



Accountability Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

July 12th, 2016

COAB Office

525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 250

6-8pm

In Attendance:

Tom Steenson

Phillip Wolfe

Ann Brayfield (via phone)

Myrlaviani "V" Rivier (via phone)

1. Introduction (5 minutes)

No chair present, Tom Volunteered to run the meeting.

There will be public comment at the beginning and throughout the meeting as the need arises.

2. Public comment (10 minutes and throughout meeting)

Bob: The City Hall meeting the week before was wrong and did not work. Tom clarified what happened to others.

Is the ACLU tracking police changes?

Laura pointed out her desire to have quality childcare at all meetings, in case any children show up.

Kif discussed his issues concerning the previous Executive meeting.

Tom agreed that the 7/6/16 Executive meeting was a disaster. He described it as being isolated from the public, and how COCL is technically chairing the COAB until a replacement is found, and how they decided on the phone system. He then explained the COCL authority.

It was suggested that there be one minute of silence to honor the victims of gun violence over the previous few days. It was accepted and observed.

3. Discussion and vote on recommendations to substantially improve citizen-based oversight of the PPB (75 minutes)

Tom summarized the recommendations. Portland Copwatch also provided feedback. Tom emphasized getting the recommendations passed soon so that they could be reviewed by City Hall.

A discussion concerning Recommendations 29 and 30 began.

It was suggested that the City Auditor be removed from the recommendations to remove establishment from the process. A discussion on this topic lasted several minutes. Kif suggested an independent auditor.

A discussion about whether the Portland City Auditor was impartial or not.

Pat told the subcommittee that they do good work, and that it is about what we accomplish as a group.

The discussion went back to the City Auditor's position with COAB/PPB reforms. Tom asks if the CRC should have sole authority, or in conjunction with City Auditor. Philip suggested that the Auditor be separate from the City.

Dan Handleman gave advice on what the differences between and CRC/City Auditor and a CRC only system would look like. He suggested both had good and bad possibilities.

VOTE: To remove recommendations 29 and 30 from the proposed Recommendations list.

Move: Tom

Second: V

Aye: V, Philip, Tom

3-0, the Motion passes.

Tom asked to discuss V's recommended changes to the Recommendations list.

VOTE: To accept the following changes to the recommendations list:

"Page 3, section 'C': (immediately following the first sentence of the paragraph, or inclusive at the end of the first sentence the following declaration/reasoning":

- **The AS believe these recommendations add the element of Fair Process which is elemental in building and sustaining community trust.**

"In the second paragraph on page 3, under section 'C'":

- **After policy making include: 'policy evaluation, assessment and review.**

"In looking at the recommendations, on page 5, under the heading 'IPRs Role'":

- **17. The IPR should develop safeguards for reporting PPB members, as deemed necessary.**

"On page 6, under CRC's role":

- **26. (Last sentence) ... recommendations should not count against the CRC as part of the appeal timeline, (ADD THE FOLLOWING) "rather it needs to trigger a review process. The concept is to further the goal of Fair Process."**

"On page 7, second to the last sentence, add":

- **Widely Publicized**

"After line 38":

- **If advocate believes or determines more time necessary then all involved systems and mechanisms should be flexible and adaptable per the advocate/complainants request.**

"On page 8, line 43":

- **the CRC or IPR may request for an independent medical examiner.**

**Move: Tom
Second: V**

Aye: V, Philip, Tom

3-0, the Motion passes.

Tom, with the remaining time, set aside the rest of the meeting for Public Comment.

A discussion about how COCL-COAB functions, and how to create more spaces for discussion.

Laura explains that she feels COAB doesn't have good customer service and doesn't know good business practices, though they get public money to do a good job for the public.

She then asks if COAB members will be allowed to join the public during the next meeting (07/14/16) even though they'll be meeting in a separate room. A discussion began about the 7/14 meeting and the public/COAB divide. COAB members present were asked if they would join the public or stay in the meeting room.

Kalei said that we need to come together, love, not let anger turn to hate. An overall conversation about building community relations began.

VOTE: That the COAB meeting not be divided, be unified, regardless of what public meeting law says.

Moved: Tom

Seconded: V

Yes, V, Philip, Tom

3-0, the Motion passes.

Disability Rights Oregon also says that the 07/14/16 COAB meeting would violate public meeting law, because it would hinder people with disabilities from fully participating.

Pat recommended two books for everyone to read, which he said may help COAB work together and to do its job: "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement," and "The Lucifer Effect."

Tom moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:53pm