

[PCCEP Portland] 18:00:44

Hey there, everybody. Oh, let's fix our audio

[PCCEP Portland] 18:01:01

Hello? Okay. Good to see folks coming online. We're going to give it a couple minutes until a couple minutes after the hour as usual as more of our members get connected.

[PCCEP Portland] 18:01:15

So yeah, just hang tight for a couple more minutes, but good to see folks as they're joining.

[PCCEP Portland] 18:01:20

Thanks for turning out on this interesting evening of weather. Hope everyone is... Safe from the wind.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:01:35

Hey.

[PCCEP Portland] 18:01:39

Hey, Odelia.

[DaVante Minniweather] 18:01:51

Hey guys, I'm in transit. We'll be online or at least on camera in about five minutes here.

[PCCEP Portland] 18:02:00

Sounds good. Good to see you, Devonte.

[PCCEP Portland] 18:03:16

Okay, I think... So as you heard one of our co-chairs is still in transit, but he is here. So I think we can go ahead and get started.

[PCCEP Portland] 18:03:28

So good evening, everyone It's 6.03 p.m. We're going to call this meeting to order now. It's March 26, 2025.

[PCCEP Portland] 18:03:38

And this is a public meeting of the Portland Committee on Community Engaged Policing.

[PCCEP Portland] 18:03:43

Full committee meeting. And I'm going to pass it over to one of our full committee chairs, Odelia, to get the meeting started.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:03:56

All right. Hi, everyone. My name is Odelia Zuckerman. Use she, her pronouns. I'm one of the co-chairs of the full committee for PSEP. I'm just going to go ahead and do PSAP intros so I will pass it on to Devonte if you can.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:04:14

Hop on or introduce yourself in the chat, whatever works.

[DaVante Minniweather] 18:04:20

Devontae Miniweather, the other co-chair for the Committee on Pisa. Thank you, Brian, for coming tonight.

[DaVante Minnieweather] 18:04:30

I'll pass it off to... Let's see. Kit.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 18:04:38

Hi there. Kip Silverman, he, him pronouns. Co-chair of the Policy and Reform Subcommittee My other co-chair will not be available tonight.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 18:04:53

Unfortunately, but I'm hoping she's having a great time I will pass.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 18:04:59

Pass it on to, I see Noel.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 18:05:06

Hi, I'm Noelle CutHare. She, her pronouns. I am a newer member of PSEP and I am currently the new co-chair of the community engagement subcommittee.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 18:05:23

Let's go with Viva.

[Veva Campeau] 18:05:31

I'm Viva Campo. She, her pronouns, and PSET member. I will hand it over to you.

[Veva Campeau] 18:05:38

Hard to find the names right now. I thought I saw Carrie.

[Veva Campeau] 18:05:43

Is that correct?

[Kerry Driver] 18:05:44

Yes. Hi, everybody. My name is Carrie Driver. I use she, her pronouns. I'm a PSAP member and a member of the Community Engagement Subcommittee.

[Kerry Driver] 18:05:53

I'll pass it to Leslie.

[Leslie | she/her] 18:05:56

Hi everyone, Leslie Martinez. My pronouns are she, hers. And thank you all for being here. I'm not officially on any committee yet.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:06:12

Okay, I think that's everyone.

[Leslie | she/her] 18:06:13

I, yeah. I think everyone's curious.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:06:18

Okay, cool. So now if we can just have folks from the city introduce themselves Yeah, Dori, do you want to start?

[PCCEP Portland] 18:06:30

Yeah, hi, everyone. Dory Grabinski, PSEP program manager

[Stephanie Howard] 18:06:41

I'll jump in. Hi, everybody. Stephanie Howard. She, her pronouns. I work for the DCA of Public Safety.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:06:47

I'm glad to be here with you tonight.

[Bob Day] 18:06:52

Good evening, folks. Bob Day. Oh, sorry. Mary Claire, you want to go ahead?

[mbuckley] 18:06:55

No, go ahead. Go ahead, Chief. I didn't see you.

[Bob Day] 18:06:58

Bob Day, Chief of Police for the police bureau. Thanks for having us.

[mbuckley] 18:07:04

I'm Mary Claire Buckley from the Portland Police Bureau. Thanks.

[Brian Hughes] 18:07:09

Hi, everybody. My name is Brian Hughes. I'm the commander of Central Precinct here at the Portland Police Bureau, and today's my first time here.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:07:21

I'm also with the city. I'm Kristen Thorpe and I'm with the Office of Community Base police accountability. And this is also my first time here. So thank you.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:07:33

Cool, welcome. Also, independent monitor team, if y'all want to introduce yourselves too.

[José "Che" Ramirez] 18:07:40

Thanks, Adelia. Everyone, Chad Arnidas here, associate monitor with the Court Appointed Independent Monitoring Team. And I'll pass it over to Mike.

[José "Che" Ramirez] 18:07:48

Colleague

[Antoinette Edwards] 18:07:49

Greetings all, Antoinette Edwards. Proud member of the independent monitoring team.

[Antoinette Edwards] 18:07:55

He, she, her pronouns. Thank you.

[Afrita Davis] 18:08:03

Hello, everyone. My name is Afrina Davis, and I am a facilitator of the space.

[Sarah Ames, she/her, Dep City Atty] 18:08:13

Hi, I'm Sarah Ames. I'm a deputy city attorney. Use she, her pronouns.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:08:22

Awesome. And I don't know if there's anyone else, but if you're a community member, please introduce yourself in the chat.

[Emily Hebron (she/they)] 18:08:34

I'll introduce. I'm Emily Hebron. I'm with Council President's office. I use she, they pronouns.

[iPhone] 18:08:45

And this is Samir Kunal. I'm a member of the Portland City Council.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:09:02

Okay, cool. We've got a lot of people here, so that's so exciting.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:09:09

Thanks all for introducing yourselves. I can go ahead and read our community agreements.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:09:17

Listen actively and respectfully. Share airtime. Be present and open to new information and perspectives assume positive intent, respect each other.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:09:30

Respect the group, speak your own truth. Communicate directly, honestly, and respectfully.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:09:37

Ask questions to clarify, call out bias, and be okay with ambiguity.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:09:48

And then also, Devonte, let me know when you're home and then i can pass it on over. But just a brief overview of today's meeting. We're going to start with some updates. We have kind of a packed meeting today.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:10:06

We're then going to move on to talk about PPB attendance of council, town halls or events kind of move that into a Q&A on community engagement For PPB, and then we'll also do a little briefing and Q&A on the PPV response to the community free store.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:10:31

And then we will... talk about PSEP structure a little bit more To wrap things up and just how Everything fits together. And then as always we'll end with open public comment.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:10:52

So really exciting. It's going to be PSAP's first time meeting with Mayor Wilson. So we're very excited for that.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:11:03

And... We'll see how it goes. We're looking forward to it. Devontae and I will be meeting with him.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:11:12

On Monday, April 7th.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:11:18

And then also on Monday, April 7th, we'll be doing um a film screening of Alien Boy.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:11:28

The life and death of James Chassie which will be at the Clinton Street Theater from 7 to 9.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:11:35

This will be part of the Mental Health Alliance's training to PSAP that's required.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:11:42

And you do have to RSVP. But it's also free. So if you want to scan this or Type in the bit.ly one thing to know is like this is a really hard film to watch so just Like... follow your capacity and where you're at. Yeah.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:12:11

Okay.

[Afrita Davis] 18:12:13

From you.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:12:17

And then... For the contact survey update.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:12:25

In 2023, PSEP recommended that PPB adopt a contact survey to capture information about experiences of individuals stopped by police.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:12:36

And Stephanie Howard is here. Who was the former director of the community safety for Ted Wheeler's office and the current PSSA director of community safety and has been overseeing this project.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:12:51

And also Carrie Driver, a PSET member, was a part of that.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:12:56

Steering committee. I don't know if you have any updates to share.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:13:01

Yeah, I'd be happy to. Yeah. Mayor Wheeler, back when the recommendation was made, Mayor Wheeler and the chief agreed that they would love to see a contact survey implemented and so I was directed by amir wheeler to bring a work group together that included Carrie, included a community member from the training advisory council and some other teams within the city, including data teams and procurement and representatives from PPB.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:13:30

And we met several times to try to flesh out what we wanted to see in the request for proposals to get To identify a vendor that could meet all of the needs that we were hoping to meet and work out

[Stephanie Howard] 18:13:44

You know what what a pilot project for this would look like.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:13:48

We ran into some delays completely the side of the city. The work group is great um but the draft of the RFP got delayed in procurement. And so what we've been doing right now, it.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:14:04

I thought that it was under review by the BTS, the Bureau of Technology Services team, because anytime there's an RFP that relates to a software or a new technology or anything like that that would integrate with city technology, they have to review it and give feedback and approve it before it could be posted.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:14:24

But unfortunately, it had not been there. Our procurement team was backlogged much more severely than I realized. And so it got delayed by several months. However, it's been reassigned in procurement The draft is now with the BTS procurement team and I'm following up with them regularly to

[Stephanie Howard] 18:14:43

Move that forward. Once we have their feedback, then I can reassemble the work group. We can review their feedback and incorporate recommendations and again just finalize what that request for proposals looks like.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:14:59

And then once that's done, I think we can get it posted and start receiving proposals from vendors who would like to provide that contract survey.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:15:08

Service. And I will just say, you know, everyone has heard about the city's budget problem so i want to be completely transparent we Mayor Wheeler set aside \$100,000 budget for that pilot We carried it over last year, but now that we're in another delay because of the procurement backlog.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:15:28

The budget office is looking under every couch cushion for every dime. The public safety service area team, we are all advocating strongly that is related to PSAP's work, it's related to the settlement agreement and that budget needs to be carried over if we're not able to get the

[Stephanie Howard] 18:15:45

Contract for that contact survey completed before the end of this fiscal year.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:15:50

I am optimistic that will happen, but I just always want to be transparent With you, there's a chance that the city budget office may disagree. Again, I'm optimistic but If that happens, we'll be in touch with you. And just as sort of a backup, I'm also

[Stephanie Howard] 18:16:07

In the process right now of writing for a grant application that could potentially fund it if there was if there was an issue with the budget. But I think we've received nothing but unanimous support from the city teams from PPB leadership from

[Stephanie Howard] 18:16:24

Procurement from everyone. So I don't anticipate an issue, but I will, you know, like I said, I just want to be transparent that that conversations happening and we are doing everything we can move forward as quickly as possible.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:16:39

Awesome. Thank you. Does any PSAP member have any quick questions for Stephanie before we move?

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:16:47

To our next update.

[Kerry Driver] 18:16:52

She answered my questions regarding the budget and the current status. And thank you, Stephanie.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 18:17:02

Quick question on that with the procurement review or requests process backlog? Is there a time frame for getting through that currently.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:17:18

Well, the reassignment of a new procurement person I think is going to help cut through that a lot. We were working with You know, a team that is like had some unexpected backlog, I would say, that led to this but

[Stephanie Howard] 18:17:33

I don't have a firm timeline. My goal is to just get it get it posted in and try to encumber that fund before the end of this fiscal year. That's the goal for sure.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 18:17:36

Okay.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 18:17:44

Yeah.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:17:46

But it's a little bit up in the air on how quickly we'll get that feedback back from the technology review.

[Stephanie Howard] 18:17:54

That can take a little bit of time, but I promise I'm i'm advocating and checking in and reminding them and probably not making you know making a little bit of a pest to myself with them, but just trying to really move forward and make sure everybody knows this is an important thing that we're working on.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 18:18:10

Okay, cool. Yeah, thank you. Yeah, if you make progress, please let us know.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:18:19

All right. Thank you, Stephanie, for that update. Could we get the slides, please?

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:18:26

Thank you. So our next update is about the community board for police accountability or the CBPA.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:18:35

Psep has been following this for a while and there's some new movement and they also have There's a staff person now assigned to the CBPA. So we invited them here tonight.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:18:49

To just share a little bit about the updates. So we have Kristen Thorpe if you want to introduce yourself and introduce yourself chat a little bit.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:18:57

Yeah, thank you so much. I appreciate the opportunity to come speak with you all. So thank you, Chair.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:19:03

Thank you, members of PSEP and fellow committee members. So nice to be here with you all. Just a little bit about me for the last 23 years, I've worked in libraries.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:19:14

With my past position being a library director. The library is a great place to connect with community members from the full spectrum of our society.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:19:24

Of those 15 years. I've been a hiring manager.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:19:28

And I've served on task force to make hiring more equitable. I've been a guest speaker at grad school classes.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:19:35

To help folks navigate the application process for local governments. And I've been a trainer for new supervisors and managers on not only recruitment, but also onboarding and training.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:19:49

In addition to that, I've also worked pretty exclusively with advisory boards for about 10 years.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:19:56

And my goal is always to ensure that their volunteer time is valuable, not only for them.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:20:01

But for the community and for the organization. So as you all know, in 2020, voters decided to change the police accountability structure in Portland.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:20:13

Between now and then, a group called the Portland Accountability Commission or the PAC.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:20:19

Was formed to give recommendations to the previous administration on that new oversight structure.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:20:26

After that work was concluded. City code was changed, union bargaining was negotiated, and then my office, which is the Office of Community-Based Police Accountability, or the OCPA, was formed along with the Community Board for Police Accountability.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:20:46

And together the two, OCPA and CBP make up the new oversight system.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:20:54

I am the first hire of the OCPA. And I'm in the role of administrator and onboarding coordinator.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:21:01

I started on February 11th. And in addition to my typical onboarding work, my first week was focusing on learning as much as possible.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:21:13

About the complex history of our city's police bureau and the accountability systems that have come before us.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:21:20

The city. Code states that members of the CBPA will be involved in the hiring of the director of my office.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:21:30

And that director will also serve at the will of that board. And so because of that city code, I am the first hire on a limited term basis.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:21:40

And not the director so that I can coordinate the recruitment for the first CBPA members.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:21:46

And once those members are in place. They will work to transition to the new oversight structure, and that's when that work can really begin.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:21:56

And I wanted to share a little bit about the application process and the development of it.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:22:02

City Council. Is going to be the ones who appoint the members to the CBPA board.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:22:09

Most of the scoring For the applications, not most, all of the scoring for the applications is going to be done by the nominating committee.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:22:20

The court delayed the appointment of the nominating committee so that new council members could appoint their representatives.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:22:27

The nominating committee were all selected before I started in mid-February.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:22:33

That committee is made up of four community representatives one from each district.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:22:40

Two community members who serve on the Citizens Review Committee. One representative from the city's Office of Equity and Human Rights One representative who is designated by the chief of police One representative from the Portland Police Association And one representative from the Portland Police Commanding Officers Association. So there's 10 in total.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:23:07

In the summer of 2024, city staff from the mayor's office and the city attorney's office worked on a draft of the CBPA application.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:23:18

Once I came on board, I edited and streamlined their work.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:23:23

And I asked for... city attorneys review and guidance as I finalize that document.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:23:31

That application went live on the morning of Friday, February 28th.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:23:37

And... it was really important to get a quick turnaround in this application.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:23:43

Not only because there are, as you all probably are aware.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:23:48

There are upcoming deadlines with the DOJ settlement that are coming up later this year.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:23:52

In addition to the fact that, you know. Our fellow community members all voted for this, not all, but 82% voted for this in 2020 and people are really eager for this new system to be in place.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:24:08

The City of Portland values are my values and I use those values and city code to guide my work.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:24:15

It's best practices for equitable recruitments to have checks and balances throughout the process.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:24:22

The folks who worked on the final application, which is me and a representative from the city attorney's office, aren't going to be involved in the scoring of the applications.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:24:31

Or the appointment of the members. City council While they didn't have direct involvement in the application, they also appointed members of the nominating committee and will be the ultimate approval of these board members.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:24:49

And then...

