

## City of Portland

### Portland Committee on Community-Engaged

#### Policing (PCCEP)

#### PCCEP Full Committee Meeting

#### Meeting Notes

March 20, 2024, 6:00-8:30 PM

#### ***Members in Attendance:***

Ashley Schofield (PCCEP Co-Chair), Tia Palafox (Community Engagement Subcommittee Co-Chair), Odelia Zuckerman (Community Engagement Subcommittee Co-Chair), Leslie Martinez, Byron Vaughn (Settlement & Policy Subcommittee Co-Chair), Kip Silverman (Settlement & Policy Subcommittee Co-Chair), & Kerry Driver

#### ***Guests:***

- Pastor Robin Wisner, former PCCEP member
- Jared Hager, DOJ
- Mary Claire Buckley, PPB Inspector General In Charge of DOJ Compliance
- Chuck Lovell, PPB
- Sameer Kanal, Manager of ABC Unit in CSD, City of Portland
- Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, AMAC
- Dan Handelman, Portland CopWatch
- KC LeDell, Attorney – a public defender in Washington County
- Amanda Marshall, Attorney in Clackamas County

#### ***NOTES***

*1) Timestamps for the corresponding video are noted in bold, underlined text.  
2) A sampling of the questions and comments for each agenda item is presented below. All questions and comments are presented in summarized form, and they are not literal quotes unless quote marks are used.*

- Call to Order **0:15:19**

- Introductions **0:15:25**
- Introductions interrupted by technical problem **0:16:09**
- Introductions Resume **0:19:38**
- Community Agreements **0:23:22**
  
- Meeting Overview **0:23:52**
  - Updates
  - Presentations From Amici Partners
    - AMAC
    - MHA
  - PPB in the News
  - Open Public Comment Period
  
- Updates **0:25:15**
  - Recruitment for new PCCEP members is on-going
  - PCCEP will host a town hall on Portland Street Response (PSR)
    - March 27, 6:00-8:30pm
    - Designed to inform a planned PCCEP recommendation to the Mayor in support of PSR
    - Hybrid event located at the Melody Event Center in SE Portland. Food and parking provided.
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- Training From Amici Partners **0:27:11**
  - **The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition (AMAC)**
    - Invited Guests:
      - Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes (covering the historical context of the Settlement Agreement)
      - Dan Handelman, Portland CopWatch (covering data, racial biases, policies, and practice)
      - Pastor Robin Wisner, former PCCEP member (covering the current cultural context)
    - Rev. Dr. Leroy Haynes **0:27:54**
      - Gives an intro to the AMAC presentation, stating the subjects each speaker will cover. **0:27:54**
      - In honor of Joyce Harris, an AMAC executive board member, Rev. Dr. Haynes “calls in the spirits of those that have gone forward,” listing the names of people

killed by police, starting in 1974, and gives a timeline of the events leading up to the Settlement Agreement. **0:29:44**

- 1974 – Portland Police killed four African-American men in six months, including 17-year-old **Rickie Johnson**, leading to a DOJ investigation.
- 1981 – Portland Police officers toss dead possums onto the porch of an African-American-owned business. The officers were fired, but an arbitration ruling reinstated them.
- April 21, 1985 – A PPB officer killed security guard **Lloyd “Tony” Stevenson** using a choke hold. Some police officers responded to the officer being disciplined by wearing t-shirts saying, “Don’t Choke ‘Em, Smoke ‘Em”.
- July 19, 1993 - **Gerald Frank Gratton** was shot in the back while fleeing from police. The officer who shot him was fired but was later reinstated by an arbitrator.
- Feb. 28, 1996 – **Daontae Keller** was shot by police and died lying in the street bleeding.
- April 1, 2003 - **Jose Santos Victor Mejia Poot**, a day laborer having an epileptic seizure, was killed by Portland Police in a psychiatric hospital.
- Feb. 22, 2002 - **Byron Hammick** is killed in a hotel by Portland Police while holding a child.
- 2003 – **Kendra James** is killed by Portland Police during a traffic stop.
- 2004 - **James “Jahar” Perez** is shot and killed during a traffic stop.
- Sept. 17, 2006 – **James Chasse Jr.**, a man diagnosed with schizophrenia, is beaten to death by Portland Police. The officers are

suspended. The discipline is overturned by arbitration.

- Nov. 14, 2009 – Portland Police shoot a 12-year-old girl with a BB gun.
  - Jan. 29, 2010 – **Aaron M. Campbell** was shot in the back and killed by Portland Police during a well check in response to his depression over the death of his brother.
  - May 12, 2010 - **Keaton Otis** was shot by Portland Police 23 times because he “looked like a gangster.”
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- Rev. Dr. Haynes talks about the history of the AMA, and how it organized more than two dozen other community-based organizations into the AMA Coalition to urge the DOJ to investigate the practices of Portland Police. This led to the Settlement Agreement. Those organizations include: **0:35:07**
    - ACLU of Oregon
    - Basic Rights Oregon
    - Disability Rights Oregon
    - The League of Women Voters
    - The Mental Health Association of Portland (MHA)
    - National Lawyers Guild
    - Portland NAACP
    - Portland Urban League
    - Portland CopWatch
    - Sisters of the Road
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- Dan Handelman **0:47:10**
    - Dan Handelman provides a summary of his and Portland CopWatch’s participation in the timeline leading up to the Settlement Agreement. **0:47:10**
    - Dan Handelman talks about the first advisory board formed by the City after the

Settlement Agreement – the Community Oversight Advisory Board (COAB). **0:48:35**

- Dan Handelman talks about the revisions made to the Settlement Agreement and the statistics on use of force by PPB **0:49:40**
- Pastor Robin Wisner **0:56:30**
  - Pastor Robin Wisner talks about his background in the AMAC and the recommendations that PCCEP has made. **0:56:30**
  - Rev. Dr. Haynes makes some closing summary comments about the AMAC. **1:00:32**
- Q&A **1:04:04**
- **The Mental Health Alliance (MHA) 1:25:15**
  - Invited Guests:
    - KC LeDell, Attorney – a public defender in Washington County who represents patients facing involuntary commitment.
    - Amanda Marshall, Attorney in Clackamas County who represents patients facing involuntary commitment.
  - KC LeDell and Amanda Marshall introduce themselves. **1:25:15**
  - KC LeDell talks about how people with mental illness interact with the police and how they get routed into the civil commitment process. **1:28:40**
  - Amanda Marshall talks about options for people who are facing possible civil commitment. **1:36:55**
  - Q&A **1:48:40**
    - Amanda Marshall and KC LeDell give background on the MHA and how it operates. **2:09:00**
- Recent News About PPB **2:20:14**
  - [SLIDE] Recent News about PPB

- Shooting at BLM march in 2022 – discrepancies between PPB account and civilian records
  - Portland City Council voted last week to bring back a crowd control unit to PPB
- Ashley Schofield, PCCEP C-Chair, asks if the subject of the murder of June Knightly and how PPB have handled the investigation into this should be added to the agenda for a future meeting.
  - PCCEP member discussion **2:21:35**
  - Ashley Schofield, PCCEP Co-Chair, states that the feedback from members is in agreement to place this topic on the agenda for a future meeting. **2:22:55**
- Kip Silverman, Settlement & Policy Subcommittee Co-Chair, gives background about the recent decision to recreate a PPB crowd control unit. **2:24:18**
- Open Public Comment **2:27:00**
- Upcoming Events **2:01:38**
  - Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 6:00-8:30PM – the Portland Street Response Town Hall at the Melody Event Center (Hybrid event)
- Meeting Adjourned