

## City of Portland

### Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP)

#### Settlement and Policy Subcommittee

#### Meeting Notes

June 14 2023, 6:10-7:40PM

**Community Engagement Subcommittee Members in Attendance:** Ann Campbell, Tia Palafox, Ashley Schofield, Robin Wisner, Celeste Carey, Nathan Castle, Leslie Martinez

*Due to technical problems in holding PCCEP's first hybrid in-person/online meeting, the meeting formally began about 6:10PM. Additionally, because of the same technical problems, the recording begins as PPB Chief Chuck Lovell is in mid-sentence during his summary overview of the PPB 2022 Annual Report Draft (missing are the Call to Order, Introductions, and Chief Lovell's opening comments).*

*In the Q&A section, questions and comments are presented in summarized form.*

*Please see the document, PCCEP Advance Public Comment 6/14/23 ([download \(portland.gov\)](#)) for public comments on the report that were given in writing prior to the meeting.*

*Timestamps for the corresponding video are noted in bold, underlined text.*

- Review of PPB 2022 Annual Report Draft **0:00:00**
  - PPB Overview by PPB Chief Chuck Lovell
- Q&A on PPB 2022 Annual Report Draft **0:09:45**
  - How did PPB gain community input on directives? **0:10:15**
  - Are you still offering ABLE (Active Bystander for Law Enforcement, which trains officers to intervene when they see other officers engaging in unnecessary harmful or unlawful behavior) training to officers? **0:11:38**
  - I don't understand officer shortage. Are you still needing officers? **0:12:33**
  - I was on a ride-along and the officer said officers would like ECIT (Enhanced Crisis Intervention Training) refresher training yearly. **0:14:12**
  - Who is the intended audience for this report? Is directed to community? **0:15:06**
  - A lot of internal jargon. If you want the community to understand, the language used needs to be accessible, with acronyms explained. **0:16:51**
  - A complete listing of acronyms in the report would be useful. **0:19:13**
  - Do you have online capacity for getting input on the directives and are there other methods you're exploring to get broader input on community concerns? A lot of the people who have challenging experiences with police often don't have access to the internet or the Portland Police website. **0:20:00**
  - How will you get input on the finalized annual report? How will the annual report be rolled out in the individual precincts? **0:22:38**
  - How has engagement been at precinct meetings for the report and the directives? **0:24:41**

- Are you expecting officers who expressed opposition to the LGBTQ training directive (*Directive 0640.38 Interacting with Members of the LGBTQIA2S+ / Queer Community*) to follow that directive? **0:26:20**
- Suggestion to get directives out to the public - The neighborhoods all have active safety committees that are very interested in engaging on public safety and livability issues. The Office of Community & Civic Life has a list of them. If you sent the directives out to them, I think you would get valuable feedback. **0:27:25**
- **[NOTE:** Dan Handelman, of Portland Copwatch, highlighted some of his comments submitted in writing prior to the meeting. To read those comments in full, please see the document, PCCEP Advance Public Comment 6/14/23.]
- Portland Copwatch has commented on over 130 directives in nine years, so we are a community organization that regularly weighs in on directives.... The section on shootings was thin given that for the first time since 2001, there were nine deadly force incidents in one year.... One of those people killed was a Black man, which was the first incident of Portland Police killing a Black man since 2019 (Immanuel Jaquez Clark-Johnson, killed on 11/23/2022). It would be good for PPB to be up front about that with the facts of the case... Traffic stop data disparities – the Settlement Agreement requires examination of bias based policing, so I’m hoping you will flesh this out... There’s a whole list of Internal Affairs cases, but there’s nothing about the outcomes of these... The report talks about use of force related to people in mental health crises, but does not talk more broadly about use of force... The report on crowd control issues is supposed to come out in Spring of 2023, and that has not yet happened, even though we’re almost into Summer... The LGBTQIA community advisory council was disbanded in 2022, but that is not mentioned in the draft report... Information on the success of the Wellness Program should be in the Executive Summary... **0:28:50**
- Chief, could you please explain about the 43 officer positions (were on the PPB books, but were not funded)? **0:33:54**
- The length of the document is a concern. It’s so long that something needs to be done to make it easier for the community to navigate... A lot of this is reporting on successes, but I don't see enough emphasis on what is being done to fix what seems to be getting worse **0:34:55**
- The public was given only 10 days to review this document. Why? And is there a way to extend the comment period? **0:37:19**
- Who is tracking comments made in earlier reports? **0:40:03**
- Could you explain what is being considered the current number of officers for “full force” to be reached in staffing? **0:41:00**
- It doesn't seem like officers are supportive of PSR (Portland Street Response), which has been effective at dealing with people in crisis. **0:45:50**
- How many languages will this document be translated into **0:47:50**
- Other than just posting online, will the document be presented in meetings around the city. **0:49:15**
- A related matter to PSR - there is going to be a City Council work session to discuss a call allocation study commissioned by Community Safety Division (CSD) looking at how first response system is dispatching first responders, to lower response times and get the right responses to any incident. (Information about the study, which was discussed by the City Council on 6/15/23, can be found at the following link: [City of Portland completes call allocation study to improve public safety system | Portland.gov](#) )

**0:50:25**

- Detectives investigated 13 shootings involving police, nine of which were in Portland. Could you clarify about the other four? Concern about change in policy about the release of officers' names in 2022 that was not covered in the draft. What are "unplanned separations" of officers mentioned in the draft? **0:52:30**
- People are constantly complaining about how bad Portland is without seeing the incremental positive changes that are happening. We need to speak to PPB more often and more fully, because the people of Portland are your customers. You need prioritize community engagement to regain the trust of the public. That's the only way Portland is going to come back. **0:56:40**
- Public Comment **1:00:44**
  - The formatting of the public comments is a problem – the formatting doesn't come through, which discourages public comment. What do you think of the contact surveys that the Portland COCL (Compliance Officer/Community Liaison) wrote about? [The COCL's report on contact surveys can be found at the following link: [Contact Survey Program Technical Assistance Report — Portland COCL](#)] Also, Citizen's Academy and police ride-alongs are excellent ways to engage with the public.
  - Community outcry for a better way of policing. Trust has been broken. The police need to come to more of the community meetings prepared to listen. We are going to have community driven policing here. We ask for accountability. Policing isn't going to be like it was 20 years ago.
  - Contact surveys – PCCEP is interested in that. Have you discussed contact surveys with the PPA whether they would support contact surveys? Would you support a contact survey program that isn't housed in PPB?
- What's Next? **1:12:00**
  - 6/28 6-8:30 PM – Bi-annual meeting of the PCCEP Steering Committee (Hybrid/In-Person, at the Louiza event space). Public participation is welcome and encouraged! PCCEP is moving to have bi-annual steering committee meetings, with goal to provide a retrospective of the past six months. There will also be a project planning portion of the meeting with input from both the committee and the public - an assessment of what issues to focus on and the form of the work going forward.