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:24:55

One of the other things we did to make some strategic edits for equity was we changed the question around background checks that may be different from other applications.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:25:08

We did not include a space for people to disclose anything that might turn up on a background check.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:25:15

And we did that to protect their privacy and not create unintentional bias when scoring applications.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:25:23

That can be a private conversation at the point of need should that need arise.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:25:29

Another change that was made for the application is that every personal identification information from a person's application is redacted.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:25:40

And that's one way to just have the merits of the application speak for themselves.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:25:47

I wrote the first draft of the scoring guidelines and had a representative from the Bureau of Human Resources somebody from the city attorney's office And my boss, who is the deputy city administrator, Sarah Morrissey, provide feedback on the document before I finalized it.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:26:05

Members of the nominating committee also received a document as part of their training on overcoming bias in hiring.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:26:12

And they also received the enthusiastic guidance that they should be using their unique lens and values also to this process.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:26:23

Since the application has been open, we've worked to develop a website for the OCPA, OCPA.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:26:33

And announced this opportunity in many newsletters, including ones from the mayor, Rose City Connect, some of the counselors have shared this.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:26:42

Thank you, PSAP members for also sharing this in your newsletter.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:26:47

And it was also in the Civic Life newsletter. We also sent, I sent about 260 emails to community partners announcing this application and encouraging them to read the media release and connect with me if they had any questions.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:27:06

In addition to coming to PSAP, I've also been to the CRC meeting and I have a few other meetings coming up at neighborhood associations to help spread the word of this process.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:27:17

The nominating committee receives new eligible applications every week. And they are continuing to score on an ongoing basis.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:27:27

I want to reiterate that I don't see any of the applications that have been submitted.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:27:33

This way, when the nominating committee members ask me questions, we can focus on the process and the tools that they provided and their scores can be given with their independent judgment.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:27:47

The application closes on Monday, April 14th at 5 p.m. So if there's anybody interested in applying, there is still an opportunity to get your application in.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:27:58

The nominating committee after the application closes will have four debrief meetings And I will help facilitate those discussions with them.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:28:09

From there, we will have some next steps, which are still yet to be finalized. Those will be determined once those debrief meetings happen.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:28:18

And at a future date. The applicants who the nominating committee wants to put forward to council will go to council.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:28:28

Once the CBPA is seated and they complete their training, they will also have public meetings.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:28:35

So that other folks can continue to stay involved in this process.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:28:38

So I really appreciate everybody's time and letting me speak. So thank you so much.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:28:46

Thank you so much for sharing that. I don't know if we have much time for questions, but if you could stick around and potentially answer Questions in the chat, that would be super appreciated if PSAP members want to drop them in there if anyone has like one

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:29:04

Burning question, but I feel like we need to move on.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:29:09

But yeah, thank you again. That was really helpful. A good overview of everything that's been going on. And we'll definitely stay connected.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 18:29:18

Yes, and I'm happy to stick around.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:29:19

So our next Okay, thank you so much.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:29:24

Could you also drop your email in the chat too if folks want to reach you there? Thank you.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:29:29

So our next update i believe It's our final update of the evening.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:29:37

And it's an update on the wrongful death case of Michael Ray Townsend.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:29:44

We'll have Jason Renault from the Mental Health Alliance which is one of the amici and the settlement.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:29:52

Agreement, share a bit about this update. So Jason if you're Fair.

[Jason Renaud] 18:30:00

Hello, I'm Jason Renault. I'm with the Mental Health Association of Portland. I'm speaking on behalf of that organization, not on behalf of the Mental Health Alliance tonight.

[Jason Renaud] 18:30:09

I'm going to talk for about seven or eight minutes about Michael Townsend.

[Jason Renaud] 18:30:14

And... Many of you are very familiar with this. This is a small room.

[Jason Renaud] 18:30:18

So forgive me for going over things people already know. But there are three, basically three official mechanisms to hold police officers accountable.

[Jason Renaud] 18:30:30

For misuse of force. And those are criminal law administrative rules and civil courts.

[Jason Renaud] 18:30:37

We can set aside criminal law. No district attorney has prosecuted a police officer for use of force in Oregon since about 1970.

[Jason Renaud] 18:30:45

And you've heard about efforts here in Portland to create an administrative mechanism to hold police officers accountable for use of force.

[Jason Renaud] 18:30:54

So it's an opinion but so far Those mechanisms have not been effective.

[Jason Renaud] 18:30:59

Now, the surviving family members can try to hold cities accountable.

[Jason Renaud] 18:31:04

Through the civil courts. But even successful lawsuits against cities don't hold officers accountable.

[Jason Renaud] 18:31:13

Or their chiefs or trainers or the mayors. They're costly. And they inevitably injure the credibility of the justice system.

[Jason Renaud] 18:31:21

And that's what this group is talking about all the time. That's the task of the PSEP.

[Jason Renaud] 18:31:26

The credibility of the justice system. So in 2020, state senators push through a seemingly minor change in the Oregon state law.

[Jason Renaud] 18:31:39

Specifically, that's ORS. I'm going to put it in the chat.

[Jason Renaud] 18:31:43

Ors161. 242 and you can look that up.

[Jason Renaud] 18:31:49

And it reads in part like this. The section that was changed.

[Jason Renaud] 18:31:55

Prior to using deadly physical force upon another person. If the police officer has reasonable opportunity to do so.

[Jason Renaud] 18:32:03

The police officer two items here. Consider alternatives.

[Jason Renaud] 18:32:08

Such as verbal de-escalation. Or waiting or using other available resources and techniques If reasonable, safe,

and feasible.

[Jason Renaud] 18:32:18

Or using a lesser degree of force. And give a verbal warning to the person that deadly physical force may be used and provide the person with a reasonable opportunity to comply.

[Jason Renaud] 18:32:34

Now, hold that legal language in your mind for a moment while I tell you about what happened to Michael Thompson.

[Jason Renaud] 18:32:40

Michael Townsend was a man with addiction and mental illness. And he was killed by a Portland police officer in June of 2021.

[Jason Renaud] 18:32:51

After calling 911 for help to get back to the hospital.

[Jason Renaud] 18:32:55

His family sued and won, which is quite rare in two respects.

[Jason Renaud] 18:33:02

First, lethal force cases almost always settle. In the Townsend case, the city attorney didn't make minimal settlement offer, which to me indicates they expected to win.

[Jason Renaud] 18:33:15

And second, the city attorney lost the case and the jury awarded the family a million dollars.

[Jason Renaud] 18:33:22

The city attorney was tripped up over that minor change in the law.

[Jason Renaud] 18:33:27

In October of last year. About four or five months after the four months after jury made that award.

[Jason Renaud] 18:33:36

City Council was asked by the city attorney to appeal the jury verdict.

[Jason Renaud] 18:33:42

And so they, the city attorney. Could get a better interpretation of the contours of the new law.

[Jason Renaud] 18:33:49

The vote was three to two yes. And those three who voted yes all have left the city council since then.

[Jason Renaud] 18:33:58

Now, to win this sort of appeal. And I'm not a lawyer, so I'm not going to use legal language.

[Jason Renaud] 18:34:05

The... to win this sort of appeal, the city attorney needs to prove The judge made a mistake.

[Jason Renaud] 18:34:13

In the law or in jury instruction. The fact, what the officer did are not in question any longer.

[Jason Renaud] 18:34:21

But the attorney didn't name the mistake that the judge made.

[Jason Renaud] 18:34:25

In her request to city council, what the city attorney told the council members was that she needed an appeal to better understand the law.

[Jason Renaud] 18:34:35

So the city attorney's office could better instruct Portland Police Bureau members presumably how to use lethal force and not cause risk to the city.

[Jason Renaud] 18:34:47

Now, I have asked City Council to withdraw the appeal and to pay the family the award for a couple of reasons.

[Jason Renaud] 18:34:55

Foremost, the appeal is unlikely to succeed. The jury heard the facts.

[Jason Renaud] 18:35:01

And applied the law fairly and reasonably. The city attorney's desire for an interpretation of the contours of the law by the Court of Appeals is not a basis for a successful appeal.

[Jason Renaud] 18:35:15

Second, the appeal is fiscally irresponsible. An appeal could take years to resolve.

[Jason Renaud] 18:35:21

And the city would expect to expend significant resources, filing and prosecuting that appeal And they could still lose and still learn nothing.

[Jason Renaud] 18:35:34

An initial hearing on that resolution to withdraw the appeal.

[Jason Renaud] 18:35:38

Is tentatively penciled in for April 8th. The PSAP should be concerned about the town's in appeal because it sends the wrong message.

[Jason Renaud] 18:35:50

An appeal disregards the findings of a Portland citizen on a jury who heard the facts And it conveys to the public that the City Council approves of the use of lethal force.

[Jason Renaud] 18:36:01

It fails to deter future misuse of force. And it tells the Portland Police Bureau that misuse of force will be defended.

[Jason Renaud] 18:36:10

Further, it shows the council closing ranks behind the Portland Police Bureau.

[Jason Renaud] 18:36:14

Rather than applying pressure to improve training and tactics and ability to de-escalate.

[Jason Renaud] 18:36:23

All to reduce use of force. But most importantly.

[Jason Renaud] 18:36:29

An appeal by the city prevents the Townsend family from moving forward.

[Jason Renaud] 18:36:33

It deprives them of closure. And it chills any future surviving family member from seeking justice.

[Jason Renaud] 18:36:41

In a state court.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:36:49

All right. Thank you so much for sharing that, Jason. Again, running.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:36:57

Low on time. Does anyone have any questions or From PSAP.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:37:04

You know that like this is definitely something we can follow up on Two, it doesn't have to happen right now.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:37:11

But just like thinking about what PSAP can do We want to submit a letter or read a testimony or anything like that, there's options so Just something to think about.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:37:27

Does anybody have questions for Jason from PSET?

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:37:34

Or Jason, can you also drop I can send piece up your email too if you want to drop it in the chat so we can ask those follow-up questions too.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:37:52

Okay. Um... All right, I think we can Move on to the next section and i'm going to Thank you all for your updates.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:38:07

I wish we could spend two hours talking about each and every one of them, these meetings.

[Odedia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:38:13

Can get tough sometimes. So hopefully we'll get to chat with each one of you more and figure out all this stuff out. Now I'm going to pass it to My co-chair, Devonte, to... kick us off on this conversation.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:38:33

Or thank you so much, Odedia. And thank you so much, Jason, for providing some of that information. It is a lot,

but I think it is obviously a major event in our city's history and in our present and as a

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:38:49

Appeal hearing is going to be coming up here. You know, in our future as well. So I think it does set a precedent and what community engagement looks like and the faith that our community members have.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:39:02

In our justice system. So I think that that was important information. So thank you so much for speaking and touching on that.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:39:08

On those topics. If we can get the slide here.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:39:22

Perfect. So we have invited... Chief Day to attend today and he has He is present. So I want to say thank you so much for attending and being present.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:39:38

On the topic of just police interaction with community members And what that looks like, what it has looked like.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:39:47

There are some concerns that some community members have spoken up about.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:39:52

Considering that there have been a bit of tension and some friction between PPB, the PPA, and elected officials.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:40:01

So we kind of just wanted to get some insight and perspective from PPB and Chief Day to kind of help clarify, I guess, the intent and the perspective and what PPD sees as far as a unified community engagement plan.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:40:19

Or policy when it comes to engaging with elected officials. And just showing up in public community spaces We are, you know, the goal I think, of everyone that's attending is to see um a more I don't want to say a positive, but more trust being fostered between PPB and some of these community partners and community members so

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:40:44

Just wanted to get some insight on what um PBP has as far as a plan for that.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:40:50

And also how PPP leadership intends to ensure and assess whether impact matches intent when showing up in these public spaces.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:40:59

And I think it's an excellent opportunity For that to be clarified so that um sometimes as everyone's still adjusting and trying to foster that trust sometimes when things aren't clearly stated as far as intent or a plan it can come across as

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:41:17

Concerning when really PPB could potentially be making an effort to just show up and connect with community.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:41:23

I just wanted to get some insight and allow Chief Day to speak on that.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:41:28

Go to next slide.

[Afrita Davis] 18:41:29

And Chief Day, before you get started, I just want to Just let people know that there will be an opportunity for questions and answers in this section.

[Afrita Davis] 18:41:40

But in just keeping mindful of time, we'll ask you to keep your comments and questions succinct and brief.

[Afrita Davis] 18:41:48

To the chief so that we can get as many people to voice in the space.

[Afrita Davis] 18:41:53

During this conversation.

[Bob Day] 18:41:57

Thank you. Thanks so much for clarity. How much time do you want to spend on this section? I have Commander Hughes here also to speak about the free store.

