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Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2016 4:15pm-6:38pm

Location: 421 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 500 Portland, OR

Commission Attendees: Chabre Vickers, Audrey Alverson, Allan Lazo (via phone), Marcia Suttnerberg, Damon Isiah Turner, Daniel Franco Nuñez, Deyalo Bennette, Se-ah-dom Edmo, Rebecca Naga

Excused: Ashley Horne, Alisha Zhao

Absent: Theresa Soto

Staff: Tatiana Elejalde

Minutes submitted by: Areale Hammond

Welcome and Gathering

The April HRC meeting was called to order at 4:15pm by Chair Vickers

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

There was a motion by D. Franco to accept the March HRC meeting minutes. D. Bennette second, R. Naga and A. Alverson abstained; the motion was passed.

M. Suttnerberg moved to accept the April agenda, A. Alverson second, and the motion was passed.

Chair's Statement

Chair Vickers, T. Elejalde, and D. Franco had a meeting with Resolutions Northwest to build a work plan for the upcoming Administration of Justice Retreat. In their meeting, Chair Vickers recapped what the Commissioners would like to discuss in the upcoming retreat. Part of the retreat will focus on teambuilding for the Commissioners. The retreat will be held April 23rd, 2016 from 9am-4pm.

Citizen Review Committee (CRC) by Irene Konev

The CRC was appointed by the City Council to keep police accountable. They receive complaints from the community to research incidents and review the officer(s) involved. The CRC can also hear officer appeals.

The CRC is currently recruiting for different positions. They are also recruiting for the police review board. The review board reviews cases of unlawful police force and misconduct.

In addition, the CRC conducts community engagement forums throughout the city.

OEHR Director's Report by Judith Mowry

Director D. James was able to attend the budget work session. The budget office had push back when OEHR opened. Recently, they have been more compliant and have even been excited to work with OEHR. Commissioner D. Franco proposed a question: "Will HRC be affected due to the 5% cut?" The answer was no. There should be no long term effect for HRC.

Commissioner Turner raised a question of the relationship between economic development and equity being implemented in the City of Portland. Judith explained that such a relationship is important and is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Public Comment

Peter Miller: He works with Occupation Free Portland and wanted to thank the Commission for endorsing his letter.

Courtney Shannon: She gave her personal story of how she became homeless and what had happened to her as a result of being homeless. She feels people should go out into the homeless community to assist the homeless. If you would like to support her, you can go to GoFundMe to do so. Courtney shared that the cap of rent prices should be raised to make houses more affordable. She also expressed that a homeless tent was raided by police and people were sent to the hospital.

Administration of Justice

Retreat: An initial meeting was held with Resolutions Northwest. An agenda was created for April 23rd retreat from 9am-4pm. The goal is to ensure the Commission is on the same page.

CPRC: No meeting will be held in April, due to CPRC topics being discussed in the retreat. A work plan on how to move forward with CPRC may evolve in the retreat.

COAB: The next meeting will be held on April 14th at the Ambridge Center. The meeting will dive deep into what the relationship between the police and the community should look like. A NAYA study asked, "What are the 1st three words that come to mind when you hear the word police?" "What are the 1st three words that come to mind when you hear community?" NAYA wants to use this study to bridge the relationship between police and the community.

Discuss Police Directive 640.05 "Gang Affiliation Designation": Chair Vickers expressed it would be great as a Commission to support the work of this police directive initiative. If Commissioners are interested, a meeting with Asst. Chief Modica and Elle Weatheroy will be created. The Black Male Achievement program sent out a letter of support to transform change for the directive. There is a list and there should be a qualifying event to get on the list. Therefore Chair Vickers proposed to write a letter of support or go before Council. Commissioners D. Franco, M. Suttentberg, A. Alverson, D.

Bennette have agreed to join Chair Vickers to meet with Asst. Chief Modica to discuss the directive in further detail.

Housing Rights

Stories are being gathered to provide context to look at work for policies surrounding housing.

There was a concern raised relating to the Portland Business Alliance billboards as it relate to people who are homeless.

Additional Committee Updates

Discuss Meeting Time Change: Commissioner Edmo moved to begin to hold the meetings from 4:30-7pm, M. Suttenger second, D. Turner abstained, and the motion was passed. Starting May 4th, the Full Commission meetings will be held from 4:30-7pm.

Commissioner Edmo announced that a ½ time position was offered for the tribal liaison position.

Emerging Issues

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm