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# **POLICE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY TASK FORCE MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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## **Members:**

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

## **Alternates:**

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

## **Liaisons**

Present: Jerry Gabrieltos, Shannon Lee Erskine, Peter Mahuna, Adam Peterson, Elissa Preston, Bill Reylea, Jules Walters.

## **Facilitators**

Present: Martine Coblentz, Erin Ruff

### **1. Call to Order**

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

### **2. Public Comment**

- a. Simon Fulford, Sellwood. President of the Restorative Justice Coalition of Oregon and Executive Director Parrot Creed Child and Family Services. Urged the Task Force to incorporate restorative justice into the practices and principles of any ongoing entity, and cautioned against seeing restorative justice as either a “panacea” or easy answer. Noted the use of restorative practices in Cook County/Chicago and Eugene, Oregon.

A written copy of the testimony is available in the meeting Dropbox folder, linked at the top of this document.

- b. Kathy Selvaggio, West Linn. Encouraged the Task Force to ask the City to release the OIR report to the public as soon as possible. Noted troubling data about the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department in the 2020 STOPS data and asked the Task Force to consider the efficiency of a broader County-wide solution instead of a West Linn-specific solution.

Shannon Lee Erskine, City Attorney Liaison, clarified that there are parts of the report that include attorney/client privileged information and that for it to be released, City Council would need to waive the privilege. She noted that City Council has not had an opportunity to discuss and vote on that waiver.

### **3. Approval of Minutes from 11/18/2020**

The Task Force approved the draft minutes

### **4. Structuring an Oversight Entity**

- a. Take-aways from reviewing the NACOLE information.

The group each named their key take-aways from review of the NACOLE information. Raw notes taken during that conversation are available in the meeting Dropbox folder, linked at the top of this document. Key themes discussed were:

  - i. Hybrid
  - ii. Transparency
  - iii. Independent investigation & auditing with public access to information
  - iv. Committee needs access to all police records, classified or private information that department is privy to. OIR report and other auditing reports
  - v. Independent structure & hierarchy
  - vi. Sufficient resources/funding dedicated
  - vii. Power/authority
  - viii. Expertise & training on the committee, including law enforcement and investigations, negotiating with police union members, and prior experience in police oversight.
  - ix. Subpoena power
  - x. Training for police staff
  - xi. Some level of authority in decision making process for discipline
- b. How will we structure our work together and next steps.

The group agreed to try to finish a recommendation that outlined the elements of a permanent oversight committee, leaving the details of implementation for that group to determine. That recommendation will include:

- i. Structure
- ii. Duties, Powers, Authority

The group agreed that the budget would be determined by City Council, and asked that City Council provide the Task Force a written commitment to adequately fund the structure.

Fred Groves agreed to draft a proposal using the themes and structure identified above. That will be available in Dropbox Paper for others in the committee to add to and comment on.

## **5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.