[Bob Day] 18:42:06

I've never been short on words and I want to make sure that we can have dialogue. So Devante, do you have a recommendation in terms of when you want to have this part wrapped up so you can move into the free store conversation and then i have

[Bob Day] 18:42:20

Another commitment later this evening, so I won't be able to stay like all the way till 8 or 8.15, but I want to make sure I'm available as much as possible.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 18:42:27

I can help with that maybe. I think piece up and piece up and community, if it sounds good to you, I think you might tackle these topics together and we could take a look at the next slide too. I think maybe

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 18:42:46

Yeah, maybe that would be the best approach. Our PBB folks here can kind of just respond in turn as things come up. So Devante or Odelia, do you want to briefly go over this section too. I know, Delia, you were involved in the crafting of this slide.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:43:08

Yeah, of course. So yeah, another thing that we've been hearing from community members and at city meetings like I'm sure everyone else in this room has is about um TPB response and activity around the community free store in downtown.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:43:28

And again, like coming from Like similarly to Devontae's questions about what are like the intentions of showing up in spaces like that and what does community engagement look like and i think we're feeling... Like I personally would love a little more

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:43:50

I'm not wording this correctly, but I'll ask our questions first and explain where I'm coming from. But yeah, we're wondering if there's a standard number of officers or cars dispatched to any given incident.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:44:04

And how PPB determines what the scale of response should be to an incident.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:44:09

And then also wondering what the um what the original complaint or call type is for this kind of incident. And we're wondering if there were any Arrests made or arrests made charges filed. And I think we just kind of would like to hear like a general briefing

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:44:32

This um from um PPB's perspective, it would be great to just hear you're like what went into your thought processes and was behind your actions because i think that's like a big question I've been hearing from the community.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:44:49

So we want to... go back now.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:44:54

And Chief Day, if you want to start with those questions Devontae asked and then we can move on however it seems fit to talk about the community free store.

[Bob Day] 18:45:04

Sure, thank you. And I'll just provide more of a high-level overview, which I think those questions are asking. If you want to get into details about the three council driven or council oriented meetings that we attended. We can talk about those more specifically but

[Bob Day] 18:45:21

Why don't I start for a minute and just talk a little bit about what I understand around community engagement, conversation in there about trust and trust building and also relationship with elected officials. So I'll touch on that just kind of briefly. And then Commander Hughes can also touch on the free store. And I think the best benefit will be through

[Bob Day] 18:45:42

You know the q a probably if we want to get into more specifics um but I've said this before, and I think I probably shared it with this group when I spoke when I first came on board, but I worked for 12 chiefs in my first 29 years and every single chief

[Bob Day] 18:45:57

Opened up their goals and initiatives with restoring or building or gaining or earning or recovering trust in the community.

[Bob Day] 18:46:05

And in 29 years, I never heard a chief say that they had achieved that goal.

[Bob Day] 18:46:08

And it's often made me wonder because trust is the foundation of which relationships are formed and of course what the credibility that the criminal justice system is based upon.

[Bob Day] 18:46:19

If it doesn't have trust of those that it serves, then it doesn't have legitimacy. People aren't going to be inclined to want to obey the law, cooperate with law enforcement or with the criminal justice system.

[Bob Day] 18:46:32

But I just am always stunned by the fact that I bet if you went to most major police department websites right now, you would find the chief.

[Bob Day] 18:46:40

Talking about how they're striving for trust and trust in the community.

[Bob Day] 18:46:44

And I did not want to establish a goal that I felt was unachievable or trying to catch smoke or wasn't measurable.

[Bob Day] 18:46:51

I wanted to try and establish a goal that was actionable, both for police and for the community. And so my number one goal is to transform the dynamic between the police and the people we serve.

[Bob Day] 18:47:04

And I use those words intentionally. To me, they're words of action.

[Bob Day] 18:47:09

They require a response. They require effort. It doesn't mean something that we can sit around. It means something that we actually have to do.

[Bob Day] 18:47:17

And... And so with that, of course, there's always going to be risk and there's always going to be the potential for mistakes or misunderstandings, which I think certainly played out in these particular events around the the council hall the council town halls but overall know that this has been a direction of mine since January of 24.

[Bob Day] 18:47:40

And with the goal of doing those things that every chief has talked about, establishing trust, building trust, gaining trust, earning trust.

[Bob Day] 18:47:50

So that we can continue to move forward with a legitimate system of criminal justice, including the role of police in that system.

[Bob Day] 18:47:59

So since January, and actually when I started in October of 23, One of the first things I did was implement the

walking beach during the holiday season downtown.

[Bob Day] 18:48:11

And the intent behind that was simply to get officers out and about. We know that downtown sees a high degree of activity in the holiday season.

[Bob Day] 18:48:19

And so it was my direction that everyone, including myself, would participate.

[Bob Day] 18:48:25

There was no expectation of enforcement. It was only present alone and conversation and relationship building.

[Bob Day] 18:48:33

And I did meet some initial hesitancy, but We got out there and for about 45 days or so walked the streets of downtown and just visited with people, went into stores, went into businesses, had coffee, had lunch.

[Bob Day] 18:48:47

And develop relationships. And I think that's key we oftentimes don't know each other when we're in a crisis, it's hard to really connect with people when things are really hectic.

[Bob Day] 18:48:58

Or usually on the scene of a police call. But if we can get to know each other and be seen otherwise, I believe that's not only good for the community, but it's good for the health of our officers.

[Bob Day] 18:49:08

And our officers need to see their humanity And they also need to see the humanity of others and how they show up in that space. And so I was trying to create space for them and actually was encouraged to hear several officers

[Bob Day] 18:49:21

Towards the end of that time period mentioned how much they appreciated and enjoyed the chance just to be out walking around visiting We were all in uniform. That was intentional. We wanted to be seen. We wanted to be visible. And a very, very, very small survey done

[Bob Day] 18:49:35

Showed a reduction in crime and a reduction in reported crime in those areas that we were intentional about just walking around, not making arrests, not making enforcement, just walking around and introducing ourselves and visiting with people.

[Bob Day] 18:49:48

We did that again around the March Madness Women's Sweet 16 and Elite Eight in March around downtown moda center over in Northeast where there was a high degree of traffic activity received great feedback from a lot of out of town folks who appreciated the opportunity

[Bob Day] 18:50:06

To engage and visit with law enforcement as we were just out and about once again.

[Bob Day] 18:50:10

Being visible. And we return to that again this winter during the holiday season where we expanded that citywide and we had officers walking in different places around the city. So this has been a direction of mine and a passion of mine of very simply when you ask what's the policy of community engagement is how do we create space

[Bob Day] 18:50:30

For police officers and community to come together that's not high stress, that's not crisis oriented, that's not call driven, that's not enforcement focused.

[Bob Day] 18:50:41

Simply showing up in the same space. So in November, after the election and paying attention to the way that this new city council is going to be structured.

[Bob Day] 18:50:52

I very intently began to focus on how we could engage with the districts and the counselors when January came upon us, knowing that this massive transformation of city government would actually lend to an increased amount of community engagement because now

[Bob Day] 18:51:12

Constituents in the four districts have counselors to engage with. And I saw this as a great opportunity we are in The districts, more than any other city employee, Portland police officers or city employees.

[Bob Day] 18:51:24

And we are in these districts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

[Bob Day] 18:51:28

So our presence is paramount in these districts interacting with these constituents and looking for ways to solve problems and to transform that dynamic.

[Bob Day] 18:51:39

So in January rolled around. And we saw the publicly posted websites on the city website about these meetings Once again, it was my direction that we should have people attend these. In fact, the very first one was We received an invitation. Captain Burley received an invitation to attend

[Bob Day] 18:51:58

In which him and another command officer went. And they were well received and they had good conversations And so the future ones that we saw posted I just said, yes, I want us to continue to attend.

[Bob Day] 18:52:12

Where the breakdown occurred was the fact that I didn't give very clear direction in terms of numbers, expectations. This goes back to your question around policy.

[Bob Day] 18:52:23

It's my belief and desire that when we show up that we're going to be engaging with folks.

[Bob Day] 18:52:28

I've heard mixed reports about that, some saying that we were engaging, some community members saying we were engaging, others saying we were not.

[Bob Day] 18:52:37

Regardless, I don't think that we showed up appropriately. And I want to be clear that I do not believe this is The officer's responsibility or fault it's really for direction from my office on down in terms of expectations and really setting the tone.

[Bob Day] 18:52:54

So the intent here was driven by me directed by me with the belief that we have now city officials city elected officials. We have city employees that are working in these areas with these districts And what a better way to hear what's going on in the districts than to attend these publicly posted meetings.

[Bob Day] 18:53:15

And that was the motivation behind the whole thing. It continues to be the motivation.

[Bob Day] 18:53:19

I've since spoken with President Peralta Guinea. And we've agreed that future ones, we will reach out to the city councilors ahead of time And check and see if they're comfortable with us attending. If they don't want us to attend, then

[Bob Day] 18:53:34

We won't attend. There will definitely be crossover because we are regularly invited to community meetings.

[Bob Day] 18:53:40

And there will be times much like the recent public budget sessions where You know, I've been president and council's been present and I don't call and ask about going to those. It's a work in progress, but this is clearly a

[Bob Day] 18:53:56

Clunky. Rollout that I take responsibility for was really just trying to take advantage of, to me, which is the public space You have a city elected official holding a publicly held meeting promoted on the city website And a city employee should be able to attend that. But there were many things I didn't take into consideration that we are now in attempt to try and

[Bob Day] 18:54:19

Make those more productive so that's That's the 100,000 foot level view.

[Bob Day] 18:54:25

I'm disappointed, but I'm still committed to the effort. And, you know, want to continue to explore that, whether it be with PSEP or or others as we go forward.

[Bob Day] 18:54:40

I certainly have more to say, but I'm going to take a breath and give everybody a chance to to hear that and then to hear that and then feel free to either pass it on to Brian for free store and we couple them up together or let me know.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:54:53

Yeah, thank you so much for um so answering those questions, Chief Day. I think it's incredibly encouraging that PPB is showing up to community events And I love what you said about prioritizing relationship building, right? You know, you have to start from somewhere and it's not necessarily going to be perfect.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:55:12

Or incredibly smooth at all times especially when uh you know the circumstances that trust is attempting to be built.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:55:20

And so it definitely sounds like the intent was there. It's just that, you know, when we show up in these public spaces Hopefully, you know, whether it's been a long day or not, officers are taking advantage of that opportunity

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:55:33

Whether it's the senior officers or maybe just uh you know some of the lower ranking officers to really connect and do that relationship building and so I think that that's probably, like you said, where the disconnect happened there. It sounds like that's where it happened.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 18:55:48

So thank you so much for being transparent and for really prioritizing that. Delia, it looks like you have something.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:55:58

Yeah, I have some questions. I guess I'm curious about um Because usually like in my experience interacting with PPB.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:56:11

Or like with community engagement it's Usually folks that are from the community engagement team or from your office, right? And so like Seeing just seeing officers at these town halls was something I was curious about because I was wondering if they were trained in community engagement.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 18:56:32

Versus like the community engagement I'm used to where it's usually folks that are like higher up in the um ladder sorts.

[Bob Day] 18:56:43

Right. So a couple of things. One, you're correct. I mean, oftentimes, you know, it's whether it be command staff or we have officers that are You know, more more skilled or more experienced or even more interested or more dedicated to the outreach effort.

[Bob Day] 18:57:03

And the connection piece that you're speaking to. One of the things, though, that I really am trying to emphasize in my tenure is that this is an organizational responsibility.

[Bob Day] 18:57:12

And that does not rely upon me and it also does not rely upon the newest patrol officer. It relies upon all of us.

[Bob Day] 18:57:18

Portland Police Bureau is about 800 sworn personnel And about 300 non-sworn personnel. That's a significant bureau size in the city of Portland.

[Bob Day] 18:57:31

And my goal and where I'm trying to go is to get all of us out there to be all of us engaged And be all of us in

settings where we can represent and be available to our constituents the portlanders that we serve

[Bob Day] 18:57:45

Now, with that, and it's been articulated in some of the council meetings that we've spoken of and with our counselors is that I also recognize that the history of law enforcement, not only nationally, but in our own city. I recognize what this uniform represents.

[Bob Day] 18:58:01

I understand the significance of a presence of a weapon. All of that is top of mind. And yet at the same time.

[Bob Day] 18:58:10

This is the role we uh play. This is our job. This is what we do. And I continue to use the term city employee Even though I realize our responsibility and influence is great.

[Bob Day] 18:58:24

I want Portlanders to know and see and hear from those that they're essentially supporting with their participation in the process in the public process so I know now that in the future that, you know, one of the things this has demonstrated is that

[Bob Day] 18:58:42

We need to be more clear. We need to be more intentional.

[Bob Day] 18:58:47

This has demonstrated to me that obviously not everybody in the organization is seeing it as clearly as I'm seeing it in my head. And once again, that's not a criticism of them. That's my responsibility to be able to translate that

[Bob Day] 18:59:01

To them so that they can meet that expectation. And so I've had plenty of conversations with the union president. I'm working with my command staff. I'm working with First and foremost, our operational team, because that's the uniform component that we see

[Bob Day] 18:59:17

But know that i am not. Content with just allowing this to be on the shoulders of either a few in senior ranks or a few in the officer ranks. I believe that this job is about public service.

[Bob Day] 18:59:34

That's first and foremost that our job is to provide that service at the highest level. And I think the way we do that best, I think the way it's safest for the community and safest for the police is when we can be in relationship with one another. And I think that's borne out through history of experience that I have, but also through

[Bob Day] 18:59:54

Data and studies and things have shown that when we know each other, we can be more effective in solving and mitigating problems, lower levels of force better outcomes, less incarceration, less reliance on the justice system.

[Bob Day] 19:00:11

Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. But yes, your observation is correct. And it definitely dropped some gaps. So what does that mean?

[Bob Day] 19:00:20

We have done training in the past and we are going to be in looking ahead at ways that we can strengthen this from a practical standpoint, not only intentionality about how we give direction and who we select and who goes and what the expectation. But then we also have to look at our training and

[Bob Day] 19:00:39

We do a tremendous amount of work in the Mast Academy around this with our new recruits.

[Bob Day] 19:00:44

I'm recognizing now that maybe there will be a need to have some discussion around this, around our regular in-service training.

[Bob Day] 19:00:51

Because certainly this has gotten the attention of the organization and the awareness that we weren't as good as I wanted us to be on the rollout.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:01:02

Yeah, thanks so much for answering that. I appreciate you taking accountability on that.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:01:08

I think like i think One thing too that I've also been thinking about is like former Commissioner Joanne Hardesty and how she often spoke about police accountability and then it felt like she was sometimes met with like intimidation or

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:01:30

Smear campaign or fear mongering lots of different tactics um to kind of push down the work she was doing. And so it's really hard to see that and then go from seeing like two folks on council who do talk about

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:01:49

Police accountability and the new CBPA to then that town hall response where there wasn't engagement but just like people standing there in the back. And I think the hardest part for me to hear about was when Councilor Murillo asked who had sent the two officers at her

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:02:10

Event they didn't. Tell her. And that was just really hard to see because I know like we're able to have conversations about desires for transparency and accountability between the community and the PPB, but then when that's happening to your counselors, right? It's just a really

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:02:29

Like different message that I'm seeing portrayed And I don't know, that wasn't a question at all. I don't know if you have anything you want to say to that though.

