



**Accountability Subcommittee Meeting
Monday January 11th, 2016
6-8pm
Western Portland United Methodist Church
2401 SW Taylors Ferry Road
Portland, OR 97219**

Minutes

Members present:

Myrlaviani "V" Rivier

(Tom Steenson and Michele Hughes were excused.)

Meeting commenced at 6:00 PM.

1. Introductions

2. Appointment of community members to subcommittee

Members of the public interested:

Jim Cahan

Ann Brayfield

Jen Tenorio

Jim Young

Debbie Iona

Timothy Teets

Myrlaviani and Tom are deciding how many people will be on the committee. Probably between 3-7 people.

At least one more voting COAB member is needed to create a viable quorum.

Myrlaviani has made requests to people on the Executive Committee who are only on one other committee and says those people don't want to be on an additional committee.

Rochelle will bring the issue of low membership up at the general meeting Thursday.

Nancy is researching the gray area of quorums on subcommittees and the issue of work groups.

The application form for members of the public to become subcommittee members will be reviewed/approved at the January 22 Executive Committee meeting. The form will be used for subcommittees to evaluate potential members. After the application is approved, new members are voted in by a majority of voting COAB subcommittee members.

Nancy called into question lack of accountability on COAB member attendance for subcommittee meetings.

ACTION: Myrlaviani will send an email to tonight's attendees with update from the January Executive Committee meeting. She will also email bylaws and the approved subcommittee application.

After a back and forth with Myrlaviani, Sean departed meeting frustrated (6:30pm).

3. Workflow process

Concerning work groups: If a portion of a subcommittee meets as a smaller group but is still a quorum, or where there is deliberation among COAB members, the meeting violates public meetings law.

Regardless of whether someone is a COAB voting member or not, if someone is an official member of the subcommittee and that person gathers with a quorum of subcommittee members, it's a violation public meeting law.

Nancy thought it would be helpful to receive a legal opinion from an attorney outside the City Attorney's office. Nancy would like to contact Stu Stuart to get more info and have him present at a full COAB meeting.

There was a clarification that while members of the public who become subcommittee members could vote on subcommittee procedural issues, they cannot vote on recommendations that go to the full COAB for approval.

Pat stressed the importance of the subcommittee building a relationship of trust with police. The Accountability Subcommittee could be the foundational committee of the COAB in this sense as accountability is fundamental in a relationship. His vision is: citizens go to a committee of officers and ask, how can we be accountable to you?

Myrlaviani brought up the importance of having face-to-face meetings with police in a place

that feels safe for all.

Jen noted this could be a long-term goal of the committee: have meetings at different precincts or with different groups of police officers.

Rochelle pointed out this is outside the purview of the Settlement Agreement. This is mission creep; COAB needs to do its work. She didn't think this is appropriate for the Accountability subcommittee.

Rochelle reminded the group that it had discussed having Captain Derek Rodrigues from Portland Police Bureau come next month to present on the police accountability system.

ACTION: Mary Claire Buckley will arrange to have Captain Rodrigues present at the February Accountability Subcommittee meeting.

Debbie asked the subcommittee to consider looking into the fact that the Annual IPR report will not be presented at City Council, though it has been done so historically (though not for the last three or four years.) Debbie hopes the Accountability Subcommittee will bring this issue to the full COAB. Debbie suggested the COAB might consider sending a letter to the Auditor.

4. Community Presentation (with Kif Davis)

Kif Davis is the founder of Multnomah Copwatch. He's been filming the police since 1997. Has been homeless for six years in Portland. Member of a group called Fight the Sweeps. Had camera smashed by the Mayor of Waterloo at a Rose Festival event. In a different incident during a homeless sweep, he was arrested for interfering with the police. Feels sweeps are wasteful. Homeless people with mental health issues get citations, often won't show up to court, then receive warrants for their arrest. Kif suggested people check out Fight the Sweeps PDX, Fight the Sweeps Portland on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Fight-The-Sweeps-PDX-Fight-The-Sweeps-Portland-1461478727502764/?fref=ts>

Kif arrested on 11/25/15 over the arrest of Barry Joe Stahl. At a City Council meeting, Mr. Stahl repeatedly stated he was in a mental health crisis and asked for medical attention. Kif says instead, the police were called. Todd Angstrom was one of the officers. Kif said Officer Angstrom had previously choked a service dog and pepper sprayed homeless campers (Kif says the City settled out of court with the campers.) He feels there is a pattern of vindictiveness.

During Kif's arrest he was tackled by a security guard from G4Security. Kif was charged with harassment and says he had a falsified police report filed against him.

Question: How are you different from Portland Copwatch?

- They were one of the first Copwatch organizations in the country and are more of a monitoring organization in terms of policy. Multnomah Copwatch focuses more on filming. It has a few members and affiliates.

How are you still getting arrested if there's a law that says you can film? Have you filed complaints?

- Yes, he plans to.

Kif described a situation where an intoxicated person spit on him and the police witnessed but didn't do anything. Described another situation of getting hit by a car at a protest and says police wouldn't take his complaint.

Kif says the Police Commissioner and City issued a doctored, edited version of the surveillance footage of his interaction with Police Commissioner's body guard Mike Cohen. Says the City won't release full footage. Kif brought up G4S- also does security with other governmental agencies and the police.

Amy pointed out that the Settlement Agreement is about interactions with the police, not private security.

Kif feels contracted companies like G4S should be included in the Settlement Agreement.

Question from Jen: When does G4S get called in and by whom?

Jack brought up issue of overall police culture. COAB has been working on policy but if you don't change the culture, there is still a problem, including using contractors.

Kif said he is open to talking to people further about G4S.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.