

Question and Comments Community Public Forum October 28, 2010

Question

- How do community members get selected to serve on the Police Review Board (PRB) or Citizen Review Committee (CRC)?

Comments

- CRC needs formal invitation from the Human Rights Commission and the Community and Police Relations Committee to attend and make a full presentation to these organizations on the powers and duties of CRC.
- CRC needs to work closely with the Human Rights Commission as this is a similar focus.
- Chasse case — community input did not go to the Office of Independent Review group for the (officer-involved shooting) report.
- Captain Kruger case — CRC needs to look into that case.
- Chief of Police needs to look into the high-profile cases as he promised.
- Need more data in the racial profiling statistics/more timely and specific to each neighborhood.
- Campbell case — 30 days and still no feedback from the Chief of Police.
- Need more unpaid leave for police officers who engage in misconduct.
- Look at using a panel for psychological evaluation upon hiring police officers instead of one person to review and make decision.
- Police officers are hired before the evaluations have taken place.
- Need to have drug/alcohol testing periodically of police officers once hired instead of just at the recruitment stage.
- Drugs leave the body — hair is short and cannot be tested.
- Need more training for police in how to interact with the mentally ill/look at theater groups to help with “role-play” trainings of this sort.
- Need more women on the Portland Police Bureau force.
- Need to have two police women riding together on the force.
- Males should search males and females should search females only.
- Hire more women, they shoot community members less.
- Power of God-gun and badge to take people’s lives.

- Public is scared of police and this fear is escalating.
- Conspiring officers holding power over people/using institutional power.
- The police force does not reflect the diverse population of Portland.
- Need more diversity on CRC and CRC members need to ensure that the police force is more equitable.
- CRC needs to look into the shootings that took place.
- IPR needs to initiate independent investigations.
- Youth has had a negative experience with the police and it is not getting any better.
- Youth requests CRC members to use their power to help the youth/community have a better experience with the police.
- CRC needs to recognize its power and use it to help the less powerful.
- Public forum meetings should happen on a regular basis.
- Application process for CRC and PRB are too complicated for the average community member to learn about applications.
- Need to advertise in community papers, minority papers, and hand out flyers in the neighborhood.
- But good work — this forum announcement was actually in the paper – in “The Skanner.”
- Need to have announcements in community papers for folks who do not use the computer.
- Advertise in newspapers for events, forums, meetings and applications for CRC and PRB.
- Police still has the final say on what happens and that needs to change.
- Police still stopping the public because of race.
- We are being stopped in cars and on the street when we are walking.
- Imbalance of power: police has all the info on us when we are stopped (address, age, police records, etc.).
- Moms have lost their children from a police interaction based on a mother’s reaction to the police/using her child to shield herself from the police.
- Look at policies of police officers who arrest us in front of our children when we are guilty or not guilty of what we are charged with.
 - Need to limit this and reduce impact of childhood trauma for our children.