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POLICE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY TASK FORCE DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

[All documents referred to during the meeting are available at this link.](#)

Members:

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

Alternates:

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

Liaisons

Present: Jerry Gabrieltos, Shannon Lee Erskine, Peter Mahuna, Elissa Preston, Tim Ramis, Bill Reylea, Jules Walters; Excused: Adam Peterson

Facilitators

Present: Martine Coblentz, Erin Ruff

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Erin Ruff, Facilitator

2. Public Comment

- a. Kathy Selvaggio. Noted concern that the Task Force is being pulled in disparate directions and asked members to focus on the issues that gave rise to the creation of the Task Force, including lack of accountability, lack of transparency, bad leadership, and the abuse of power.
- b. Dan Kraus. Retired police officer. Noted that oversight and accountability are connected to organizational transformation the city and WLPD. Asked the committee to consider the history of Kirk Tonkin, former WLPD staff, who raised concerns about the behavior of Tony Reeves and Terry Timeus. Recommended:
 - i. Stop asking departing employees to sign NDA's and release former WLPD employees from existing NDA's

- ii. Contract for police services with another agency like Wilsonville, which contracts with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
- c. Kirk Tonkin, former WLPD Officer, recommended
 - i. Established procedure for WLPD employees to make reports of misconduct through a chain of command outside the police department.
 - ii. When talking to members of WLPD, ask lots of questions and get verification for any answers you receive.
 - iii. WLPD needs a strong leader, someone that can plan with the community. It has been many years since the police have had an actual plan to how to move forward.

1. Approval of Minutes from 11/4/2020

The Task Force approved the draft minutes with one clarification about open public bargaining. Evan Wickersham brought the group's attention to ORS 192.660 (3).

2. Liaison Reports

- a. Acting Chief Mahuna reviewed two documents that answered the questions from the November 4, 2020 meeting. Copies of those documents are available at the link in the header of these minutes.

WLPD is exploring accreditation through the OAA (Oregon Accreditation Alliance).

The group discussed the importance of clear and concrete policies. The Newberry case, in which a court ruled that the social media policies were vague and ambiguous. They also discussed the challenges of writing policies that address every possible situation.

- b. Shannon Lee Erskine, City Attorney confirmed that Chief Kruger is still employed by West Linn, currently on paid administrative leave, and that Captain Rollins is currently working for WLPD.
- c. Elissa Preston, City Staff. Clarified that, in West Linn, members of the public have not been included in bargaining in before. It has always been mutually agreed and has been decided during the first ground rules session. Evan Wickersham noted that ORS 192.660 (3) regarding open meetings applies.

3. Structuring a Permanent Oversight Entity

The group brainstormed what they would like to see in an oversight entity. That document is available at the link above.

The group decided to review the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) website and return with ideas at the next meeting, including:

- a. [Community Oversight Paves the Road to Police Accountability](#)
- b. [Core Competencies for Civilian Oversight Practitioners](#)
- c. [Guidebook for the Implementation of New or Revitalized Police Oversight](#)

It was noted that the STOPS data should be released on December 1, and the OIR report should be available by the end of November. Both those things will be put in the Dropbox as soon as they are available. We will include time to discuss the OIR report on the December 16 agenda, after people have had time to review.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

