systemic change.

- Capt. Uehara noted that working with the union on performance evaluations might prove to be difficult.
- Sam Sachs asked about racial disparities still being a problem if data has been collected since 2001. Sgt. Stewart explained that while data has been collected, it has been poorly analyzed and it wasn't until 2009 that a new structure was put in place.
- Recognizing the complexity of the situation, it was agreed that the details could be discussed in the sub-committee. A.C. O'Dea said there are many pieces and no single solution. Emma would try to schedule another presentation with Carl Goodman for the CPRC and the sub-committee can discuss if they would like to use it as a guide.
- Creation of the sub-committee would be addressed in the next meeting.

Public Comment

- Dan Handelman suggested using random ID numbers to attempt to anonymously drill down to an individual level in regards to the stops data. He also believes that public input on the data report is important and should be taken into account. In regards to performance evaluations, the Portland Police Association and the Portland Police Bureau are close to an agreement.

Meeting Locations

- The September meeting will be focused in the Latino community but a location has not been confirmed.
- October will be at the current location.
- The November meeting will be held at NAYA.

Reflections

- Allan thinks the stops data is well done and the formation of the sub-committee is important.

Additional

- Food was provided by Thai Peacock and Portland Pedal Power.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.