



Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing Race, Ethnicity and Other Subcommittee October Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 3, 2019, 5:00 – 8:00p
Highland Christian Church 7600 NE Glisan St, Portland, OR 97213

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sam Sachs, Lakayana Drury, Marcia Perez

AGENDA

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Remarks – Subcommittee members Sam Sachs and Lakayana Drury welcome the community for attending the listening session• Next Set Standing Meeting Date: TBA
Community Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panelist: Nelson Gonzalez, Roy Moore, Jason Huber, Royal Harris• Questions asked;<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>What is your lived experience, and or work experience with, gun violence here in Portland?</u>○ <u>What are some of the main causes of gun violence within Portland?</u>• Gonzalez – Has been working with the Portland youth for the last 7 years and has lost several youths to gun violence. Purpose is to help save the lives of youth in community. It's his passion to help youth avoid gun violence. A lack of mental health awareness and a lack of resources.• Moore – Affected at an early age and has lost numerous friends to gun violence. In his work, he responds 24/7 to any person of color suffering from community violence. Believes it's up to the older community to reach the youth and help avoid gun violence. Comes from the culture of gun violence and has witnessed many factors that play into gun violence (e.g. neighborhood gangs and the internet/ social media conflicts).• Huber – PPB officer on the GVRT team. Reaches out to the community through mentorship and providing resources. Crisis Response Team Coordinator goes out and talks with victims of crimes and oversees 30 community members on the team and supports the community with resources. Believes gun violence is creating huge barriers on families and the main causes of gun violence in Portland right now is social media, video games, music and women.• Harris – Affected by gun violence since an early age through family and friends. At the age of 18 and 19 witnessed the creation of a Portland gang.



	<p>Believes lethal violence has been amended into the American culture. We must look at gun violence like we want to fix the problem through conflict resolution, getting to the root cause. Invest in child’s vocabulary.</p>
<p>Gun Violence Reduction Team (GVRT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portland Police Bureau (PPB) Gun Violence Reduction Team (GVRT) gives a presentation on the teams background, mission, objective etc. • PPB has adopted the 21st Century Policing Model and has embraced all 6 pillars of this report. Specific to this report, a primary focus for GVRT is “Building trust and legitimacy”.
<p>Breakout Groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions asked; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>What are your questions or concerns related to GVRT team?</u> ○ <u>What are your ideas to address gun violence here in Portland?</u> ○ <u>How can GVRT address gun violence in Portland and or better serve the community?</u> • Community concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data concerns surrounding traffic stops in the Black community in Portland. African Americans are stop 4 to 12 times more often than other populations in the city. ○ Concerns with the 2018 map reviewed in the presentation. Red dots that symbolize gun violence. ○ The presence of GVRT during all gun violence conflicts. ○ Police capacity within Portland less than 1,000 officers. • GVRT Responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on better captioning of the data collected that is furthermore specific and accurate. Looking forward to the future data that will be released. ○ Relationship building is key in efforts to lower violence. ○ Every shooting / gun violence in Portland is categorize (e.g. robbery, domestic violence. etc.). ○ It’s important to understand how race affects police standards and community outcomes.
<p>Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up will continue with the GVRT team on a data presentation for the next REO public meeting. • Outreach efforts will be made by REO to reach the most affected communities. • Closing remarks – REO three Recommendations: (1) provide an increase on on-going transparency of data collection, (2) close perceptions gaps, (3) offer more opportunities to distribute facts, connect with the community and support spreading the word of community resources.