[Bob Day] 19:02:39

Yeah, a couple of things. One, yeah, you put it spot on. I mean, this is something that I really wished I'd been paying attention to. But when you get into the nuts and bolts, the mechanics, I'm really big on behaviors.

[Bob Day] 19:02:53

Demonstrate our values like intent. People don't really care about your attention. They care about your behavior

because your behavior demonstrates your values.

[Bob Day] 19:03:00

And in this particular case. I did not take into consideration, for example, that we had a very contentious public safety subcommittee meeting. And then we had officers at Councillor Knawal's Town Hall, you know, within a day or two then. I didn't even register to me because I had been so focused on getting people out and getting people into these town halls that

[Bob Day] 19:03:22

But that was a misstep. That was something that we should have considered at a very minimum reached out to Councillor Kanal.

[Bob Day] 19:03:30

With Councilor Murillo's town hall that you're referencing. You know, I did not consider the fact that she used to work in Commissioner Hardysey's office. I wasn't here during that time frame So once again, that's just a misstep. It's unfortunate that that's the way it started. And, you know, I apologize for that. I'm committed to getting better, but I'm also committed

[Bob Day] 19:03:53

To continue to try and maximize these places because they are drawing a high number of folks. I mentioned to council yesterday, the subcommittee, that although I realize that I've bitten off more than I can chew, I did not anticipate council being as available and as present in their districts as they're being.

[Bob Day] 19:04:13

And the reality is, you know, we're not going to be able to keep up or match that pace Given their commitment to their constituents and how they're showing up.

[Bob Day] 19:04:23

You know, we're evaluating all of this, but I still think there's space and I'm hoping, and it was mentioned yesterday by Councillor Smith, you know, that maybe there'll be a chance to be invited And, you know, create opportunities for us to be able to have this discussion

[Bob Day] 19:04:40

With people in those districts. And we're still going to traditional neighborhood business association meetings, as I said, public budget meeting you know so um but those were those were misses that I wish that I had considered and not started out that way.

[Bob Day] 19:04:57

And in terms of the historical piece, although I wasn't here.

[Bob Day] 19:05:00

I would agree that the PPA behavior, from what I've read and from what I've heard was absolutely unacceptable in that time period. And I understand why there is that concern and certainly understand it better now it just the lack of the lack of

[Bob Day] 19:05:19

Experience didn't allow me to recognize that in making these decisions or directions. So thank you.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:05:25

Yeah, thank you for answering that. Just so everyone knows, anyone is welcome to ask questions if you want to raise your hand.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:05:35

Community members. Counselors, anyone.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:05:41

And Kip, I see your hand.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:05:44

Yeah, I don't want to feel like I don't want this to feel like a pile on Chief Day.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:05:52

And I appreciate, like Odedia said, taking some responsibility for setting the tone and culture being involved in these public type meetings, which I do think are important.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:06:07

They're part of the challenge of feedback that I was brought to my attention from several people was also a perceived a disparity between what officers showed up to what meetings, especially after that pretty contentious And I watched live that public safety meeting and

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:06:34

It felt more contentious than it should be. Given the conversations that were trying to be had. And I know I'm characterizing i apologize but It... the trust building is critical.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:06:50

That's why we're all here right now. To have better outcomes, to have more trust, to make sure that all community feel equally represented and And, and... feel an equity of engagement.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:07:09

But there was uh like uh Council Vice President Koyama Lane had mentioned that no one had shown up to her public meetings i believe A few other counselors had mentioned that. So even if that was not an intent, it's how it's perceived.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:07:31

And that's really critical that we don't We, like you say, PPB is a learning organization being a very heightened cognizant of those types of interactions I feel needs to be really critical.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:07:50

Because it immediately sets back one step forward, two, three steps backwards. And we are in a brand new time of representation the fact that there are so many public things happening is a great problem to have.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:08:08

But we're also in a heightened sense of tension throughout politics in general. So that extra level of sensitivity I think is really critical.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:08:19

And it makes our conversations, I'd much rather be talking about other things than this To be honest, to be honest get to the end of this entire process that we're going through.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:08:36

And I'll leave it at that. It's not, again, really a question, but just wanted to express that.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:08:41

Multiple people have reached out to me Also kind of including some of my own thoughts in this.

[Bob Day] 19:08:49

No, thanks. I hear you. And yeah, like I said, it's a swing and a miss and You know, hoping to move on. We learn from it. And, you know, I'll be the first to say there'll probably be others. I mean.

[Bob Day] 19:08:59

The reality is that the only thing you can do perfectly is to do nothing and The reason I'm here tonight and the reason that I've owned this in every public setting I've been in is because Then I talk about transforming the dynamic between the police and the people we serve. I think that this goes both ways, that this relationship, it's incumbent upon all of us

[Bob Day] 19:09:18

To be curious about one another, to learn from one another.

[Bob Day] 19:09:22

To recognize when we're making assumptions. I appreciate that, Kip, just a minute ago, you did that in your statement.

[Bob Day] 19:09:27

I just think it's important. At the end of the day.

[Bob Day] 19:09:31

I do think this is a tough nut to crack there are real harms. I talk openly about police violence and history of policing.

[Bob Day] 19:09:39

I thought Jason did a great overview of the review that he just did on the appeal.

[Bob Day] 19:09:45

Jason and I have had lots of conversations. We don't agree on everything.

[Bob Day] 19:09:49

But, you know, the ability to be in that space, have those conversations.

[Bob Day] 19:09:54

And then try to find solutions and understanding. Knowing that they are complex ever evolving. When we're here on a screen, it's a lot easier than when we're standing on the street corner.

[Bob Day] 19:10:08

And the other part I want to emphasize too is You know, I've heard from numerous people who have told me and

told our officers how much they appreciated us.

[Bob Day] 19:10:18

Being at the town hall so it goes you know This whole thing is a great opportunity For all of us to learn. And I want to just recognize I've had some positive conversations with the counselors about this. Both reached out to me, Council Merrill and Councillor canal and I'm grateful for that. And we've had some conversation

[Bob Day] 19:10:37

And shared some information back and forth. So I think the system is the system organically working And I appreciate you recognizing, Kip, that it is new. The tension around the evolving of that, as well as outside influences.

[Bob Day] 19:10:55

So I just want to affirm what I heard. So thank you

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:10:58

Yeah, and thank you for that.

[Afrita Davis] 19:11:01

Next, we'll hear from Babs. And then Babs, after you will go to Barb, and then we welcome Commander Hughes to step in and share provide a briefing about the free store.

[Afrita Davis] 19:11:16

All right, Babs? We can.

[Babs] 19:11:17

Thank you so much. Can you all hear me okay? Thank you very much. Babs Ferrinelli here.

[Babs] 19:11:23

76-year-old lifelong Portland resident currently in District 2 North Northeast So first of all, thanks for acknowledging that you made mistakes And this whole process.

[Babs] 19:11:38

Is a transition this whole process. There's a steep learning curve for everyone. And that includes we citizens as we try and make sense out of this.

[Babs] 19:11:48

I'd be remiss, though, since I have you here, sir. I am a strong advocate, strong supporter of Portland Street Response.

[Babs] 19:11:59

Expanding that as much as our budget possibly will allow. Your thoughts, your response about Portland Street Response.

[Babs] 19:12:12

Thank you.

[Bob Day] 19:12:14

Yeah, certainly. I know that's a little bit off topic, but I want to respect that question quickly and just say that I'm a believer in any alternative response.

[Bob Day] 19:12:24

Method we can develop. I've said for many years that we have relied too long on the police to suppress problems rather than fix problems.

[Bob Day] 19:12:32

And it burdens me and saddens me to send our officers to situations that they are neither equipped, prepared, trained or skilled in trying to manage. And the downside is that for decades, that's what we have relied upon.

[Bob Day] 19:12:48

The transition is difficult because it costs a lot of money to stand up a new program.

[Bob Day] 19:12:52

And you can't send up a new program and can't get rid of the old program until you have a new program.

[Bob Day] 19:12:57

And that's the difficulty and the challenge before council is, you know, how do we maintain that so that the transition the people don't suffer in that transition but i'm i'm i'm not at all pushing against the Portland Street Response model or chat

[Bob Day] 19:13:14

Or PS3s or any of these programs where we can send somebody besides police it's just Once again, the complexity of it and the devil's in the details.

[Babs] 19:13:25

Thank you.

[Afrita Davis] 19:13:27

Chief, Barb.

[barb.] 19:13:31

Hi there, Chief Day. Thank you for coming and addressing all of this stuff. I haven't personally Add any of these meetings, but I guess the thing that I'm hearing that is of most concern is that when the officers were asked who sent them.

[barb.] 19:13:49

They did not openly say who they did openly who sent them and we're i don't understand the point of like saying my lieutenant sent me But not saying who your lieutenant is because That can obviously easily be found.

[barb.] 19:14:06

So it just seems like officers are trying to make things contentious in that way and I'm Hoping maybe you can say you're having discussions with them about what they're saying to the public in public and how they're acting.

[Bob Day] 19:14:21

Yeah, so we're having those conversations. Lieutenant Consul is the afternoon shift lieutenant at East Precinct.

[Bob Day] 19:14:28

Who was the one who directed those officers and we've had conversations with him as well.

[Bob Day] 19:14:34

So, um. Yes, we are. And this holistic approach working with throughout the organization. We had a meeting here, I don't know, a week or two ago with all our senior leaders.

[Bob Day] 19:14:48

And so the short answer is yes, I'll try and keep it short.

[Bob Day] 19:14:53

Thank you.

[Afrita Davis] 19:14:56

Commander Hughes, we turn to you to share a bit about the freak store incident.

[Brian Hughes] 19:15:05

Thank you, everybody, and thank you for allowing me time in your meeting to talk about So the Community Free Store PDX has been going on Since I think we became aware of it, I guess, in the fall of 2024.

[Brian Hughes] 19:15:20

And where we became involved with this was from some complaints in the community.

[Brian Hughes] 19:15:26

Not only businesses, but also some residents about activity blocking sidewalks and at times blocking the street.

[Brian Hughes] 19:15:34

And so officers have gone out and noticed that at times the street was blocked. One time the street was blocked.

[Brian Hughes] 19:15:41

Flanders, 3rd Avenue to 4th Avenue. And that is a concern for us when that happens and so happens I'll kind of fast forward to the most recent thing where there's been some social media posts about a lot of police officers showing up.

[Brian Hughes] 19:15:57

Let me look at my calendar here real quick. I want to make sure I have the dates correct.

[Brian Hughes] 19:16:03

On March... would be seventh. I think that's or no, the sixth. That's Thursday. That's the date. Thursdays are the date that the community free store operates in the Old Town area.

[Brian Hughes] 19:16:14

I think around 5.15 p.m. And we received through direct communications as part of this community engagement process, you go out in the community and meet people.

[Brian Hughes] 19:16:26

In fact, it's one of the ways I met one of our current city councilors. Councilor Murillo was at a an event that I happen to be at and just started talking to her. This is before she was even a counselor.

[Brian Hughes] 19:16:39

And so started building a relationship there, traded emails, just open, you know, wanted to be open if there was any questions related to police because she was running in district three Which is also where i work is also where

[Brian Hughes] 19:16:53

But anyway, the officers go out in the community and they make these connections and we make them with business owners I text with business owners often, also with service providers.

[Brian Hughes] 19:17:06

Most of the major service providers in Old Town are able to reach me via email or phone at any time.

[Brian Hughes] 19:17:14

And then community as well, residents, people that live in the neighborhood when we attend community meetings.

[Brian Hughes] 19:17:18

I've been an officer in Portland since 2003, and I was a neighborhood response team officer So a little bit more of that neighbor focus but For seven years, one of my main jobs was to attend neighborhood association meetings. And I did that regularly and I was welcome in their space to do that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:17:37

We kind of got away from that a little bit. Over the years with staffing and we're starting to come back and re-engage in that way under Chief Day's leadership.

[Brian Hughes] 19:17:47

And so Anyway, back to community free store. So we got some information that there was a large group assembled and that the sidewalk was blocked.

[Brian Hughes] 19:17:58

And this is going to be on South, or I'm sorry, Northwest third avenue Just kind of north of Flanders there, right in the area of Lansu Chinese Garden.

[Brian Hughes] 19:18:07

And I'm very familiar with Lanshu Chinese Garden. The executive director there. She's one of the community members I spoke of.

[Brian Hughes] 19:18:13

It's a nonprofit there um she has iPhone number. We've talked many times about various issues that come up in Old Town.

[Brian Hughes] 19:18:22

Old Town and how their business integrates with that space. But they have two spaces. They have a Lanshu chinese garden culturally significant garden right there at the intersection of 3rd and Everett. It's beautiful. If you've never been there, I highly recommend going.

[Brian Hughes] 19:18:39

But they also have the parking lot north of there. That's their parking lot as well. And they have plans to develop

that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:18:46

And so this is the area where the free store PDX has been setting up on the sidewalk there. And most recently on that March 6th, I think it was.

[Brian Hughes] 19:18:58

And the tables and the people were in a in a were on that sidewalk in a way as to prevent pedestrians from moving freely on the sidewalk, which is a concern for us.

[Brian Hughes] 19:19:10

There was also tables blocking the driveway to get into that flat parking lot.

[Brian Hughes] 19:19:15

And I have been to many events at Lanshu Chinese Garden. And they're open throughout the day. So people will come and go.

[Brian Hughes] 19:19:21

And at times I have seen people have seen people disabilities park in that parking lot and then use the sidewalk to get to Lanshu Chinese Garden.

[Brian Hughes] 19:19:29

We've also worked with the city's impact reduction program to do our best to keep that area free of tents.

[Brian Hughes] 19:19:36

A lot of at times tents have been there in that space And it makes it a challenge for people with walkers and such to get to the garden.

[Brian Hughes] 19:19:44

So we received information that there was a large group there doing the community free store, which we're already aware of, but that it was a little bit bigger than had been in the past and so Three police officers went there. One of them is what we refer to as an event liaison officer. He has extra training.

