PCCEP Community Engagement Subcommittee[i]
Meeting Notes
May 6, 2026

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager.

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2. Roll Call & Introductions

Subcommittee Members Present:

- Leslie Martinez
- Pastor Robin Wisner
- Vanessa Perry
- Fasika Bekele

Subcommittee Members Absent:

- Tia Palafox

Other PCCEP Members Present:

- Kip Silverman
- Jorge Sanchez Bautista

City Staff & Monitor Personnel:

- Dori Grabinski, Program Manager
- Liz Taylor, Program Coordinator
- Emon Ghassemi, Community Engagement Coordinator
- Antoinette Edwards, Associate Monitor

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3. Community Agreements

Pastor Robin Wisner read the PCCEP community agreements.

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4. Updates

Meeting Schedule

Dori provided updates on PCCEP-wide meeting cadence:

- Steering Committee: May 27 (hybrid)
- Full Committee: First Wednesday of each month
- Policy & Reform Subcommittee: Fourth Wednesday
- Community Engagement (CE) Subcommittee meeting timing: To be determined during this meeting.

Independent Monitor Town Hall

- Town Hall expected the last week of May.
- PCCEP's request to co-host was declined.
- Members expressed concern; Kip and Pastor Wisner will email Monitor Mark Smith for clarification and copy relevant PCCEP leadership.

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5. Community Engagement Coordinator Report

Presenter: Emon Ghassemi

Emon delivered a detailed update on community outreach, including:

- Attendance at resource fairs, youth events, clean-up efforts, and school-based activities.
- Partnerships forming with Dream Plaza (summer block parties), Talk-A-Mile youth program, PPS Violence Prevention office, Hazelwood Neighborhood Association, Community Services Network, and other organizations.
- Plan to send bi-weekly updates to subcommittee members and share a community engagement calendar.
- Members requested increased opportunities to accompany Emon at outreach events.

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6. Discussion: Subcommittee Structure & Workflow

6.1 Meeting Cadence

Members discussed which Wednesday the CE Subcommittee should meet each month.

A consensus emerged to schedule CE meetings on the third Wednesday monthly, avoiding conflicts with the Community Board for Police Accountability (CBPA) oversight board but acknowledging possible overlap with City Council evening sessions.

6.2 Format of Monthly Meetings

Extensive discussion resulted in two potential models for how CE Subcommittee meetings might operate:

Model A – Working Meetings (Zoom):

- Primarily used for synthesizing outreach findings.
- Community engagement mainly occurs outside Wednesday meetings (via Emon's outreach and member participation).

Model B – In-Community Meetings:

- Holding standing Wednesday meetings at rotating community locations.
- Could include creative formats (e.g., open mic, youth walk-and-talk, drop-in sessions).
- Potential partnership with local organizations.

Members agreed both models have value; no final decision was made, and both approaches will be charted with pros/cons for later decision-making.

6.3 Community Engagement Events

Members discussed the feasibility of hosting PCCEP-led public engagement events. Notes included:

- Events may be best held quarterly at first, with flexibility to increase later.
- Events should be small-scale, creative, and focused on building trust.
- Emon's presence and staffing support expand capacity for more frequent engagement compared to past years.

6.4 Deliverables

Members identified expected deliverables from the CE Subcommittee:

- Synthesis Reports of community input (themes, patterns, concerns).
- Regular contributions to full PCCEP committee meetings.
- Deliverable handoffs to Policy & Reform Subcommittee for development of formal recommendations.
- Development of a tracking document (organizations, contacts, demographics, themes).
- Alignment with Emon's newly-created contact log and data tracking system.

6.5 Community Engagement Plan

Dori introduced an outline of a draft Community Engagement Plan, to be completed collaboratively by the subcommittee.

Goal:
A complete, actionable draft plan to review publicly at the June 17 CE Subcommittee meeting.

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7. Public Comment

Barbara (Portland Copwatch)

- Expressed concern that Portland Street Response (PSR) is often excluded from public safety discussions and town hall panels.
- Encouraged PCCEP to elevate PSR's presence alongside PPB, Fire, and BOEC.
- Noted the importance of PSR's non-violent engagement and the risk of police compassion fatigue.

Pastor Robin Wisner

- Announced Black Community Summit on May 15 at PCC Cascade.
- Speakers will include public safety and criminal justice leaders.

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8. Action Items

- **Kip Silverman & Pastor Wisner** will email Monitor Mark Smith regarding co-host decision; copy CE chairs and staff.
- **Staff** will prepare write-ups comparing the two meeting structure models.
- **Emon Ghassemi** will share updated tracking tools and begin bi-weekly emails summarizing community engagement and opportunities for members to participate.
- **Subcommittee** will review and contribute to the draft Community Engagement Plan.

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9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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