Hank Miggins

Former Citizen Review Committee (CRC) Chair Hank Miggins passed away in his sleep last Thursday. Born in 1934, Henry Clay Miggins was a native of Canton, Mississippi, and served his country for 22 years as an officer in the United States Air Force. Locally, Hank had a long and varied career with Multnomah County working as an executive assistant to the County Chair, Deputy County Auditor, and as Director of Multnomah County Animal Control. In 1993, Hank was appointed interim Chair of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. In 2000, Hank was chosen to be City Manager of Spokane, Washington, while it transitioned to a strong mayor form of government.

In 2001, Hank was one of the nine original CRC members sworn in following the police oversight reforms that led to the creation of the CRC and the Independent Police Review (IPR). Hank's steady demeanor and strong analytical abilities were in much demand in CRC's eventful early years where multiple citizen appeals of police misconduct investigations at monthly CRC meetings were common. Hank was heavily involved in creating the policies and protocols that allows CRC to provide community input to Portland's police oversight system. During his 10 years of service to the CRC, he made himself available to mentor CRC members and IPR staff.

Even after he retired from the CRC, Hank volunteered to serve as an Appeal Process Advisor to help community members who filed an appeal before the CRC, understand the process.

Besides the CRC, Hank served on the Board of Directors of many organizations including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Rosemont School, Garlington Center, and Project Pooch.

Hank Miggins through his life long commitment to accountability and justice enriched the lives of many in our community and his efforts continue to pay dividends. IPR wishes to extend its condolences to Hank's family and to thank them for sharing him with us.

Hank's family will announce a memorial service in the near future.