



Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing Racial Equity Subcommittee May Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2020, 5:30 – 7:00p
Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Public

20 Participants

MINUTES

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening question – What is one of your values and how are you living this out in our current context?• A few answers - staying connected spiritually, having a connection to nature, public service, reflection/ self-improvement, fatherhood and conflict resolution.
Community Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portland Police Bureau (PPB) Planning High Visibility - Focused Patrols in Old Town and Pearl Districts<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Multnomah DA is urging Asian Americans to call the police regarding targeted bias crimes during COVID.○ What would that look like from PPB and how their partnering with the DA office? What kind of implications is there for Asian Americans seeking safety after PPB has asked for the community not to call police for minor things?○ PCCEP Comments: There is concern with what this means for the houseless community who are already viewed as a criminal population. We need different responses for different populations.○ The planning high visibility who resigns is these neighbors.○ Public Comments: It is odd for Multnomah County to specify Asian Americans. A concern with why only one population. Police are known to never do a thing about verbal harassment.○ PPB has mentioned that the planning high visibility plan is not to move the houseless around but to CVC guideline and encourage people to not block the right of ways. If people observe police doing something other than that people can report it to Portland Cop Watch and the Independent Police Review.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PPB Comment – The bureau does extra patrols around populations that have been targeted such as the Asian American community during COVID. ○ The old town has become very dangerous during COVID towards the houseless community and the Mayor asked for the bureau to set a mission and be more present in the area. ○ There is a concern with the high visibility plan, is this the best response? It may not be the best response for the people in old town. ● PCCEP Data update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PCCEP will review and have a discussion on the Use of Force data with the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) at the full broad meeting on May 26th. ○ Figure out what data is missing and where is the data among PPB’s data reports.
<p>Civic Life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion with Meg Juarez - Supervisor Community Safety Program (CSP) (Civic Life) – oversees the community safety program at the City. ● History behind the program – recently became the “Community Safety Program” before it was the “Crime Prevention Program.” ● Across the country crime prevention programs are housed within the law enforcement agencies. ● In Portland this program is not housed under the law enforcement agency. The program did not have access to data given because it is not housed under law enforcement. ● The program has evolved in expanding their partnerships within the City (e.g. Portland Bureau of Transportation) expanding what safety really means its not just about crimes. ● CSP has gone away from neighborhood watch and kept the core of neighborhood watch which is to connect with neighbors. ● CSP is shifting the narrative away from having community members be watchful and suspicious. To having community members know each other and work together (e.g. community clean ups). ● Question: Does CSP work with PPB? Yes, with the Neighborhood Response Team but CSP does not get any data. The raw data available is not feasible. ● Portland Cop Watch mentions that the IPR annual report has almost no data with only two pages that have data out of five pages (e.g. no breakdown of complaints). ● Data inform initiatives are needed in order to do community safety initiatives, we need to know where the issues are and who are the communities most impacted.
<p>Community Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Engagement Updates with Marlon Marion from PPB. ● Final PPB Community Engagement Plan ● PPB Community Engagement Racial Equity Plan



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Five-year goal: Strengthen established community Advisory Groups to empower collaborative engagement with bureau leadership. ● The Community Services Division hosted a meeting with the Chief of Police and the leads of City bureaus advisories and councils. ● The Police Equity Advisory Council (PEAC) was formed and has eleven members from diverse backgrounds. The group wants to create accountability around racial equity. Next goal is to finalize a mission, values and vision. ● The PEAC is drafting questions for the PPB Racial Equity Plan lead and time will be given to receive responses. The Training Division will be one of the first to receive questions. ● The Racial Equity Plan leads has been brainstorming how to increase the community engagement tool regarding the data that is put into the plan. ● The team is looking into ways on how to centralize community engagement data. ● The team is working on a project “community trainer project” this is not the official name. ● The Community Training Project will be created for officers - that share the experience of particular populations and the experiences of engaging with police, how their history has shaped their perceptions of law enforcement and what they want officers to be mindful of when engaging with these various identities. Videos will include different groups from different populations. ● The hope is to move this work in various phases and include community partners from various backgrounds. It is a project about bring community expertise into the police bureau. ● A community partners project is currently being worked on with three community partners who were voted on (Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization, Central City Concern and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). ● Question: Will community partners be the lead in these projects, and will they receive some short of pay? Yes, they will be compensated and engaging communities in every planning stage is the focus. ● Officers are required to take Equity 101 – encouragement to have community members share their stories during this training. ● Comment to recommend a require reading of: We Keep Us Safe http://zachnorris.com/we-keep-us-safe/. Or at least work with the Ella Baker Center in Oakland for training curriculum. ● It’s important to train the officers to listen to community stories.
<p>Closing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Popcorn question: feedback of the things that were appreciated about this meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appreciated the leadership and diversity today. ○ Appreciation for the subcommittee leadership. ○ Appreciation for the presenters Meg and Marlon. A lot was learned.



- Closing/Next steps – Continue connecting with organizations and keeping in contact with PPB and Civic Life.
- Chair would like folks who attended this meeting to share insight of the Racial Equity Subcommittee meeting that was held today.
- Next Subcommittee meeting will be held [Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 5:30-7:00p via Zoom](#).