[Brian Hughes] 19:20:02

And how to deescalate and defuse situations involving crowd.

[Brian Hughes] 19:20:08

Situations and we use them most often in protest situations but this officer was already on duty he's a sergeant And that sergeant went down there.

[Brian Hughes] 19:20:19

And every time we have gone down when the events are occurring, we've always tried to take a diplomatic approach on educating what the laws are with regards to blocking the sidewalk and the street.

[Brian Hughes] 19:20:29

And try to gain voluntary compliance. And in this case, when the sergeant and the officers arrived there.

[Brian Hughes] 19:20:37

To try and gain some compliance to open the sidewalk and open the driveway to this parking lot.

[Brian Hughes] 19:20:43

They were immediately met with profanity and threats. With the body worn cameras on nowadays, we can look back and review all the things And to be honest with you, it was sad. It was a sad thing to watch for me.

[Brian Hughes] 19:21:01

But those are all protected free speech, First Amendment, free speech. There's no mandate that people like the police. And I understand that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:21:09

But at that time with a lot of hostility and some threats.

[Brian Hughes] 19:21:16

And the officers, there were more people there that were yelling at the officers, these kinds of threats.

[Brian Hughes] 19:21:20

And that's not normal for us to go to events and have that kind of engagement.

[Brian Hughes] 19:21:26

There was no threatening behavior by the police officers. I watched the video.

[Brian Hughes] 19:21:31

And there was a lot of threatening behavior by people that were present. Now, I don't know if they were people that were part of this community free store. I don't know enough about it to say they were or they weren't.

[Brian Hughes] 19:21:42

It's my understanding that this is a kind of a collective of people that gather down there to do these things.

[Brian Hughes] 19:21:49

And so I don't know. But the officers felt that they needed to call for additional officers to come down to the scene.

[Brian Hughes] 19:21:58

And be present and assist them while they maintain order and did their best to try and open up sidewalks And... site and issue citations.

[Brian Hughes] 19:22:08

The officers could have towed the cars that were blocking the driveway to the parking lot but did not.

[Brian Hughes] 19:22:14

They issued citations to those cars. And then while we were there.

[Brian Hughes] 19:22:19

Of the anti-police people that were there walked into the roadway.

[Brian Hughes] 19:22:25

And there are laws that require that you cross at intersections and that you not cross mid block.

[Brian Hughes] 19:22:30

And so the a sergeant on scene issued, I think, a total of three citations Some of the people did not want to provide their names.

[Brian Hughes] 19:22:38

And were briefly handcuffed while they were identified. Once they were identified, they reviewed citations and then the event was over.

[Brian Hughes] 19:22:47

For us, we disengaged from the group, allowed things to calm down a little bit.

[Brian Hughes] 19:22:52

And went about our evening. So no arrests were made. The following week, we were there with community members. Some community members came down. We thought it might be better for community members to engage with the people that were there to kind of

[Brian Hughes] 19:23:08

Maybe give their perspective on what it's like to have a business or live in that community and how this is affecting things when the group is there.

[Brian Hughes] 19:23:16

And... there were no arrests in that situation either i think that the Community Free Store opted to set up a block over.

[Brian Hughes] 19:23:24

And not block the driveway of the garden there, which was great. It's my understanding that that there was no incidents.

[Brian Hughes] 19:23:32

A deputy district attorney was invited to come and join and observe what was going on there.

[Brian Hughes] 19:23:38

And a representative from the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office did join at our request.

[Brian Hughes] 19:23:43

Just to take a look and see. What their perspective was.

[Brian Hughes] 19:23:48

And the information I got back was that they observed and saw what was going on in did not believe there was any criminal nexus to what was going on.

[Brian Hughes] 19:23:57

And I don't, you know, based on what I know about this, I don't think, aside from blocking driveways and blocking the streets, it's a crime to block the streets in Oregon. You can't do that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:24:09

And he could be arrested for blocking the street. It doesn't always get to that. Usually compliance ensues and

people, once they're educated on the law, move on to the street.

[Brian Hughes] 19:24:17

But the district attorney's office gave us that advice. We also consulted with the city attorney's office on the matter.

[Brian Hughes] 19:24:24

And really not really a criminal nexus to this. That night ended with no citations, no arrests.

[Brian Hughes] 19:24:33

And then last week, I kind of was made aware, you know, because of the rising temperature of things and you all probably saw some of the social media stuff.

[Brian Hughes] 19:24:43

Asked that we take a pause from any police engagement. With the group that was down there.

[Brian Hughes] 19:24:51

And I think that maybe some of the city commissioners went down there. I think Commissioner Green went to try and observe what was going on.

[Brian Hughes] 19:24:59

And when he was there, he found that the group had appeared to have voluntarily relocated to another area, which was less impactful.

[Brian Hughes] 19:25:08

Which was good to hear. The commissioner was able to go down and observe things and speak with constituents down in that area.

[Brian Hughes] 19:25:22

That is where we are with community free stores. My understanding is the community free store i mean i I don't object to it. I mean, it sounds great. It's low barrier intent to hand out hygiene supplies food and clothing and stuff like that from the pictures I've seen on social media.

[Brian Hughes] 19:25:38

There is that anti-police sentiment. But like I said, there's no We're used to that at times with, you know, not everyone likes the police and i understand that So I can kind of see both sides sort of of this thing. And here in the flea police are kind of in the middle

[Brian Hughes] 19:25:53

I saw a question in the chat. I don't know who put it in there.

[Brian Hughes] 19:25:55

Somebody asked about permitting for that and I don't know of any permitting for tabling events that go on that we're not involved in that space as far as tabling goes.

[Brian Hughes] 19:26:09

With permits. So I don't have an answer for that. I'm probably not a bad idea.

[Brian Hughes] 19:26:13

For that to happen. I would like to share, though, that I do have some connections in the social service space down there.

[Brian Hughes] 19:26:23

And when it comes to events that are very kind of on the boots on the ground directly interfacing with people that are suffering.

[Brian Hughes] 19:26:33

Have anyone in this group here heard of Night Strike? I can only see if I see some people say yeah nodding their heads yes that's gone on for 20 years.

[Brian Hughes] 19:26:42

And it's under the Burnside Bridge, and it's every Thursday night. And it started when I was here in Portland as just a police officer.

[Brian Hughes] 19:26:50

In working in Central Precinct. And I remember when it first happened, a large group of homeless people would gather and people like, what's going on over here?

[Brian Hughes] 19:26:58

And then, you know, we learned a little bit more about it and has operated for 20 years with little to no interaction from the Portland Police. There's some structure involved with this.

[Brian Hughes] 19:27:12

They have permits that they take out with the city of Portland Parks and Rec.

[Brian Hughes] 19:27:16

To do that event because it's in, I believe it's in Waterfront park underneath the Burnside Bridge. It's gone back and forth on both sides of NATO over the years.

[Brian Hughes] 19:27:25

They take out insurance, they have training, de-escalation training for their staff.

[Brian Hughes] 19:27:31

Volunteers. They have, what else they have a reset routine that when they set up and then when they take down and then they clean up when they're done So a lot more structure is involved with what they do.

[Brian Hughes] 19:27:47

But no, at times people come down. People come down to downtown. For those of you that are familiar with Portland, it seems like most of you are.

[Brian Hughes] 19:27:53

We have a high concentration of our unhoused population in Old Town there. And so a lot of social services down there as well.

[Brian Hughes] 19:28:02

That provide care for them and services. But it's not uncommon for people to come and want to provide things

like dead times tents, clothing, food, and things like that and so Really, it's a challenging space for the Portland police to kind of be in but

[Brian Hughes] 19:28:22

Like I said, I can see both sides. Hopefully that explains kind of some of where we are with that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:28:27

I see some hands raised. Is there a moderator that can help maybe ask the question to me?

[Afrita Davis] 19:28:35

Thank you, Commander. Modelia.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:28:39

Yeah, thank you for explaining that. I think I just have a few clarifying questions.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:28:49

I didn't quite catch where like how these calls were initiated um was it through A 911 call to BOIC?

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:29:01

It was direct communication with you?

[Brian Hughes] 19:29:05

No, direct communication with my staff. So I have captains, lieutenants, and sergeants from the community engaging with them on alerting them to what was going on here.

[Brian Hughes] 19:29:17

I have to look back to see the times I spoke about when the streets were blocked I have to go back and look and see if there was a combination of community alert and alert and alert and calls to 911. I don't believe there were calls to 911. I don't

[Brian Hughes] 19:29:31

I hope not. That would be probably a non-emergency call, but I'd have to resource that.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:29:36

Okay, thank you. Yeah, and then um You also mentioned like the cops like the few who showed up were... people were telling them certain things.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:29:50

And is that what made them call for backup is there for backup Because like people were yelling at them, presumably is that kind of what led to more officers coming?

[Brian Hughes] 19:30:03

Yeah, that's part of it. The threats that were made, it's not i mean taken it to that next level and threatening the officers.

[Brian Hughes] 19:30:14

Was a little bit of an escalation on the part, but also kind of free speech too. We're starting to get into some complicated areas there with threats you could end up with a crime in that situation it's definitely concerning

behavior. I hope everyone on the call can agree with that.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:30:21
Right.

[Brian Hughes] 19:30:30
But no, it was that plus the plus the the the officers wanted to accomplish the mission, which was to open the sidewalk and to open the driveway to the parking lot.

[Brian Hughes] 19:30:41
And so with that many people there, they didn't feel as though just with three of them that they could do it safely.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:30:41
Mm-hmm.

[Brian Hughes] 19:30:46
They just wanted to basically resolve this problem. And leave.

[Brian Hughes] 19:30:51
But that's part of why. Does that explain it?

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:30:51
Gotcha. Yeah. And then... Yeah, I understand.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:31:00
So sorry, I have so many questions. Devonte, do you want to go and then I'll ask?

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:31:05
More.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:31:08
Yeah, so firstly, yeah, just I appreciate your overview of the situation commander hughes.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:31:14
And it was very insightful. I guess my i'm of a similar sentiment is yourself that sentiment is yourself It definitely, you know, there are aspects of both sides of it that I can, I guess, resonate with. And if anything understand

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:31:36
I guess the thoughts behind both sides of the conflict. I guess, and it is unfortunate. And so because you know you have business owners, you have residents that maybe are being impacted by this gathering and then you have the group of community members who are just trying to

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:31:54
Do a community service and help those in need. Um so um Both are equally important in my perspective.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:32:03
I guess, was there ever a thought or recommendation of I know that they eventually moved on their own and

they kind of relocated after, you know, the conflict Was it mentioned by anyone from the attorney's office or by any members of law enforcement to

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:32:22

The people, the event organizers that inquiring is is if they are able to move or they are able to move maybe just brainstorming to find a better location that might be optimal to better assist those in need without You know, causing any negative impact to

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:32:39

The community members and the residents or the business owners in the area It's just one of those things where you know i if the city has a precedent of when these kind of organizations pop up of maybe interacting with them and trying to work together and collaborate to find out what most

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:32:59

What might be the most effective location, timing of these giveaways to make sure that it's not a an issue for anybody involved.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:33:10

Was there any conversation about any of that i guess For the sake of just wanting to see the best outcome possible for the residents, for PPB, for those transient individuals in the community anything to say about that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:33:22

I made the other ones and I made one of them. Absolutely. Oh, no, absolutely. Totally. Yeah.

[Brian Hughes] 19:33:27

That would be my... preferred goal here is that that could happen but And I start talking about perceptions i i looked into a little bit about community free store and there's you can read you go on and take a look and see but there's very

[Brian Hughes] 19:33:45

Reluctance to engage with government and so um and i can see a point of view. I can see that point of view and so that makes it challenging. So my hope is I don't know i i just i value

[Brian Hughes] 19:34:01

Relationship building. I would like to come back to this meeting someday because you all seem really engaged and I know you just met me and you don't know me and I don't know any of you.

[Brian Hughes] 19:34:12

But I don't know. I think so much can be accomplished over time if you take a moment to listen to where people are coming from and understand that point of view.

[Brian Hughes] 19:34:22

And then over time, you know, we oftentimes show up in these uniforms I'm wearing today and it's like, we need this done now.

[Brian Hughes] 19:34:28

Change this behavior now. And when there's violence and crimes and stuff like that, we need to solve that right now.

[Brian Hughes] 19:34:35

You know for other things for other things I kind of lean towards the relationship building side. I like that I think when people understand where others are coming from, even a group that's anti-police you know and And to answer your question, too.

[Brian Hughes] 19:34:52

Devonte is... I don't necessarily think police are probably the best ones to engage in that way and try and gain that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:35:02

That trust and maybe that dialogue and that relationship to maybe adjust kind of what's going on there so that everyone can coexist in the same space.

[Brian Hughes] 19:35:13

Without conflict so without conflict Yeah, I applaud Commissioner green for you know for trying and trying to start at least building some kind of relationship. I really appreciate him doing that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:35:28

I don't remember in a time when city council person actually did that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:35:35

But I thought it was great. But yeah, no, we'll still advocate for other avenues of the city to be engaged in this way and try and sort of negotiate a solution I guess if you will.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:35:47

Thank you so much for that. You know, it's relationship building, I think, is the most, it's one of the reasons that I was really driven to to join PSEP is because I think that there are so many opportunities for

[Brian Hughes] 19:35:48

Yeah. Turkey.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:36:00

There to be more positive interactions between law enforcement and community. And I think we often we so often hear about the negative interactions, but we don't hear enough about the positive ones And so I think in my ideal world, maybe there would have been, and I know that you guys, you said that your offices were immediately met with hostility and profanity.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:36:19

But even if there would have been some sort of way, and I know I'm kind of just being idealistic here possibly.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:36:24

But if there would have been a way for even one of the officers to say, hey, is there anything I can do to help? And also, can we maybe relocate this just over here, you know.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:36:33

So that we're not blocking the driveway. And, you know, an officer maybe helped give out some of the items that the community members had.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:36:40

You know, those kinds of, you know, collaborative activities between law enforcement and community You know, and I really like what Chief Day said about You know, officers just kind of walking a beat in the community, building relationships and You know, one of the things that I really would like to see is some sort of, you know, even if this is like a

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:37:00

A community walk right between you know with with law enforcement and community members walking for a cause or You know, coffee with the cop or, you know, something like that. I want to see more activities and events like that in the city so

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 19:37:13

Thank you so much for speaking about

[Brian Hughes] 19:37:27

Thank you

[Afrita Davis] 19:37:28

All right. We'll go to Leslie next.

