

CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Minutes Citizen Review Committee April 4, 2012

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Meeting Location: Lovejoy Room, 2nd Floor, Portland City Hall

Vice-chair Bigham called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Chair Jamie Troy arrived at 5:40 pm.

Introductions and Welcome

Citizen Review Committee (CRC) Members Present: Jamie Troy (Chair); Michael Bigham (Vice-chair), Jeff Bissonnette (Recorder), David Denecke, K.A. Lalsingh, Rodney Paris, Dr. Rochelle Silver, Steve Yarosh

CRC Member Absent: Andre Pruitt (excused)

City staff: Mary-Beth Baptista, Director, Independent Police Review (IPR); Rachel Mortimer, IPR Assistant Program Manager; Irene Konev, IPR Outreach Coordinator

Portland Police Bureau (PPB): Captain Dave Famous, Professional Standards Division; Lieutenant Chris Davis, Internal Affairs (IA)

Community/Media: Dan Handelman, Portland Copwatch and Flying Focus Video; Regina Hannon, Portland Copwatch; Debbie Aiona, League of Women Voters

Approval of Minutes of the 3/7/12 CRC Meeting

After the minutes were corrected to reflect that Mr. Denecke was not present at the last meeting, a motion was made by Dr. Silver and seconded by Mr. Bigham to approve the minutes of the 3/7/12 CRC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation in Recognition of Volunteer Appreciation Month

On behalf of City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade and IPR staff, Ms. Baptista thanked CRC members for their service and dedication

Director's Report (Director Baptista)

IPR Work Plan / Accomplishments

On 3/13/12 Director Baptista was called and notified of an officer involved shooting by members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office Tactical Negotiation Team (TNT) assisting Portland Police in serving a search warrant at a residence in the New Columbia development. She was also notified of the time and place for the briefing the next day by PPB Detectives but did not attend because there was no PPB involvement and there was a long-planned IPR staff retreat. On 3/26/12 IPR Assistant Director Severe was notified and responded to the scene of an officer involved shooting in Laurelhurst Park in Southeast Portland. On 3/27/12 Mr. Severe and Assistant Program Manager Mortimer attended the briefing by PPB Detectives.

Carol Kershner retired from IPR on 3/28/12. Based on the needs of the office due to the 2010 changes in IPR's authority, her position was restructured to take on several of the administrative tasks related to case handling.

Director Baptista, IPR Investigator Judy Taylor, and Senior Management Analyst Derek Reinke interviewed ten candidates on 3/26/12 and 3/28/12. Ms. Kelsey Lloyd was offered and accepted the Management Assistant position. Because the duties of this position have changed, other staff members' responsibilities have been restructured as follows: Marilyn Shepherd is now the CRC liaison; Irene Konev will now manage the CRC mail box account; Derek Reinke (*temporarily*) will coordinate CRC submissions and workgroup summaries for the IPR Annual and Quarterly Reports.

On 3/14/12 the IPR staff participated in an annual staff retreat.

IPR and CRC Community Outreach

Outreach Coordinator Irene Konev met with a Cascadia staff member to promote IPR. She also attended the Citywide Public Involvement Network meeting, the Community Youth Action Grants Awards Ceremony in Council Chambers, and had a meeting and tour of the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services. Ms. Konev and Assistant Director Severe attended the Office of Equity and Human Rights Advisory Committee report at City Council.

Ms. Konev and CRC member K.A. Lalsingh made a presentation to domestic and sexual violence survivor advocates of the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services and attended the Gang Violence Task Force meeting.

(See IPR Director's Report for more details and for community feedback, IPR and IA caseload information, status of officer-involved shootings and deaths in custody investigations, and status of pending and open appeals.)

Status of Pending and Open Appeals

Additional investigation was completed on Case No. 2008-C-0336 as requested by CRC, and the recommended findings remain the same. The complete case files,

including the additional investigation and updated memo will be available for CRC review beginning 4/6/12.

IPR has received a timely appeal request for Case No. 2011-C-0060. A Case File Review has been scheduled for the 5/2/12 CRC meeting. The IA and IPR files will be ready for CRC review by 4/4/12.

CRC Chair's Report (Chair Troy)

Chair Troy reported on several activities he has undertaken in the last month. He has been working with Dr. Silver and Mr. Bissonnette to prepare for the retreat. He will also be doing a sit-along. He met with Lt. Graham about last month's appeal. He contacted TJ Browning; she has completed the APA form and she was able to have post-appeal contact with the appellant. He received communication from Copwatch. He had lunch with KA Lalsingh. He prepared for the Case File Review in 2011-C-0060.

