



CITY OF
West Linn

22500 Salamo Road
West Linn, Oregon 97068
<http://westlinnoregon.gov>

POLICE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY TASK FORCE DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Members:

Present Rishi Bansal, Nicole Dawson, Sharron Furno, Kristina Garcia Siegel, Michael Harper, Linda Hamel, Autumn Mercado, Nancy Noye, Lonny Webb, Debbie Wong; Excused: Sonia Borgelt

Alternates:

Present: Fred Groves, Timothy Mullin, Evan Wickersham; Excused: Surja Tjahaja

Liaisons

Present: Jerry Gabrielto, Shannon Lee Erskine, Peter Mahuna, Adam Peterson, Tim Ramis, Bill Reylea, Jules Walters.

Facilitators

Present: Martine Coblentz, Erin Ruff

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Martine Coblentz, Facilitator

2. Scope Review

- a. The group reviewed selected sections from the [Task Force Guidance document adopted by City Council](#):

“Identify the problem: To eradicate and resolve a history of cultural systemic discrimination in the West Linn Police Department. This is expected to include, for example, the review of policing practices, department mission statement language, policies and procedures, structural operations, potential police union contract language, hiring practices, and training.”

“Define the outcome: The task force is a problem-solving group whose purpose is to analyze current structures and systems and recommend policies and procedure reforms and to propose an oversight entity for the West Linn Police Department, for Council review and adoption, as appropriate.”

“At the end of the process, we expect to have a framework of policies and procedures to create an oversight entity. After review by the City Attorney, it will be presented to the City Council for consideration and potential actions, approvals, or adoptions, as appropriate. “

3. Public Comment

- a. Abby Farber, West Linn Resident, expressed concern about a recent Facebook post by the WLPD regarding a new mission statement and values that was crafted without the input of the Task Force
- b. Kathy Selvaggio, Co-founder of Concerned Citizens of West Linn (CCOWL), provided the Task Force recommendations from CCOWL, highlighting their recommendations (1) that the Task force make a recommendation to establish a long-term civilian-led structure, (2) that the Task Force reexamine the investigation process for police misconduct, and (3) that the Task Force demand much greater transparency on the part the police.
- c. Stephanie Brown, resident and member of CCOWL, asked the Task Force to consider alternate policing models, and encouraged exploration of models used in Eugene and Wilsonville, Oregon.
- d. Rachael Tillman, resident of West Linn, expressed concern about the number of law enforcement liaisons to the Task Force, including that their presence might impede the ability for people to speak freely.

4. Approval of Minutes from 9/23/2020

The Task Force approved the draft minutes

5. Liaison Participation (Consensus Decision Made)

- a. Liaisons given a chance to address the Task Force about their goals and expectations for their participation. Then they were removed as “panelists” and joined as other members of the public.
- b. The Task Force unanimously agreed that all liaisons will participate as “attendees”, not “panelists”. Task Force members may ask for liaisons to be brought in to answer questions. Liaisons may raise their hand as attendees if they have information relevant to a Task Force conversation.
- c. Tim Ramis confirmed that the City is charged hourly for Shannon Lee Erskine’s time related to Task Force meetings, that there is no charge for his time related to Task Force meetings, and that he would ask his firm if they could offer the City a flat fee for Shannon’s time.

6. Prepare for Next Meeting:

- a. The next meeting will include:

- i. Public Meetings Law Review
- ii. What information do we need to identify in order to have informed conversations as a group.
- iii. How will we share information between meetings (collaboration platform).

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.