[Afrita Davis] 19:37:36

Yeah, there we go.

[Leslie | she/her] 19:37:37

Yep, there we go. Thank you so much. I feel like, you know, Devontae finish it off really well. So I don't want to like rehash things or anything like that but um i just and I don't also mean to sound

[Leslie | she/her] 19:37:49

To try to come off as a skeptic. But, you know.

[Leslie | she/her] 19:37:54

In these decentralized community groups that do not work with the government for specific reasons that they don't want to engage you know they're community aid organizations and things like that, they typically do have a very good understanding of what they can and can't do to stay off of the police radar.

[Leslie | she/her] 19:38:18

Like they know I need to be here. I need to not do this you know like that is that is like very present in most of these organizations when they're engaging with the police. So for me, when I was hearing about this to me very much it sounds like a

[Leslie | she/her] 19:38:35

It's very similar to the pre-test stops right where now you have a bunch of police.

[Leslie | she/her] 19:38:40

And now any minor thing that may not be a big deal becomes a big deal and becomes an infraction.

[Leslie | she/her] 19:38:46

So like, for example, I'm thinking about the citations that were given out that were a result of like you know essentially jaywalking right they were jaywalking citations like I walk around Portland every day. I see jaywalking every day. I see jaywalking in front of police officers.

[Leslie | she/her] 19:39:03

So for there to be the citations, you know, it just seems Again, I don't mean to come off as a skeptic. I see your perspective. I see both sides of it.

[Leslie | she/her] 19:39:13

It just it still doesn't click for me Because these organizations that there's there was like 12 police officers when we have a resource constrained police force that takes 30 minutes to respond for calls.

[Leslie | she/her] 19:39:29

For this specific type of action. So again, I don't need to rehash what was already said or anything like that. I definitely understand like both perspectives and all the perspectives that were shared today.

[Leslie | she/her] 19:39:41

Felt like that needed to be said.

[Brian Hughes] 19:39:48

Thank you. No, I value that input, Leslie. And I hear what you're saying.

[Afrita Davis] 19:39:48

Council.

[Brian Hughes] 19:39:53

You know there's an aspect of kind of trying to restore some order but At the same time, I do hear what you say, what you're saying there.

[Brian Hughes] 19:40:02

My hope would be kind of a coexist with the group

[Leslie | she/her] 19:40:07

Yeah.

[Afrita Davis] 19:40:11

Councillor Green.

[Councilor Green (he/him)] 19:40:14

Thank you so much for letting me participate. And I won't use up much time. I just wanted to say that I didn't have much success interacting with its group for reasons that I think Leslie already articulated the There's a deep mistrust for mistrust

[Councilor Green (he/him)] 19:40:31

For not just police, but people from the government. And I'm from the government so But this is my district.

[Councilor Green (he/him)] 19:40:39

Very strongly in mutual aid efforts as a praxis and i'm If anyone is interested in helping me think through creative

ways to to address this and it might be someone else having that conversation. I don't know. I'm at the table. My email is counselor.green at portlandoregon.gov.

[Councilor Green (he/him)] 19:41:01

Please reach out. I'm on this issue. So thanks for Brian for helping me kind of give me the space to not engage in see if there was a way to kind of take a non-policing solution to this and um

[Councilor Green (he/him)] 19:41:15

That's the role I would like to play in this. So thanks, guys.

[Afrita Davis] 19:41:21

Thank you, Councilor Green. Kat?

[Kat M] 19:41:24

Hi, thank you. My name's Kat. I used to be the executive director of Sisters of the Road, which is also located in Old Town.

[Kat M] 19:41:32

And I was there for about two years. Every other Friday outside of our office and outside where the cafe was located, which was Davis and 6th.

[Kat M] 19:41:42

Tables would set up and give out dinner, clothing, and supplies.

[Kat M] 19:41:46

Never once did the cop show up. And this overlaps when the free store was also starting.

[Kat M] 19:41:54

And I just want to contrast that because some of this is also the animosity of some of the businesses and residences down there. There has been problems in Old Town in terms of nonprofits expanding.

[Kat M] 19:42:05

And what kind of nonprofit expands. So Lanshu is expanding. Everyone's glad about that. I love it too. It's a great space. However... the Executive Director of Lansfield, Elizabeth Nye.

[Kat M] 19:42:17

And the owner of Society Hotel, Jesse Burke. Have been working as part of the Old Town Community Association for several years, and they will boast about it in the meetings about how they have direct phone numbers to certain council members in the past or their staff.

[Kat M] 19:42:31

And how they would walk the streets with Sam Adams and how they had some of the cops numbers and they had these things.

[Kat M] 19:42:36

So if there's a direct call, most likely it emanated from them. If there's something outside that's too close to their business.

[Kat M] 19:42:43

They will complain. I don't think that's fair because when sisters called the police.

[Kat M] 19:42:48

When somebody was stabbed on our corner. My staff person, who was the kitchen manager at the time, was told by 911 Cops don't go to sisters.

[Kat M] 19:42:58

So how do you reconcile these sorts of things? I'm not saying that it is absolutely your fault. I know that you and Chief Day are trying your best to change this perception.

[Kat M] 19:43:08

You know, and you're trying to change that the impact of when cops show up is negative.

[Kat M] 19:43:12

But how do you then control cops who have a bias? How do you control when businesses have a bias?

[Kat M] 19:43:19

I've gone up in articles against Aaron Schmaltz. I've gone up in articles against other owners in Old Town.

[Kat M] 19:43:26

And there is this animosity. It cannot be denied. It cannot be hidden.

[Kat M] 19:43:30

And it has to be addressed even in how the cops execute and carry out their duties. If you're going to cite some folks for jaywalking because they're right there in their quote unquote easy targets.

[Kat M] 19:43:40

Was somebody brought up a few minutes ago, there's easy targets every day of people crossing the street, not at the corner in front of cop cars, in front of cops.

[Kat M] 19:43:47

I've seen cops drive by folks on Third Avenue who are in the street and never stop and cite them.

[Kat M] 19:43:54

So, sure, you needed to somehow control that situation. At the same time when cops show up to situations, it activates people.

[Kat M] 19:44:03

The free store has tables, has supplies, gives things out, and they only stay about two hours and then they go.

[Kat M] 19:44:11

It's been going on for a long time, longer than it's been probably on a lot of folks' radar.

[Kat M] 19:44:17

It's only on the radar now. Because it got a little closer to Lanshu with the fenced off sidewalk on Flanders where it used to set up.

[Kat M] 19:44:25

If it sets up by 6th and Davis. I can guarantee you won't get a phone call.

[Kat M] 19:44:31

These things have to be addressed as well. What is the fairness? What is the equity?

[Brian Hughes] 19:44:40

All great points, Kat. I agree with you. With Sisters of the Road, I was always curious and intrigued by that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:44:51

And curious if it would be okay if I were ever to go in there. And I have the ability as a precinct commander to operate in plain clothes and come out and be more part of community events at times.

[Brian Hughes] 19:45:01

I'll come and meet with people. A lot of our service providers prefer that I not come in uniform.

[Brian Hughes] 19:45:06

And so I'm pretty happy to do that. Throw on, it's more comfortable for me to be in a polo shirt and whatever but um Yeah, it's amazing the difference. You're so right in how the police show up and activate people.

[Brian Hughes] 19:45:20

And I noticed that too when I'm going into those spaces When I'm in a uniform like this and people see the uniform and that means different things to different people. And I certainly respect that.

[Brian Hughes] 19:45:36

I want you to know I've been a central pricing since June.

[Brian Hughes] 19:45:42

And um I do have a commitment to ensuring that we can all coexist in the space down there together and I value what you have to say. I value what all of you have to say and I will do my best to encourage the officers

[Brian Hughes] 19:45:58

To see things from different points of views. As you were mentioning this, I thought to myself, you know, there's times I probably could have invited officers to come with me and play clothes.

[Brian Hughes] 19:46:06

To come to these service providers and hear their perspectives on things.

[Brian Hughes] 19:46:10

As well as business owners and all stakeholders equally So just thinking through this and just thinking through this Yeah, no, I thank you for your point of view. I appreciate it.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:46:26

Yeah, no, thank you for that. And you just kind of address what I wanted to kind of ask about, we've had conversations before about I don't know that this is classified as a public order event maybe reached that level of escalation but

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:46:46

Also, we've had discussions about alternative means to engage with people that can avoid an escalation with whoever the incident commander or whomever is on site is and I think my question with my I saw some of the Instagram posts and I've seen the

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:47:10

Stories out there. I don't have firsthand knowledge of exactly what happened but I guess my primary question was my question was Was there not a better way to a better way engage and interact that would engage hopefully not lead to a more confrontational aspect

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:47:33

And I truly appreciate, I've mentioned this multiple conversations there are people who absolutely do not like police and you're never going to really bridge that right um And that's okay. They're also part of our communion society.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:47:51

But ideally, when you have a confrontational situation. My hope and goal is a goal a way to diffuse and deescalate rather than engage and escalate.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:48:07

What little I understand of this event, it seemed like there was engagement and escalation And I'm hoping i'm hoping maybe this is a good place to start on how do we make sure that doesn't happen again.

[Brian Hughes] 19:48:23

I love it, Kip. I'm there with you. You put it amazing. I'm right there with you.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 19:48:29

Cool. Thank you. That's what I'd like to see.

[Afrita Davis] 19:48:35

Dr. Elizabeth.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 19:48:40

Kat, I am so grateful. To hear what you know about how some of those blocks work because I don't live there.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 19:48:52

I don't have reasons to go there. I would never know.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 19:48:58

About how the insiders and I'm not sure outsider is the right word, but others, at least that. I would never know how those alliances and alliances competitiveness is work.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 19:49:14

And I dare say that there are people in the police department who don't know how they work really.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 19:49:21

I am so pleased to hear it. I look forward to hearing more about the neighborhood you were speaking about, Kat.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 19:49:30

But also about other neighborhoods. I would like all of us to hear more about how these alliances, neighbor friendships work.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 19:49:45

It's clearly true that they are there. And they can make things work or they can make things worse.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 19:49:54

I'm a Jane Jacobs person, so I'm big into personal friendships and alliances And it's inevitable that there will be competitiveness, but knowing where it is is a real benefit to all of us. So thank you so much, Kat.

[Afrita Davis] 19:50:16

Thank you, Dr. Allen. So, Odelia, this is go ahead and ask your question. And this is the last question of this section.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:50:25

Awesome. Thank you. Yeah, I think I just want to build on what a few people have shared. I think going off of what Leslie shared about jaywalking.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:50:37

The only other time I've seen or heard of folks being arrested or detained or cited for jaywalking is at protests specifically the protests at Portland State last year.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:50:56

Around Palestine and the asking the school to divest and so It's hard to see jaywalking being used as a tool in a similar way there. When, again, I mean, I jaywalk like all the time. And I have privilege to do that, right?

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:51:17

But yeah, I think I just wanted to like make that connection briefly and then also with what folks are saying about like We're hearing a lot about community or about police being underfunded and understaffed.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:51:34

And then seeing like 20 officers and 11 cop cars at

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:51:45

This like community free store event and it's and then hearing about long wait times and it's really hard to understand from the outside how issues are being prioritized and calls are being prioritized when there's so much police presence at something that is like community oriented and

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:52:03

Safe. It is only like The only crime is taking up space on the sidewalk.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:52:11

So I guess... My... point in saying all of this is I think it's tying back to A question PSAP has been investigating for a while of if different people are policed differently and why that happens or how. And so I think like

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:52:33

The fact that there are ties to the DA's office in this instance for people passing out free stuff when I'm Have not heard of that happening before and because of a direct relationship of the society hotel owner to the DA's office.

It's hard for this to not feel like favors to

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:52:55

Wealthy community members, whereas in other instances this wouldn't happen. And again, like... Just because they were saying anti-police things, as you said, doesn't make it illegal or wrong. There's a difference between like saying mean things and threatening, right? And that's where like First Amendment comes in. And so I guess I'm

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:53:18

All of that to say is It can be hard for me not to assume that like more cops showed up because people were saying anti-police things or things like that and that led to more escalation and further intimidation and now has kind of

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:53:38

Created a pattern. At these community free stores, and I'm really grateful for everything you shared and everything that Councillor Green shared. And I think that Hopefully, like this Distribution can Continue. I don't know if you have any thoughts on like how, what Kat shared of how

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:53:59

Different areas are policed differently depending on vicinity to certain um like businesses and how that kind of plays into when and where police show up.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 19:54:11

Sorry, that was like an extremely long point.

[Brian Hughes] 19:54:14

Okay. No, it's fascinating to hear your point of view. It's cool. No, this is a tough spot, right? So police are between you have And commissioners are in a tough spot, too, because they have constituents that are in the business community

[Brian Hughes] 19:54:28

Constituents that want to go down and provide mutual aid and try to understand where both sides are coming from and try to find that middle ground.

[Brian Hughes] 19:54:36

That's a challenge and it's much easier when we go to a scene where there is a crime, right? Or like somebody's robbing a bank.

[Brian Hughes] 19:54:44

That's pretty clear. That person is robbing a bank, terrorizing the people. We need to make an arrest and solve that problem.

[Brian Hughes] 19:54:50

These problems are much more in-depth and involved in part of it for me is hearing your perspective and all the views here today, which I appreciate.

[Brian Hughes] 19:54:59

Just to be clear, the district attorney's office I have heard numerous times now that that there are people in that

community in Old Town that have um been involved with campaigns and stuff like that. The district attorney came at our request.

[Brian Hughes] 19:55:17

We wanted a district attorney's perspective on things. And the district attorney that came is a deputy district attorney who is a neighborhood district attorney assigned to my precinct.

[Brian Hughes] 19:55:29

So for problem problem problems that we deal with.

[Brian Hughes] 19:55:33

In the precinct, I can have him provide advice. He has spent many, many years in the human trafficking world.

[Brian Hughes] 19:55:42

Along 82nd Avenue doing amazing work and trying to get people out of the human trafficking world.

[Brian Hughes] 19:55:49

Up there. And so that was his previous assignment in DA's office. Now he's a neighborhood da And we've had neighborhood DA since I was a police officer back in uh way back when it was Lori Abraham.

[Brian Hughes] 19:56:01

And she helped us problem solved with people that were chronically getting arrested and trying to figure out, okay, arrest is not working here. What other things can we do with this person? And so neighborhood TAs are amazing.

