

City of Eugene
Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy
Meeting # 14 on April 21, 2021
Decision Sheet
(Revised 4/26/21—added Patricia Toledo to attendee list)

In Attendance

Emz Avalos, Daniel Borson, Betsy Davis, Maisie Davis, Ibrahim Coulibaly, Lindsey Foltz, Ib Hamide, Joel Iboa, Erika Lincango, Brian Michaels, Silverio Mogart, Tauna Nelson, Guadalupe Quinn, Richard Roseta, David Saez, Sandra Shotridge, Patricia Toledo, Marty Wilder

Decisions

(AHCPP-112) Motion regarding follow up process:

I am grateful for the City Council creating this committee. It is my hope that the Council, Mayor Vinis, City Manager Medary and those who have the ability to do so, implement these policies created with this report. In cases where the committee has asked for a change at the State level, that these requests be done in the span of the coming year. I am asking for the organizations and individuals represented on the committee to meet again, next year, with the Council and elected and appointed officials to see what has been accomplished and as a guide to what further steps can be taken. All organizations should be invited back including those members who resigned from the committee. Organizations should be able to appoint other representatives if needed. Information should be sent to committee members ahead of time, ideally in a video format. Also recommend to receive regular updates to the committee members from the City.

Yes = 16, No = 0 (Approved)

(AHCPP-113) Motion regarding additions to the Executive Summary of the report:

Issues requiring further discussion

Committee members have asked for the following items that they feel were not discussed in sufficient depth during the committee to be brought to the city council's attention. Some of these are reflected in the end-of-process survey and others are highlighted in testimony from committee members:

Qualified Immunity – some members felt strongly that the city should lobby state government for modifications to current qualified immunity laws or, in the case of some members, for the wholesale removal of this privilege. Some members also felt that the City should ban qualified immunity, in the awareness that such a ban may be challenged in court.

Crisis Response – At the Feb. 17th meeting, (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ZUvzunByHY) the committee received testimony from five community members who called CAHOOTs but received a police response that included violence and arrest. This was also a major concern in the end-of-process survey and some members have asked the facilitation team to highlight the need for more civilian crisis responders and for changes to the 911 dispatch system to prevent EPD from being dispatched to calls where a mental health crisis responder would be more appropriate.

Civil forfeiture – This was a major concern in the end-of-process survey.

No-Knock Raids – this was a major concern in the end-of-process survey and in conversations between the facilitation team and members, some of whom cited the case of Breonna Taylor as the worst-case-scenario they wished to avoid happening in Eugene.

Chokeholds – The AHCPP asks that EPD eliminate the use of chokeholds within the department.

Police Unions – Members felt that the role of police unions in shaping policy and experiential outcomes for marginalized groups needs to be addressed more fully. