

Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP) December Minutes

Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 5:00 – 8:00p

Zoom Meeting: https://youtu.be/7hJl3tEkfSc

MEMBERS PREENT

Zeenab Fowlk, Ann Campbell, Amy Anderson, Celeste Carey, Byron Vaughn, Gloria Canson, Tia Palafox

Mintues

Welcome 5:00 – 5:10p	PCCEP members introduced themselves
Subcommittee Check-ins/PPB + Mayor Updates 5:10 - 5:30p	 Settlement Committee: Ann (Chair) Didn't have a December meeting but will be meeting in January. Youth Subcommittee: Gloria (chair) shared that they are planning a youth forum to discuss racial justice and police reform. Fliers are out. Jan 10th 6:00 pm is the next meeting. Racial Equity Subcommittee: Celeste (chair) Lauren Brown, supervisor of PPB data analysts. Presented how data is collected and presented now and the committee discussed how it might be changed, what legislation, including at the State level is needed. Will continue the discussion at the next subcommittee meeting. Behavioral Health: Amy (chair) Discussed the Wellness directive. Will have further discussions on possible PCCEP support. Asks that all PCCEP chairs attend the January meeting. Celeste has a conflict but commits to being informed if a vote comes to PCCEP body. PCCEP Staff: Staff is doing outreach, passing out fliers and actively looking for new members. Invite people to attend a meeting before they apply. PPB update: Deputy Chief Frome. Chief Lavell has a cold. After the fall bump funding process they have been busy putting together a process for review for bringing retirees back. Civilian Director of Training position will oversee the training for more consistency. Backgrounding investigators are being



- hired in anticipation of hiring. More retirements will be coming up. Portland Sunshine Division food box deliveries are an important tradition at this time of the year for the members.
- Mayor's office. Sam Adams sent the following email since he
 was unable to attend. We are interviewing applicants to fill the
 community safety positions on my team in the Mayor's office,
 so, in the new year, we will be able to more fully partner with
 you.
- In the meantime, here are a few community safety updates from the Mayor's office, please reply to this email and let me know if you have any questions on any issues: At your previous meeting, I summarized for you the public safety components of the Mayor's Proposed Budget BUMP, and the City Council approved the proposal.
- Read more:
 https://www.portland.gov/wheeler/news/2021/11/17/city-council-unanimously-adopts-fy-2021-22-fall-supplemental-budget
- https://www.portland.gov/wheeler/news/2021/11/1/mayor-wheeler-joins-chair-kafoury-and-commissioner-ryan-announce-shared
- https://www.portland.gov/wheeler/news/2021/11/3/mayor-wheeler-announces-public-safety-investments-part-fall-budget
- This week we start planning work on Fiscal Year 2022-2023 city budget. If you are interested, at your January meeting, I can provide you an overview of some key public safety related issues that are likely to arise in next year's budget, and take your initial feedback and questions on them.
- Last week, 12 officers were selected staff PPB's Focused Intervention Team (FIT), whose mission to help end local gun violence. It is a diverse group, applicants where selected based on job position descriptions coauthored by the Community Oversight Group (COG) https://www.portland.gov/wheeler/focused-intervention-team-community-oversight-group, and interviews of the 42 applicants with the COG as well. If you would find it worthwhile, at a future PCCEP meeting, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the COG, could provide you an update on their efforts
- Zeenab asks if PCCEP has a standard for the reports that are given during the PCCEP meeting? One pager



- Would like to hear from the Mayor's office about the budget and receive written report in advance.
- Amy suggests that the Steering committee have a section that will address the operational ideas.
- COCL reports are very long and there needs to be more time to digest the information before the meetings.

Portland Police Chief Moose Dedication Letter 5:30-6:00p

- PCCEP Dedication to a Portland Police Bureau Champion of Community-Engaged Policing: (Oregon: 1993-1999) Portland Police Chief Charles Moose, PhD., posthumously
- Zeenab read a letter from the members of the PCCEP to Chief Lavell.
- Celeste opens the floor for any public comments in response to the letter.
- Q. What is the specific nature of PCCEP's outreach and engagement with Black, Indigenous and communities of color, houseless, LGBTQ and behavioral health community? A. Youth committee, actively outreaching to youth. Churches, colleges, parents, schools, barbershops, Urban League, etc.
- Behavioral Health: Inside out, PEAR, Rahab Sisters (connecting with unhoused LGBTQ folks, there is lack of access to the technology). Suggestion to find a location on the East Side that will host PCCEP meeting connections. Amy works with folks on the street. There is interest in having a houseless town hall. Need a place for people to go to participate.
- Racial Equity: Staff is reaching out to all the former participants, connecting with new folks. Proposing to run promos on KBOO, The Numbers, Open Signal.
- PCCEP members come from these communities. They have a vested interest in reaching these folks, "they are us".
- Other ideas connecting with the trans community, houseless folks who are so vulnerable and in the shadows. They still need help and they still need to have a voice.
- As we open up again, we will be doing combination/hybrid meetings
- Comment: Feels like historically "Community policing" is often just words. Also points out that there were two shootings by PPB in the last week. Points out that there were also problems during Chief Moose's tenure
- Thanks for the reminders to PCCEP to be held accountable.



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- Zeenab: Motion to accept letter with edits (Celeste Carey's name spelling correction and change community engaged to community policing).
- Gloria seconds it.
- Unanimous support from members present. Theo will ask absent members if they agree. If not, their names will be removed.
- Letter will be sent to Mayor Wheeler and Chief Lavelle.

Steering Committee Updates 6:00-6:30p

- Steering Committee chairs: Why come to the subcommittee meetings?
- Settlement: Ann: focuses on the settlement agreement with DOJ. The Settlement Agreement included the creation of a community group which is now PCCEP. The committee will be working on body worn camera policy input.
- Youth: Gloria: People need to know how youth are being impacted and to hear from parents. Understanding how safe they feel, what is the impact of their protests, etc.
- Racial Equity Subcommittee: Pacific Northwest has been problematic regarding race. History of problems with PPB. Particularly with the Black community. How can PCCEP work with PPB to come to a common understanding of what safety means. Working with both community and PPB.
- Behavioral Health: Looking at issues impacting relationships between PPB and people experiencing behavioral health problems. Approach is that education builds relationships. Core to Settlement agreement and impacts everyone.
- All committees are intersectional.

Body Worn Cameras Recommendation Review 6:30-7:30p

- Review PCCEP previous body worn camera (BWC)
- PCCEP Body worn camera recommendation from
- Ann gives overview on where City of Portland is with the DOJ settlement agreement. City was found out of compliance, and the DOJ has recommended remedies. DOJ and City are in mediation regarding the body-worn camera recommendation.
- Questions relate to: Who stores the recordings? When are the cameras on and/or off? When do the police get to see the video?
- The City has obligations to bargain with PPA on these issues. City is currently meeting with the PPA on these issues.
- Council is very interested in what the community has to say regarding the cameras.



- PCCEP is proposing a Body worn camera Town Hall on January 12th.
- PPA has not set forward a formal position on BWC's. There is an ordinance in 2016 that Heidi Brown can provide.
- The City has acknowledged that there are issues that are subject to bargaining.
- PPA has a seat at the table with DOJ settlement agreement and the DOJ has the right to review any policies related to the BWC. The union has supported BWC's previously.
- MHA held a forum on BWC's and that is available online. https://www.voutube.com/watch?v= 9JA7euFrj8

• Q: How is PCCEP going to include prior recommendations,

- prior policy development? Is January 12th too early after the holidays to get folks to come.
- Suggestion that the whole PCCEP be engaged in the issue, not just the Settlement Community.
- Amy suggests that there can be a process chart of how issues work.
- Have we reviewed the prior recommendations? Important that members which decisions they can influence if and if not who is the "higher" that power that can be appealed to. Can we fully "pull the curtain back" to see how it's all working. Many times the community feels like there is information that isn't available to them.
- Discussed processes are moving forward and PCCEP can adjust to the timeline.
- BWC critique of replay videos vs. of written statement
- City Attorney determines if an issue is bargainable. The PPA can disagree.

New **Business/Closing** 7:30-8:00p

- PCCEP recommendation highlights for 2021 including Core Patrol Services and PS3
- Retraining with PPB and how they align with the Settlement Agreement.
- Glossy of terms to help explain, processes and protocols.
- Suggestion to include a mission statement or equity statement and general glossy on agendas
- Educational info sessions during meeting for the public and PCCEP on relatable topics (Portland Street Response and BOEC (Bureau of Emergency Communications)
- Build relationship though transparency and trust in holding conversations with police
- Suggestion for PCCEP to help community members breakdown the process of policies, data etc. (e.g., stops data)



- Join local libraries, churches, and schools to hold speak-ins with the community.
- Operational meetings within steering committee members 2-3 hours monthly.
- Closing Next full board meeting is January 25,2022 via Zoom.