There was a discussion on how to handle the additional investigation in 2008-C-0336 potentially in May. Director Baptista asked if there was going to be a decision about that case. Troy said that would be done after the break.

Old Business

Chair Troy noted that the CRC Retreat will be held on April 21 at the St. Johns Community Center starting at 9 am. The agenda will include CRC member introductions, history of the CRC, workgroups and the tracking list.

Dr. Silver noted that the first Wednesday in July is the July 4 holiday. After a brief discussion, the meeting for that month was rescheduled for Thursday, July 5.

New Business

There was an election of CRC officers. Dr. Silver nominated Mr. Troy as Chair. Mr. Bissonnette seconded the nomination. Mr. Troy was unanimously elected. Dr. Silver nominated Mr. Bigham as Vice-Chair. Mr. Troy seconded the nomination. Mr. Bigham was unanimously elected. Dr. Silver nominated Jeff Bissonnette as Recorder. Ms. Lalsingh seconded the nomination. Mr. Bissonnette was unanimously elected.

There was a break at 6:20 pm.

After the break, Chair Troy reported that the decision on 2008-C-0336 will be made by April 27 on whether we need another case file review or whether we can proceed to an appeal hearing. New members will have to listen to the audio recording of the original case file review. IPR can provide a CD of the recording. Members should e-mail Chair Troy by April 25.

Workgroup Updates

Appeals Workgroup (Mr. Jamie Troy, Chair): Mr. Troy reported that Protocol 5.16 was reviewed by Council and approved and was also approved by the Auditor and has been published online. The workgroup has completed its work. The CRC will officially approve its conclusion at the retreat.

Outreach Workgroup (Mr. Andre Pruitt, Chair): In Andre's absence, Rochelle made the report. The workgroup last met earlier this afternoon just before the CRC meeting. It is planning for the next community forum, tentatively in October. The group will be doing outreach to organizations representing racial and ethnic minorities. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 2.

Protocol Workgroup (Chair - vacant): Chair Troy noted that the workgroup will likely be disbanded at the retreat.

Recruitment, Retention, and Promotion Workgroup (Mr. Steve Yarosh, Chair): The workgroup last met on March 29 and had a briefing from Lisa Clayton. The workgroup has regular meetings the second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 13.

Recurring Audit Workgroup (Mr. Jeff Bissonnette, Chair): The workgroup has not met since the last meeting. The committee will meet after the retreat once new members are appointed to it at that time.

Taser/Less-lethal Force Workgroup (Mr. Michael Bigham, Chair): The workgroup has not met since last month. The draft report was updated based on input from IPR. Should be ready for general discussion and then made available for public comment after the next CRC meeting.

Public Comment

Debbie Aiona, League of Women Voters – urged IPR and CRC to continue to follow the officer-involved shooting with Washington Co. Sheriff's Office.

Kalei Luyben – echoed Ms. Aiona's comments.

Regina Hannon, Portland Copwatch - urged additional outreach to the homeless population. Dr. Silver responded that was already part of the thinking within the Outreach workgroup.

Dan Handelman, Portland Copwatch – echoed Ms. Aiona's remarks. Expressed disappointment that IPR chose not to be involved in the detectives' briefing. Urged the Recurring Audit workgroup to review IPR's role in Police Review Boards. Also urged the CRC to look at Capt. Kruger's new role within the PPB. noted arbitrator's decision in the Aaron Campbell case; questioned the role of the new IPR program manager; urged the use of the appeal case file numbers and renewed call for CRC parliamentarian.

Wrap-up Comments

Mr Deneke asked Director Baptista about the notification about the Washington Co. officer-involved shooting. Baptista said there was notification. IPR only has jurisdiction over sworn PPB members. There will continue to be notification. There continues to be a concern about interagency agreements. She has instructed IPR staffer Derek Reinke to be looking at interagency training and related issues to better understand interagency agreements. Regarding the Campbell arbitration, Director Baptista noted that it was the last case under the old system before the ordinance changes were enacted in March 2010.

Dr. Silver asked about the public's role in making comments about promotions. Director Baptista suggested making those comments to the police commissioner. Lt. Davis commented about civil service rules.

Capt. Famous asked for clarification on the scope of IPR's review of interagency agreements. Director Baptista said it was still under consideration but that IPR would work with the PPB on the issue. She wants to take a look at the issue as a whole.

Adjournment

Chair Troy adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.