



**Community Engagement & Outreach Meeting  
Thursday, May 19, 2016  
6-8pm  
North Portland Police Precinct  
449 NE Emerson St.  
Portland, OR 97211**

**DRAFT Minutes**

Meeting started at 6:14pm

Subcommittee members in attendance: Jimi Johnson, Paul Fishman

Members absent: Rabbi Michael Cahana, Laquida Landford, Mireaya Medina, Captain Vince Elmore

- 1. Welcome, introductions (public comment throughout)**
- 2. Discussion: strategies for deescalating disruptive behavior at COAB meetings**
  - Jimi: we don't have to agree or like each other but we do need to learn how to work with each other. We are all fighting for similar causes. The last meeting went south badly and it didn't serve anyone. Personal attacks cannot be tolerated at COAB meetings.
  - Jimi clarified that if tonight's meeting became disruptive, he would end the meeting.
  - Kathleen: this is a tactic that prevents people from getting what they need.
  - Paul: do people here have ideas on how to deescalate meetings?
  - Kif: you start with listening and empathy. (Kif goes on to talk about COAB members.)

- Jimi asked that we not talk about board members who aren't here.
- Kathleen pointed out that continuous arguments do not create a solution. How do we have productive meetings without disruption? If you have suggestions for the work we do then please let us know.
- Bob: Best way to deescalate is to let people film where they want.
- Kathleen: but that makes other people feel uncomfortable and we have to think of the rights of everyone.
- Mike: Our right to film freely trumps people's feelings.
- Unidentified woman: "Disruption" means that people can still get in your face and film you.
- Paul: Can we collectively agree to sit down at a separate time to come up with an agreement/compromise between people who want to film and people who are uncomfortable being filmed?
- Mike: I'm willing to bring people from Film the Police to discuss. Bob also agreed.

**Action: Paul Fishman will coordinate with Philip Wolfe and contact Mike to arrange the meeting.**

Multiple filmers disrupted the meeting; Jimi adjourned the meeting at 6:48pm.