[Brian Hughes] 19:56:12

And I'm really glad that we have. District attorney or deputy district attorney Jafusa here to help And like I said, his perspective on things was he really, you know, there doesn't appear to be criminal nature involved what was going on here, which I appreciate.

[Brian Hughes] 19:56:28

So, but yeah, we will continue working on the space from what i've seen.

[Brian Hughes] 19:56:32

The Community Free Store, it looks It looks low impact to me as well, you know, handing out some food and some socks and some hygiene kits. If I was in that position, I'd put myself in that position. If I was in that position

[Brian Hughes] 19:56:47

What that would be like. And I can't imagine. I have never been in that space so I just have to imagine what it's like and talk to people.

[Brian Hughes] 19:56:57

Alan, you brought up a very important point to understand these spaces in these communities.

[Brian Hughes] 19:57:01

I don't know if you can see or not, but I have a sunburn because I was in Waterfront Park.

[Brian Hughes] 19:57:06

All day today. I did my meetings at Waterfront Park. The cherry blossoms were beautiful.

[Brian Hughes] 19:57:11

I did my work as the commander of the precinct, but I was out and engaged with people in the community. I saw what was going on in Waterfront park and built relationships with people that were visiting from i know

[Brian Hughes] 19:57:24

Outside of Portland, people that were in portland It was awesome. And Dr. Allen, I highly recommend engaging and getting out into the community. It's fascinating We had some excellent conversations today. In fact, one person I talked to we were talking about the challenges that Portland faced. And I pointed down to the sidewalk and I said, you know, if you look really hard at that sidewalk amongst all these beautiful cherry blossoms, you're going to see some dirt.

[Brian Hughes] 19:57:46

On that sidewalk. And if you want to focus on that dirt and stay in that space, then you can.

[Brian Hughes] 19:57:51

Or you'd be like everybody else in this waterfront park and look at the cherry blossoms and the good and what's going well in Portland. So I apologize, I went off on a tangent on the stop now.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 19:58:01

I just want to let everyone know we do need to wrap here. And so I want to give Chief Day and Commander Hughes the chance to To say goodbye and let you off the hook here but um Thank you so much for a very frank and informative discussion. I learned a lot and I think

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 19:58:22

Yeah, I hope everyone did. So thank you so much for being here.

[Bob Day] 19:58:27

Yeah, I just want to say thanks again. Thanks for showing up and for volunteering. I do want to comment on the appearance of favoritism, I think that's an absolute accurate observation, but I also want to recognize, and I think Commander Hughes identified this, but I want to infer sort of the complexity of the world we work in. And we regularly are in contact with community members, not just business owners.

[Bob Day] 19:58:51

Outreach workers, I mean, you name it. I have sat down with billionaires and I have sat down with the poorest of the poor and people have access to us and information comes into us in a variety of different ways.

[Bob Day] 19:59:03

Not always through 911. Sometimes it comes in through elected officials. Sometimes it comes in through neighborhood associations.

[Bob Day] 19:59:09

Sometimes we'll be at a neighborhood meeting and they'll be told about a problem and then we will specifically address that problem in response to that community member concern. So we're sensitive and aware of that.

[Bob Day] 19:59:23

I don't have an answer for how that changes. I actually was on the phone with director Bob Causey today.

[Bob Day] 19:59:29

About all of that in terms of how we record that information, how we set up a call, all of that is part of the learning. So I want to affirm it, but I also want to recognize that this is not an uncommon practice. Doesn't mean it's right. Doesn't mean it needs to stay the same, but

[Bob Day] 19:59:44

I'm kind of at a loss as to how to how to break that up. But at the end of the day Oh, yeah. Sorry, Bob Causey runs 911. Excuse me. Thank you, Elizabeth. At the end of the day, I just want to say thanks.

[Bob Day] 19:59:54

I know we've gone a little over. Thanks, Brian, for your time and for everybody and then You know, we'll keep we'll keep at it.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:00:03

Yeah, thank you both so much for answering our questions and your time coming. Hopefully we can continue and whether this turns into talking about call types or whatever, really appreciate your engagement with us.

[Bob Day] 20:00:19

Thank you.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:00:19

Yeah, likewise. Thank you very much.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:00:30

Okay. Yeah, we are going to, we do have one final agenda item. I know there's been a lot in this meeting. I think it's all been super informative.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:00:42

And thank you everyone for For bearing with our last item here.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:00:50

Yeah. And so I'm just going to pass it back to the chairs and, you know, bear in mind, this is really just a report out not so much a discussion, but just sort of a check-in with each other. And hopefully that will align with the amount of time you have left. So go ahead, chairs.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:01:12

Thank you, Dori.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:01:18

So... Did you want to take this whole deal or did you want me to take it?

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:01:21

No, I just wanted to say, like Dori said, there's open public comment. So if community members, if you want to comment on something that was just talked about or anything else. Hopefully this will take around 15 minutes and then we'll hear all open public comments. So you have something

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:01:39

You can share it then or in the chat now, but go ahead, Devonte

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:01:43

Thank you so much. Okay, so just wanted to speak on the final report on PSEP's restructure or PCCEP.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:01:56

That's something that we've been working on the last about two months or so, just trying to get things restructured as far as deciding what our subcommittees will be and will be whether or not we're going to have a steering committee and what the full committee looks like and what all the core functions of these different committees will be.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:02:19

To allow PSAP to be as efficient as possible. The next year.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:02:25

If we can get the next slide.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:02:28

Yeah, so here we'll have each set of subcommittee chairs share out on their core tasks that they've developed. So I think For community engagement, we just have noelle here.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:02:40

So Noelle, go ahead.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:02:43

Yeah, so for the community engagement subcommittee, the core tasks we're looking at is identifying and relationship building with community partners and leaders over the spectrum of Portland.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:02:59

You know the priorities definitely being those centered around like the settlement agreement so of certain marginalized communities. We also have relationship building with the council and mayor to learn more about public safety priorities and needs.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:03:26

We also... With this, it's... making sure it's relevant, timely And... Let's see what else. Sorry, my screen's... freezing up a little bit.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:03:44

So we're also looking at a community engagement event once every two months in community spaces, whether that be like a town hall listening event, open.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:03:57

Or another training, we have the April 7th showing of Alien Boy coming up That is part of the training but We've been in communications of maybe an event afterwards on this as well.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:04:15

And then we also have evaluation of BPVs, community engagement work.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:04:21

And how they're going about building the trust and transparency And recommendations based on community engagement work and findings.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:04:34

So it's kind of being flexible with how we go, but these are our core tasks we're going to be continuing to work on.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:04:45

Right. And do people want to pause for comment on each component or should we look at them all and then revisit.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:04:55

Psap members.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:05:01

I'm with Dr. Allen. I think we should revisit at the end.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:05:06

Right. Okay, let's move on to the policy and reform subcommittee. This was prepared by KIPP, so I will pass it to Kip as his co-chair is also absent today.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:05:20

Kip and Tia, grateful for Tia's thoughtfulness and I just built on it.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:05:29

So the things we've identified through conversations that we feel are some of our core tests and how we want to spend our time in these meetings and I appreciate the turnout and Hope it keeps growing.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:05:48

Is to, in our subcommittee meeting have a briefing on the current PPB directives And what is up for review keeping everybody informed and helping to engage. I think it's uh It's an important aspect of it because it is kind of unique and kind of unique in

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:06:16

And engagement with a policing organization. So I just want to keep that moving forward and keep evolving.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:06:28

Our committee will also be working on writing public comment on directives involving use of forest ops data and directives relating to the settlement agreement during public review periods That's part of the first bullet, but also with the consent decree lawsuit

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:06:45

And the other moving pieces that the independent monitor is tracking and our hope is to kind of have through lines through all of that.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:06:57

Also to keep track of remaining 45 plus articles that i think that need to be completed to get to the end of the

settle settlement agreement.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:07:13

Also, as a two bring up and address issues that arise in the moment for public input.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:07:22

And next steps that are warranted. Next steps. Also, we have talked as an overall committee about how do we support each other and Is there a workflow across us? And sometimes I think there will be, and sometimes maybe a subcommittee will fully own something

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:07:41

We'll see how that plays out as coming weeks come. Be able to facilitate, I can say words at this time of night.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:07:50

Facilitate ongoing discussions of city code directives, reporting and evaluations as needed.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:07:58

So just more of what we were doing more of what we were doing In the previous calendar year and building on that.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:08:05

And of course, working with community and any relevant organizations and making recommendations and providing input that will strengthen the work that we all do together.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:08:18

Conversations and relationship building with various first responders, including the PPV, Understanding how we approach the recommendations we do and facilitate conversations needs the parties that are directly involved as well of course.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:08:38

And then connecting and working with other councils, committees across the city and other related organizations again to provide that extra level of extra being well informed and having what I thought, again, today was a really great frank discussion. I think that's how we move through this as community.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:09:01

And of course, working with city council mayor's office and additional stakeholders to address all of the above

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:09:14

Focus on how we do improve policy and and have better outcomes, which is why we're all here.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:09:22

41 paragraphs. Thank you, Dan.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:09:29

Okay. Thank you, Kip. Okay, full committee.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:09:35

Cheers, you are up.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:09:44
Sure. So... I can go over this one.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:09:49
Essentially, the full committee core task um All matters requiring a discussion that includes all PSAP members or votes of the full committee.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:10:07
Definitely those will both be core functions for the full committee.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:10:11
Regular report outs subcommittee chairs on progress and work products of those individual subcommittees.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:10:19
There might not be. You know, every PSAP member attending the subcommittee meeting. So the full committee is an excellent opportunity for everyone to kind of do their share outs and everyone to get on the same page.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:10:34
We obviously anticipate more member attendance at the full committee meetings so That'll be an excellent space for that.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:10:44
Content uh or yeah, content discussions deemed by full committee co-chairs to warrant input of full committee.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:10:50
So if there was going to be maybe a decision or a direction being considered that we would find beneficial for the full committee to be privy of or to be included in we would have those at the full committee as well.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:11:07
And any hosted Amiki trainings that might need to happen. Or be on the radar.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:11:14
Whole committee would be the spot for those to be held as well.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:11:17
And then managing governing documents such as bylaws And the PSAP or PCCEP plan.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:11:27
Those uh those things or tasks that would obviously impact the entirety of the group as a whole.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:11:35
It would make more sense for those to be done at the full committee. And so those are where we'll do those.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:11:42
I don't know if anybody had any questions about that. But I think it's pretty straightforward.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:11:49

And...

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:11:51

And then we do have last up. The steering committee, I can read this one.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:11:59

Steering committee is going to be about the strategic guidance and direction For all committee components, so to establish the high level priorities that guide the work of the full committee and its subcommittees. A reminder that the steering committee will be convened by all

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:12:16

Piece up leadership so the six leadership co-chairs.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:12:22

Coordination and communication. So this is to make sure that there's no overlap between subcommittees and that the subcommittees are doing work that is consistent with the core tasks and missions laid out here.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:12:37

And then it can also be a space for evaluation and continuous improvement.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:12:44

Yeah. And those will be happening on a quarterly basis and we are working on getting the first one scheduled, which will be for the second quarter of 2025.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:12:54

Okay, let's open it up for a brief discussion. Pset members, anything you want to touch upon?

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:13:03

Get clarity about revise, suggest, etc.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:13:14

Go ahead, Les

[Leslie | she/her] 20:13:18

Hi, yes, going back to the community engagement one i just I didn't see... I wanted to make sure that we incorporated If possible, you know, that community education element that we talked about. And so maybe it's just not super

[Leslie | she/her] 20:13:40

Like clear to me where it is here, but I did want to Ask about that.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:13:48

Yeah, great point. I do believe that there was consensus about that. I think I just forgot to add it to the slide.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:13:54

But yeah, we'll make sure to make sure include that.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:14:00

What was discussed about the education piece?

[Leslie | she/her] 20:14:03

Cool, cool. Thank you.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:14:11

Other questions, comments, even approval, support?

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:14:18

I just wanted to hop in real quick. And say, you know, part of the community education piece could also be wrapped up with the community engagement events that we host.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:14:31

Those would be, of course, like every two months Those ideas are very open right now to what those can be. And of course, community engagement is a part of that.

[Noel Cuthair- PCCEP] 20:14:43

You know, it's about um us teaching, but also us learning from the community.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:14:56

Great point.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:15:00

Anything on policy and reform?

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:15:06

Can you go to that slide? Oh, thank you.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:15:39

I personally think everything looks great and i don't think that's just because... I can no longer process these process things but I do think like i do think Everything looks great on paper and we'll just have to make sure that it flows together well.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:15:59

But yeah, I'm in approval and hopefully things work and we can and we can and we can and we can and we can work collaborative but not Too much. So too.

[Leslie | she/her] 20:16:14

I agree. I think this gives us good guidance and it is like the first of what we've the first kind of attempt at this so i'm sure we will have some edits and like you know kind of work on this as we

[Leslie | she/her] 20:16:31

Fine tune as we go. But I think this gives us for both committees enough guidance to move forward without like restricting us too too much.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:16:40

Yeah. And I do want to emphasize along the way that This is going to be iterative and iterative I'm really stoked with the conversations we've had the last several meetings to get to this point.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:16:57

And yeah, it's going to always be an evolving process.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:17:09

All right. How about the last components? Well, not last. Last in this order.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:17:17

Full committee steering committee.

[Leslie | she/her] 20:17:23

Still have a hard time wrapping my head around the steering committee concept just because so much of our work is so time sensitive and like malleable.

[Leslie | she/her] 20:17:32

But I'm very open to doing it and, you know, getting that guidance because maybe just that little bit of structure will just help us tackle some of the bigger things.

[Leslie | she/her] 20:17:45

So. I'm curious and I'm curious eager to try it out.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:17:51

Yeah, that's fair. I kind of agree, Leslie. I think we're going to see how it works because of exactly what you said, the responsive nature of a lot of this work.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:18:15

Any other comments?

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:18:30

Give it just a few more seconds here.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:18:37

Okay. Well, how about we pass it over to Afrida for open public comment. And the last item of this meeting.

[Afrida Davis] 20:18:48

All right. So now it's time for open public comment. And just a reminder of open public comment It is an opportunity for you to comment on any things or ask questions about anything that was discussed today.

[Afrida Davis] 20:19:00

Or anything of any work that PSEP is doing in the community.

[Afrida Davis] 20:19:04

And just like these three fine folks have done and raised their hands, please go ahead and raise your hand and we will get to you in the queue. I see you, Antoinette.

