

Accountability Subcommittee Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2015
Augustana Lutheran Church
6-8 PM

Draft Minutes

Members Present:

Vince Elmore
Bud Feules
Avel Gordly
Jimi Johnson
Philip Wolfe

Meeting commenced at 6:00 PM.

Introductions/housekeeping

The Accountability Subcommittee (AS) appreciated the charity and welcoming spirit of the Augustana Lutheran Church and was very grateful it was willing to accommodate the needs of the subcommittee.

Public Comment (throughout meeting)

Community members suggested having subcommittee chairs comprise the Executive Committee, noting it is a commonly held practice within the field.

The community asked about the role of Rosenbaum and Watson's Community Liaison, Kathleen Saadat within the context of the Accountability Subcommittee meeting.

Community members expressed concern regarding the recent results from the survey: approximately 40% of the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) respondents expressed concern about their fellow officers not being held accountable. There was also concern about PPB and the City of Portland's 'byzantine' accountability mechanism or system.

Community members discussed the recent passing of Michael J., honoring his historical presence as a valued community member of Portland and the surrounding area.

Discussion on organizational development within the context of the Accountability Subcommittee meetings in an effort to effectively address the workload.

A consensus decision was made to invite Citizen Review Committee chair, Mae Wilson, to present.

As a note, Myrlaviani had never seen such a broadly represented group of people, let alone the sheer amount, involved and engaged at one subcommittee meeting. Community participants were widely represented including the following groups:

- Multnomah County's chapter for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, (NAMI)
- League of Women Voters
- Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform
- Professional Organizational Development Consultant
- Peace Action West
- War Resisters
- Portland Peace Team
- Jobs with Justice
- Human Rights Watch Group
- Portland's Citizen's Review Committee
- Temple Ahavat Keem
- Don't Shoot Portland
- Black Lives Matter
- Portland Copwatch
- Former Law Enforcement Officer
- Conflict Resolution Group
- The Sacred Circle

1. Presentation/Q&A: Lt. Gorgone and Sgt. Jensen

There was a thorough presentation regarding Portland's Accountability System by Portland Copwatch founder and president Dan Handelman, followed by a community Q&A session.

Several community members were interested in asking Dan Handelman to return to make follow-up presentations in key areas of his presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.