



Community and Police Relations Committee (CPRC)

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Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2013

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Staff Attendees: Jeff Selby

Audience: Four community members

Welcome and Introductions

- Chair Donita Fry called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. and all committee members introduced themselves.

Receive Minutes and Approve Agenda

- MOTION BY LARRY O’DEA: Approve meeting minutes as amended.
SECOND: MIKE CREBS
AMENDMENT: MARÍA LISA JOHNSON added “The Sherriff had a policy to hold people who had been arrested for foreign-born ICE holds.” to her comment on Page 2.
MOTION PASSED (Ken Brown, Allan Lazo, Jamie Dunphy, and Abdul Majidi abstained)
- MOTION BY KEN BROWN: Approve agenda as amended.
SECOND: LARRY O’DEA
AMENDMENT: KEN BROWN proposed adding CRC Update to agenda.
MOTION PASSED

Debriefing of Community Meeting at Ringler School

- A.C. Crebs said it was nice to go to the community. We need to make sure the translation devices work properly—it is distracting when they don’t work well.
- Donita Fry said the power dynamics in the room were interesting. Some people said they didn’t need devices, but as the meeting went on, people asked for them.

- María Lisa said the room set-up was inhibiting to community comfort. It created a distance and Latino folks are more relational. The staff at Rigler were uncooperative with setting up the room as requested. Perhaps the next meeting could be at the community room on Killingsworth and CPRC members can sit amongst community members. The community wanted more of a conversation. Pedro Moreno, who did a lot of outreach, was disappointed in the turnout.
- Donita said there was awareness of the event in the community.
- A.C. O’Dea said he liked the event. Sometimes we focus on subcommittee work, etc., but it’s important to get out in the community and make connections.
- María Lisa thanked Tim Evans and Lt. Larry Graham for sitting amongst the community members. Lt. Graham was open and caring with this communication.
- Jeff Selby asked, “When is a good time to schedule a follow-up meeting?”
- María Lisa responded that sooner would be better. Perhaps a Holiday Celebration? A Police Posada?
- Abdul Majidi asked what type of outreach was conducted.
- María Lisa and Jeff produced a flyer in English and Spanish which María Lisa handed out door-to-door and at community celebrations. Pedro passed out flyers to Verde.
- Donita shared with staff and community groups including Latino Network, Latino Learning Network, and ONI. She also met with the Hacienda Program Coordinator and Cully Advisory Group.
- Sam Sachs asked if it is possible to create a group that will coordinate community involvement.
- María Lisa reminded the group that CPRC has set quarterly meetings in the community. The decision to make is what follow-up process is desired by community leaders.
- Donita said the CPRC should keep that in mind and determine how that will look keeping CPRC capacity in mind.

Updates

- CRC Update: Ken Brown said he introduced himself to CRC as a CPRC representative. CRC is overwhelmed and welcoming that CPRC is partnering. He will continue to give updates.
- Capt. Chris Uehara gave an update on the PPB Bangladesh Program. Capt. Walsh will deploy this week. The program is a valuable community relations resource and there is no additional cost to taxpayers.

Subcommittee Updates

- A.C. Larry O’Dea said PPB is prepping for Sergeant’s Training in the first week of November. Pilot training takes place on Friday (10/18/13).

- Officer Tim Evans said that he is impressed with the facilitators. The dynamic training is a benefit for PPB, the City, and the community.
- María Lisa said Damon has put forth much time and effort toward the training.

November Meeting – at NAYA

- Donita said that this will be a different meeting than what we experienced in Cully with the Latino Community. There will be some difficult conversations regarding historical and inter-generational trauma and barriers. For example, the over-representation of the incarcerated population is overwhelmingly alcohol-related, not criminal. Harm has been done because of that history. Keeping this in mind will be key to effective meetings with the Native Community.
- María Lisa asked if a gift offering would be an important gesture.
- Donita said a 2-way, cyclical exchange is expected with a concrete reply, response, and follow-through.
- MOTION BY MARÍA LISA JOHNSON: Honorarium up to \$500 from CPRC to the Elders Community Project and to request a support letter from Chief Reese for the NAYA Generations Project.
SECOND: SAM SACHS
MOTION PASSED
(Note: A.C. O’Dea will ask Chief Reese for the letter of support for the NAYA Generations Project)

Public Comment

- Kalei Luyben said she was glad to see Ken Brown at CRC and encouraged the CPRC to stay involved. People have the right to redress of grievance.
- Debbie Aiona from League of Women Voters thanked CPRC for the Ringler community meeting. She is glad that Ken is attending CRC Meetings.
- Dan Handelman said that the Cully debrief was about approach but ICE holds should be remembered. He added that statistics fell off the agenda and he would like to see that return.

Additional Info

- Food was provided by Ohana.