[Antoinette Edwards] 20:19:15

Greetings. Can you hear me? Oh, and I just jump right in. Okay, I'll wait my turn.

[Afrita Davis] 20:19:19

Yes. No, I was just noting that I see your physical.

[Afrita Davis] 20:19:24

Yeah, we'll go to Dr. Allen, but I see you're going to be the fourth hand Yeah.

[Antoinette Edwards] 20:19:29

Thank you.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:19:31

My first comment I imagine goes to KIPP. Is the period of time between the... contractors who do the monitoring the three months or so that included the police presence on PSU campus, is that period of time going to be going to be

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:19:57

Somehow accounted for. I mean, is that behavior going to be somehow included

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:20:05

So from the independent monitor standpoint, I don't believe so. That's my current understanding.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:20:13

I am folks on the call. If I'm incorrect, please correct me.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:20:17

As far as the engagement. And how it transpired.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:20:25

We have discussed it previously and I think overall that's part of what we want to be looking at.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:20:34

From a policy standpoint is and equitable and constitutional engagement.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:20:41

So we did have some public commentary and I believe Odea helped facilitate that.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:20:50

Last year and last year none of that's resolved yet or not none of that. Some of that has not been resolved yet.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:20:58

One thing missing from the bullet, and thank you for the question because you just peaked a missing part is that we also will be talking about some of the settlements that are coming up.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:21:13

And the ongoing conversation that we kind of started out with as well.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:21:19

Today on Yeah, Townsend, thank you i was It's been a really long day of meetings.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:21:21

Townsend today.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:21:28

So all of that's ongoing and that will all be baked into the how we look at policies and what can be improved on.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:21:37

Well, I understood that the independent contractors weren't going to be involved there's Unless somehow somebody modifies a contract for the one before or the one after and asks them to come back They're not involved.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:21:38

Yeah.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:21:52

Yeah, they are not involved. That's correct.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:21:54

Yeah, that's exactly right. Yeah, so that's something potentially PSAP could ask the monitor to do that. But as of right now or someone else could, but as it stands, the monitor will not be reviewing that period of time.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:21:55

But PSEP still has a mission.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:22:13

Well, somebody better have money if the monitor is going to be asked. That's a contract modification.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:22:19

I say speaking from my career in contracting. And my next comment is for you, Odelia.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:22:21

Mm-hmm. Yeah.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:22:30

My appreciation of what Kat had to give us wasn't phrased in terms of favoritism.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:22:42

And I certainly can see a point of view. I think you were talking about how the police are handling things differently in some ways than in other ways when really from a very neutral frame of reference there's not any difference like is every person who jaywalks equal

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:23:06

In their jaywalking offense. Or is the block they jaywalk on or the group that they're near when they jaywalked affecting how the police read the situation. I certainly do see that these things are hidden in the behavioral codes of the city

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:23:27

And in the ways that the police do and don't understand this little group of people and how they communicate

with other groups that are only a few feet away if you actually measure between this block and that block.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:23:44

I wondered if i wondered if you could see it the way I phrased it.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:23:55

Um... I don't think I understand what you're saying.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:24:00

I think I don't remember how you phrased it but I'm happy to talk to you in the chat with you about this because I think we need to move to the other.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:24:09

Comments? Yeah.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:24:11

All of my phrasing had to do with relationship as opposed to favoritism.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:24:21

Gotcha. Yeah, I'm still a little confused. I'm sorry.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:24:29

I think that's a good suggestion to... engage in the chat or perhaps via a different method.

[Dr. Elizabeth Allen] 20:24:40

I'm available, Dory, anytime, of course.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:24:41

Yeah. Great. Thank you, Dr. Allen.

[Afrita Davis] 20:24:48

Barbara.

[Barbara Bochinski] 20:24:54

Hi. Thank you so much for all these discussions and particularly with I forget what you call it, when they were handing out food on the sidewalk That whole thing.

[Barbara Bochinski] 20:25:09

Given the changes in federal funding, the cuts to food banks and housing and different things. And Social Security possibly. We don't know, right? It's very possible that there's going to be a huge spike in houselessness and hunger and I think that like trying people asking people to get permits or

[Barbara Bochinski] 20:25:31

Or hassling them in any way I think that... I hope there's compassion and mercy. It's all.

[Barbara Bochinski] 20:25:42

Thank you.

[Afrita Davis] 20:25:45

Thank you, Barbara. Babs.

[Babs] 20:25:53

Hi. It looks like, is Dan's hand still up? Because, yeah, okay, I stepped away. I've already spoken, so I can hold my comments.

[Afrita Davis] 20:25:57

Dance and you're still up.

[Babs] 20:26:06

And then I think Antoinette also wanted to make a comment so I'm fine with Dan and Antoinette.

[Afrita Davis] 20:26:07

Okay.

[Babs] 20:26:14

Going before me, okay?

[Afrita Davis] 20:26:17

Okay. Antoinette?

[Antoinette Edwards] 20:26:20

Thank you. Che, my teammate and I have just been texting back and forth. We're excited about the subcommittee community engagement, when might we meet with you all? There are so many collaborative opportunities that we don't want to miss And so who would I reach out to?

[Antoinette Edwards] 20:26:38

Because we just have a lot of ideas we want to share.

[Antoinette Edwards] 20:26:41

And be in community with you and your community engagement. And next.

[Antoinette Edwards] 20:26:47

The April 7th document documentary, is there going to be a panel discussion I'm curious because is it training? Will there be an opportunity to share updates from that happening to what's in place now.

[Antoinette Edwards] 20:27:02

So I'm just wondering what would that look like April 7th because uh shay and I are planning to attend

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:27:10

Yeah, I can jump in. There's going to be a brief. We don't have the theater for too long, unfortunately. So film is about an hour and a half and then we'll have 30 minutes. So we'll just have some brief like comments from PSEP and usually things run late, so we don't know how much time we'll actually have

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:27:29

So we'll have some closing comments and then we're hoping to have a follow-up panel to really continue the conversation. So that's kind of looking like a separate event and we'll have the date in time determined.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:27:45

For that follow-up panel or whatever it may be at the screening. So that'll be communicated more further.

[Antoinette Edwards] 20:27:51

Thank you.

[Afrita Davis] 20:27:54

Kristen?

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:28:01

Thank you. I just wanted to quickly touch on the questions I got asked in the chat. I actively listen best when I'm not trying to engage in chat. And so every time I went to go do something, I got pulled away from the conversation.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:28:14

I just want to say thank you to everybody for their patience with me.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:28:19

The questions that I saw about the CBPA, One was about... what ADA accommodations we are planning to make. And I'm sorry, I'm paraphrasing, but I lost internet access and so the chat disappeared for me. So I'm trying to do this for memory. But the application has a new question added about what

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:28:40

Ada accommodations folks may need. And then based on whether they check yes or no. We'll have private conversations about that and meet people where they're at with providing Resources.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:28:55

Don't want to prescribe anything until we know what folks are needing, but we do want to make sure that we're accommodating for that. Some of the outreach did include some screen accessibility and some low vision uh low vision supports as far as like design and those types of things. So we use that as part of our outreach efforts.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:29:17

And we'll continue to work more on accessibility in that way.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:29:22

Another question was asked about what outreach has been done in other languages, and I wanted to say that we started a draft of the flyer and communication in Spanish.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:29:35

And when I learned more about what was involved as a member of the CBPA, the example that was given to me was folks on this board may have to read documents upwards of a thousand pages in a very short amount of time.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:29:52

And knowing how long translation services happen, I didn't want to erode trust by promising people with meaningful participation.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:30:00

And not being able to have them participate meaningful once they were on the board.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:30:07

I will say that I met with somebody from the Equity and Human Rights Office this morning And we discussed language access and how we can make sure that once the CBPA is seated.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:30:20

That we can provide language access to community members, both who are attending meetings, who are filing complaints, who need follow up and support. And so those conversations are really happening Right from the beginning in the hopes that we can really build in that framework for folks.

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:30:39

And then the last question I know that got asked was about if I'm not seeing the applications, how do I know that they're complete?

[Kristen Thorp (she/her)] 20:30:48

Every application question is marked required and so folks won't be able to submit the application Unless all the fields are entered so Sorry, I talked really fast. I appreciate folks answering the question and again for the opportunity to be here. So thank you.

[Afrita Davis] 20:31:10

Thank you, Kristen. And Dan.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:31:17

Thanks, I'm Dan Handelman. He, him pronouns. I'm the group Portland Cop Watch, and I'm also a former... Police Accountability Commissioner.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:31:23

And while I appreciate getting that answer, I still have a lot of concerns about the rollout of the applications and the content and what's happening already.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:31:34

It seems strange to me from an equity standpoint that the Omnity committee is getting applications as they go along instead of getting them all at one time so that it people who had the time or whatever privilege to be able to fill out the form early.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:31:50

Get their things reviewed first, but that's just another issue to think about.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:31:55

So it's important, I think, especially in the context of the conversation you had tonight.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:32:01

I know that I think you already recognize this, but when you recognize when Please showed up at the community events for the two commissioners This was right after For the first time I can remember in 15 years or so, the police association president showed up at City Council and said in public, I don't usually say these things in public because they usually talk behind closed doors.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:32:23

And basically called out Councillor Kunal for being anti-union for proposing a change to the city code which is a real stretch, at least.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:32:33

And then the PPA president showed up again this Tuesday to talk about the budget and is repeating these comments about how every in Portland asked for more police Because that's the way to deal with crime. But there are a number of studies, including great series of articles that was in Street Roots last August that say the correlation between number of cops and the amount of crime

[dan handelman he/him] 20:32:55

You can't make that correlation. And in fact, the Oregonian put out a poll today showing that people are less concerned about crime, even though we allegedly still have a huge staffing crisis.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:33:04

So I think these are all things for you to all think about as we move forward.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:33:09

I am on the steering committee of the AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform, and I usually get information when new things are posted.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:33:16

In the court docs, I did not see it, but apparently I just found this online that the independent monitor filed their final plan on February 3rd. I don't remember that being discussed at any of these meetings.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:33:26

I know they submitted the draft plan. We were supposed to make comments by December, and then they Extended that when the judge was still needed to review it. In January, I didn't know it was finalized.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:33:38

I'm sort of on the inside and I still don't know things.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:33:41

So, you know, there's a lot of communication and transparency that needs to be adjusted and kind of also regarding the monitor I don't know, maybe hoping that the steering committee is going to wait to resolve this but if the

[dan handelman he/him] 20:33:55

Community Engagement Committee is doing forums and the settlement agreement people are going to host the independent monitor town halls, then how are you going to make sure that these Once every two months, things by the community engagement committee don't overlap with the other community engagement that's being done by the other committee. But I'm hoping you all work that out.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:34:15

By talking with one another and figuring it out because You could overload the community and yourselves by having too many town halls.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:34:25

All right. And lastly, I've said this before, but I'm going to say it again, especially when we're in the context of talking about police violence.

[dan handelman he/him] 20:34:32

It really bothers me when people talk about the little dots on a piece of paper as bullets. So I'm hoping that you remember to say dot instead of bullet. Thank you.

[Afrita Davis] 20:34:43

Lastly, BAPS.

[Afrita Davis] 20:34:48

You're on mute, Babs.

[Babs] 20:34:53

I don't know if people from the independent monitoring team want to respond to dan All I was going to say was I'm well aware that chief day.

[Babs] 20:35:06

Kind of skirted around my question about Portland Street Response. And of course, he brought up the budget And my response to that was, duh.

[Babs] 20:35:18

We know that. We are in a budget crisis.

[Babs] 20:35:25

But I at least wanted to go on record. In a meeting like this where there were two representatives of the police department and representatives of the independent police monitoring team.

[Babs] 20:35:37

As bringing that up. And I will continue to beat that drum.

[Babs] 20:35:43

When I attend two budget listening sessions next week. There's two more coming up, District 4, That's Mitch Green's district, as you know, and then district two my district and Samir Canal's district. So I did appreciate the two police officers being here.

[Babs] 20:36:02

And what they were trying to say, but, and I'll cut myself short Sometimes when people talk way too long.

[Babs] 20:36:14

It's hard to get to Okay, can you please just say what the most important things are?

[Babs] 20:36:22

Like one, two, three. Abc. But that's just me personally.

[Babs] 20:36:29

So thank you for listening and thank you for all the work this committee has done and will continue to do.

[Babs] 20:36:35

Thank you.

[Afrita Davis] 20:36:38

Thank you, Babs. And I turn it back over to Odia and Devontae to wrap the meeting up.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:36:49

Yeah. Long meeting. Lots of interesting stuff i'm excited to continue to have these conversations and see what comes out of it. As we talked about before our Next.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:37:08

Event is... April 7th, which will be the screening of Alien Boy, the life and death of James Chassie.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:37:16

And that'll be at Clinton Street Theater. Don't forget you have to RSVP.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:37:22

To get a seat, except for PSEP, there are seats reserved for us so don't worry about that.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:37:33

Yeah, thanks everyone for Being here, I know I have a headache after this.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:37:40

I mean, I always get headaches after PSIP meetings, so I don't know what that means. But anyways.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:37:47

Great. Love to hear it.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:37:48

Yeah, sorry, don't worry. Yeah.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:37:52

Comes with the whole thing, I thought. So I thought everybody did.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:37:57

Yeah, that's the point. That's why we do what we do, right?

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:37:57

Yeah. Yeah, that's why I joined PSAP.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:38:04

So anyways, moving on. Uh... Yeah, thanks again for being here. I know this was a lot. It was a really heavy conversation and we also covered like seven different things.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:38:18

So appreciate everyone's patients and also willingness to Except non-closure.

[Odelia Zuckerman (she/her) PCCEP] 20:38:25

Devontae, do you have anything else you want to Share.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:38:28

Yeah, I just wanted to go ahead and echo the appreciation and gratitude for everyone showing up to the space tonight. And yeah, the film showing on April 7th. And then that's just a reminder, that's also the same day that

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:38:45

Odelia and I are meeting with Mayor Wilson Very busy day, April 7th and excited for all the work we're going to be doing.

[DaVante Minnieweather (PCCEP Co-Chair)] 20:38:54

Thank you, everyone, for coming.

[Dori Grabinski, PCCEP Program Manager] 20:38:57

Thank you all. See you later. Have a great night.

[Kip S- PCCEP Policy & Reform] 20:39:00

Thank you all. Take care.

[Leslie | she/her] 20:39:02

Idol.