

**Accountability Subcommittee
Friday, September 4th
Sellwood-Moreland Library
7860 SE 13th Avenue
10:30 AM-1:30 PM**

Draft Minutes

Members present:

Myrlaviani Rivier

Rochelle Silver

Tom Steenson

Meeting commenced at 10:30 AM.

Subcommittee Role, Structure and Guidelines

Tom Steenson gave an overview of the Settlement Agreement as it relates to the Accountability Subcommittee (AS).

Tom discussed the subcommittee structure and how community members may join.

Need to vote on a chair: Tom can't be chair; the subcommittee will operate without a chair for a while.

Rochelle suggested having a police advisory person on the committee.

- Marie-Claire Buckley pointed out that the 10:30-1:30 PM time can be difficult for officers who have daytime responsibilities.
- Myrlaviani suggested a police advisor could participate in a workgroup.
- Tom suggested if one of the advisors isn't available, perhaps someone else in the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) may be able to serve.

Subcommittee Work Scope

Rochelle wanted to invite people to speak on the systems the committee will be looking at: the EIS, the disciplinary matrix, etc. The accountability system in general was called "byzantine" by the US Department of Justice (DOJ). Someone from PPB should speak to AS about these systems. (Sgt. Jenson administrates the EIS.) AS can split these meetings into multiple parts so there is more time to talk with each person.

Captain Rodriquez needs to be invited, or his spokesperson.

Jimi would like to emphasize that AS really needs to hear from the Independent Police Review (IPR); Constantine should be invited to explain the system.

Jimi suggested AS might consider the technique used by City Club research committees: people come and talk, then the committee members ask questions.

Tom said that to assume the accountability system that's in place is good is just an assumption. It's been a failed system. Hasn't disciplined people. AS needs to be wary of what it is told by the police.

Rochelle suggested that AS should hear from the IPR and Internal Affairs (IA) managers. Myrlaviani will send Amy an email about adding this to the October agenda.

Project Assignments

A Doodle survey will be done to determine when people are available.

Public Comment

It was asked if AS could post the video for the Stanford Prison Experiment on the website.

Debbie suggested it would be a good idea to get someone from the Portland Business Alliance to come and explain what some of their concerns are.

Norm told a story about a young African American man being stopped on a bike. When asked why he was stopped by several officers, he was told it was a slow night.

Brian asked about having a police union representative coming in to speak at a meeting. It is important to hear the accountability concerns of officers, too.

Sean said it was important that AS knows what accountability means for the Police Bureau and what it means for the community. There could be a lot of work done and have it mean nothing to them if there isn't a shared definition.

- Rochelle agreed with Sean — what does PPB think accountability is? What does the community care about? What is more important is how PPB holds people accountable.

Joe said it is Important to hear from other voices than just PPB and Copwatch.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.