



CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Community Oversight of Portland Police Bureau

City of Portland / City Auditor
Independent Police Review (IPR)
Citizen Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes (Corrected)

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2013 (meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month)

Time: 5:30 pm * *Please Note: agenda times are approximate*

Location: **Lovejoy Room (2nd Floor), Portland City Hall, 1220 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204**

Present: Jamie Troy, Keeble Giscombe, Pamela Dunham, Jeff Bissonnette, David Denecke, Rochelle Silver, Ted & Kalei Luyben, Dan handelman, Dave Famous, Jeff Bell, Debbie Aiona, Regina Hannon, Denis Theriault, Briana Swift, Eric Terrell, Mike Fort, Floyd McCorvey, Linly Rees

AGENDA

5:30 pm—5:45 pm Introductions and Welcome (CRC Chair Jamie Troy)

- Teresa Baldwin is absent out of town on business trip.
- Rodney Paris - excused absent for personal reasons.

Approved May 1, June 5, and June 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

- One correction made on May CRC meeting: Tucker and Gerritson names correction.

5:45 pm—6:00 pm Director's Report (IPR Assistant Program Manager Rachel Mortimer)

- Hank Miggins, former CRC member passed away.
- New IPR staff members: David Nguyen, Erin Playman, Anika Bent-Albert.
- Constantin is working on code changes to present to City Council in the fall.
- Irene went to several events organized by various organizations.
- IPR's caseload summary.
- New CRC member Roberto Rivera will be presented to Council next week.

6:00 pm—6:15 pm Chair's Report (CRC Chair Jamie Troy)

- Attended crowd control workgroup meeting. Prepared meeting minutes for Crowd Control.
- Joint meeting between crowd control and Use of Deadly Force.
- Nothing prevents CRC members from conducting a symbolic vote after completing an appeal hearing. We could start a record on what we as CRC member believe should've been an outcome with different standard of review.
- Met with Director Severe to discuss code changes.
- Attended Hank Miggins' funeral.

CASE SUMMARY:

Appellant states that Officer A made disrespectful remarks about him, a bystander with whom he was speaking, and about the appellant's place of residence. There is also an allegation that Officer B inappropriately searched appellant.

- Officer A and B did not attend the meeting. Complainant attended with APA Eric Terrell and NLG Advocate Briana Swift.
- Dr. Silver gave an overview of the case.
- Appellant, McCorvey gave his testimony of the incident.
- IA gave an outline of the investigation.
- Lt. Fort presented the findings. Disrespectful comments allegation Unproven with Debriefing. Couldn't quite get to a preponderance of the evidence. Improper search allegation exonerated because it was a consent search. The seizure of the pipe without providing a receipt was sustained.
- Rachel Mortimer presented IPR comments.
- Dr. Silver recited the allegations: Officer A was discourteous: Found unproven with debrief by the PPB. Officer B performed an inappropriate search of the appellant: Found exonerated by the PPB.
- Linly Rees instructed the CRC on the standard of review.
- Multiple CRC Members asked IA investigator questions about the case. There were discussions whether the police targeted him because of the way he looks and also the PPB's protocol on searching a person.
- CRC's first vote was tied but after further discussion, they voted 4 to 2 to challenge the Bureau findings to change from Unproven to Sustained.
 - Dr. Silver: Yes
 - Troy: No
 - Bissonnette: Yes
 - Denecke: No
 - Dunham: Yes
 - Giscombe: Yes
- The CRC took a symbolic vote demonstrating how they would vote if they had a different standard of review:
 - Dr. Silver: Yes
 - Troy: Yes
 - Bissonnette: Yes
 - Denecke: Yes
 - Dunham: Yes
 - Giscombe: Yes

7:00 pm—7:15 pm Old Business

- 1) Recurring Audit Workgroup – status of case dismissal project

- The workgroup has not met recently and has not moved further on completing the dismissal project.

