



Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP)

August 2021 Minutes

Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 5:00 – 8:00p

Livestream Meeting Link: <https://youtu.be/F3eJk3ZyXjM>

MEMBERS PRESENT

Elliot Young, Lakayana Drury, Ann Campbell, Amy Anderson, Gloria Canson, Celeste Carey,
Byron Vaughn, J'mari Etherly

ABSENT

Taji Chesimet, Britt Masback, Zeenab Fowlk

MINUTES

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special visitor:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rachel Steven, Sister of Michael Townsend, who was killed by the Portland Police in July attended the meeting. Elliot invited her and she did not receive a condolence letter, which is the recommendation that PCCEP made to the Mayor and was accepted. Rachel Is experiencing PTSD, night terrors. Rachel said, “If any officer of 18 years is not equipped to come to a mental health call they shouldn’t respond.” Rachel questioned why less lethal force was not used such as taser, pepper spray, distraction. The tape looks like Michael was surrounded. Rachel has tried to contact the investigator and has had no response.• 2 days earlier he was deemed safe to release from the hospital even though he had chewed through his IV and was putting metal objects in electrical sockets.• Elliot asks if there is anyone from the mayor’s office at the meeting. No one from the Mayor’s office is at the meeting.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elliot hanks Rachel for sharing her story and expresses condolences. • Robert Taylor, City Attorney expresses his condolences and Elliot asks him to give his address to Rachel so she can follow up on the issue of not getting any response. • Moment of silence for all those killed by gun violence in the last month. • Announcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elliot announces that this is his last meeting. He has served for 2 years and needs to attend to family and work demands. Appreciations are shared.
<p>Subcommittee Reports/PPB + Mayor Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Status hearing. Reports from DOJ. Amici, members of the public, the City, PCCEP. Reported out document they had voted on. The judge appears to be very interested and supportive of the work that the PCCEP does. General agreement that PCCEP is running as a functional committee. The Judge expressed an interest in having a court appointed monitor. ○ The City and the DOJ are going into mediation. Sept 8th. Could go all day. PPA, City of Portland, AMAC coalition, Mental Health Alliance. Will discuss remedies and come to agreement. Expect it to be done in October. Court has scheduled a hearing on November 9th. ○ The judge asked for a clean version of the amendment to accept PCCEP as a replacement for COAB. The judge will hear objections. ○ Lakayana will be stepping up as co-chair. Will wait until November for new elections. Taji has indicated his interest in stepping down from steering committee at that time. Celeste has offered to co-chair the Racial Equity subcommittee. • Behavioral Health Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learned about the Wellness program, all the different opportunities the police have access to that support their health. • Youth Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff talked to existing folks. Alana is leaving. Looking for new leadership. Perfect time for Gloria to join with her interest in the youth committee. • Racial Equity Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Celeste: simple agenda. Who do people want to hear from. Didn't have a large attendance. Police did come.



Mary Clare and Marlon Marion, Equity Manager agreed to do outreach to bring police into a co-facilitation role.

- Settlement Agreement and Policy Subcommittee
 - Discussed Directives. Ann is following up with Mary Claire with some questions about a directive the committee is reviewing.
- Portland Police Bureau (PPB)
 - AC Jami Resch: Last Sunday. AC Resch talked to one of the Incident commanders. They knew there would be two separate events at the Waterfront. Cancelled all time off for the day. Proud Boys announced change of location but didn't announce new location until Sunday morning. Half of police resources were moved to the location in NE when they found out where the Proud Boys planned to be. Police were monitoring for illegal activity for prosecution. They are trying to use an investigative approach to avoid use of force.
 - Part of downtown counter demonstration group went to NE Sandy location and there was a confrontation. Officers monitored criminal behavior and it's being investigated and will be prosecuted if criminal violation is found.
 - There as an incident of shots fired downtown. Officers responded quickly. Took one person into custody. PPB can't confirm if there were any additional shooters.
 - Last Friday around 6 am DEA requested PPB to cover. SERT officers responded. Shots fired at officers. Officer had non-life-threatening injury. Officer that was struck did not fire his weapon.
 - Q. Incident in NE Portland. Proud Boys gathered at abandoned K-Mart. Activity at nearby gas station. No response from officers. AC Resch didn't have information regarding a call for assistance.
 - Ann asks for more information as it is available.
 - Lakayana: suggests that PCCEP host a joint community meeting with PPB when incidents like this happen. Does PPB hold community meetings where all the questions can be asked, and correct information can be shared?
 - Not currently. Not something they wouldn't do but haven't historically.
 - Celeste: When other public safety bureaus are having an action (search, arrest) PPB could let the community know that PPB has certain protocols to follow when they are not the initiator of the action.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PPB asked to be notified by outside agencies, not required but occasionally happens. ○ There may be questions that PPB can't answer if it was run by another public safety agency. ○ Elliot asks if PPB looked at trying to prevent likely clashes between groups. AC Resch says they did weigh those options weighed many factors. Officers were in the area, but not as visible as in the past. ○ One of the learning points from event they should have officers go out to the area to give businesses a heads up. ○ Other police responses have been criticized other tactics for appearance of bias. CRC recommended to not use munitions, tear gas and to have a lower profile at demonstrations. ○ Plan was to publicly announce what the plan was. Not having public employees intervene. Would make arrests later for criminal activity committed on the 22nd. ○ Q. Are you aware of any communications between the police or City employees and the Proud Boys? Efforts were made, but Robert Taylor is unaware of any successful connection being made.
<p>Codification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The PCCEP was created out of the settlement agreement but exists by virtue of an act of City Council. ● Codification would go into City code and make PCCEP a permanent committee of the City. ● Reviewed some highlights from the document. First two pages tract the revision and changes. ● Updated mission, goals, expectations of reporting responses and areas for input from PCCEP. ● Document has been shared with PCCEP and will be posted online. Vote will be put on the agenda for next meeting. ● Request: The list of changes isn't as helpful as seeing what it says now vs. then. Request for a compare document. ● PCCEP will send out ahead of time with more clarity on the process. Will put on September agenda.
<p>Metrics / CRC Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are the data that are being used to identify success? Mental Health Alliance proposed a set of metrics. The DOJ said they will use those metrics in evaluating PCCEP. ● Discuss Citizen Review Committee (CRC) Report ● CRC report on protests. Asked PCCEP for support for the report. Ann wrote preamble to a letter of support for the CRC



	<p>report. Proposes that PCCEP support recommendations in the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann proposed adding to September agenda. • The vote at Council is one day after Sept. meeting. Dan encourages PCCEP to push Council to take public testimony.
<p>New Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloria Canson. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Worked in Portland high schools for 35 years. Interested in the Youth Subcommittee. • Byron Vaughn. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OLCC, union rep. Doesn't feel there is a voice coming from people of color or not being heard correctly. Feedback needs to come from people on the ground. Police are needed, and there need to be people to police the police. • Tia Palafox: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retired school counselor K-12. Tia worked at the detention Center in Eugene. Had massive stroke in her 40's and has a TBI. Volunteers at Rehab Sister's who work with women and people who identify as women who are unhoused and in poverty. Also volunteers with PPS with youth whose parents are in prison. • Theo says the new member handbook will be ready at the training.
<p>Quarterly Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the PCCEP Quarterly Report • PCCEP 2nd quarter report reviewed. Shouldn't we include the status of recommendations? Recommendation for condolence letter was accepted but did not happen. • City Attorney Robert Taylor will bring up the issue with the Mayor. • Need to think about how to track whether the recommendations are being implemented.
<p>Consultant Vote</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCCEP proposes hiring a consultant to take crowd control reports and develop a report that is more accessible to the community. Could provide data so that PCCEP could make recommendations regarding that use of force. • It is noted that the data on the use of force incidents from last year do not have many redactions and that there is a lot of personal information that has been made public. Concern about this given the current political situation. • Q. How does the data role fit with the DOJ recommendation for a review. Is this paying for an analysis twice?



- One of the 9 remedies from the DOJ is to have an independent source analyze the data.
- Strategic plan status update: haven't put out a bid for the consultant. Theo will meet with the steering committee to develop language for the RFP.
- Elliot thanks everyone for the experience of working with PCCEP