7:15 pm—7:30 pm New Business

- 1) Steve Yarosh resignation

- Family and work commitments did not allow Steve to continue the work with CRC.
- Steve agreed to meet with Recruitment, Retention Workgroup member to get them up to speed on the current project the group is working on. Other CRC members are available to help out with the Workgroup if needed be.
- CRC's member comments: Sent a note to the Mayor's office to do everything they can to accommodate these after hour meeting since the building closed by 5pm.

7:30 pm—7:45 pm Break

7:45 pm—8:05 pm Workgroup Updates: Please provide the following information —

- 1) Brief summary of the goals and objectives of your workgroup
- 2) Date of last meeting
- 3) Brief summary of the work done at your last meeting
- 4) Next scheduled meeting
- 5) Main topic to be discussed/addressed at the next meeting
- 6) Any assistance from IPR or CRC needed to achieve your goals

ACTIVE WORKGROUPS

1. Crowd Control Workgroup (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Crowd Control Workgroup examines existing crowd control policies, training, and tactics of the Portland Police Bureau, reviews crowd control best practices, legal standards and other information, and makes appropriate recommendations.

Chair: Rodney Paris / Members: David Denecke and Jamie Troy

IPR Staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- Group met twice: July 18, 26 with OIR to discuss crowd control policies in other regions.
- Next meeting: Thursday, September 5th at noon.

2. Outreach Workgroup (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Outreach Workgroup, in coordination with the IPR Coordinator, identifies and continually conducts consistent outreach to neighborhood associations, community organizations, and business groups to make the general public aware of the existence of the Citizen Review Committee and its role in police oversight.

Members: Jeff Bissonnette, Dr. Rochelle Silver, Jamie Troy, and Pamela Dunham

IPR staff: Irene Konev, Community Outreach Coordinator

- Welcome two new members: Dunham and Troy
- Bissonnette and Silver continue to be co-chairs
- Next meetings: August 14, September 11

3. Recruitment, Retention and Promotion (Portland Police Bureau) (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Recruitment, Retention and Promotion Workgroup examines existing policies and practices of the Portland Police Bureau in recruiting, retaining and promoting its members, and formulates policy recommendations where needed.

Chair: Vacant/ Members: Pamela Dunham and Teresa Baldwin

IPR staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- Thanks Lt. Bell for accommodating meeting change

- Next meeting: August 23 in Auditor’s conference room at 10am

4. Recurring Audit (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Recurring Audit Workgroup seeks to improve accountability of IPR and the Portland Police Bureau by reviewing closed cases to ensure procedures, policies and protocols are followed and will recommend improvements, if necessary.

Chair: Jeff Bissonnette / Members: Keeble Giscombe, Teresa Baldwin, and Rodney Paris

IPR staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- No update.

5. Use of Deadly Force Workgroup (5 min.)

MISSION STATEMENT: The Use of Deadly Force Workgroup examines Portland Police Bureau use of deadly force policies, directives, training and implementation in order to recommend and support any needed change in Portland Police Bureau use of deadly force.

Chair: David Denecke / Members: Dr. Rochelle Silver and Keeble Giscombe

IPR Staff: Derek Reinke, Senior Management Analyst

- Good discussion with Crowd Control Workgroup and OIR on July 18th. Had good discussion on many aspects of the use of deadly force.
- No meeting setup yet.

8:05 pm—8:20 pm Public comment and wrap-up comments by CRC members

- Debbie Aiona: Pleased that the new IPR investigators came from non police background.
- CRC should make suggested code changes to add to the list IPR currently working on.
- CRC should create a new Workgroup to evaluate OIR Report.
- Dan Handelman: Code changes should include expanding CRC to 11 members to comply with DOJ agreement and standard of review change.

TBA Adjournment

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CRC Members:

1. If you know you will not be able to attend a CRC meeting or that you will be missing a significant amount of a meeting, please call or e-mail IPR in advance so that the CRC Chair may be made aware of your expected absence.
2. After this meeting, please return your folder so IPR staff can use it for document distribution at the next CRC meeting.

**Note: agenda item(s) as well as the meeting date, time, or location may be subject to change.*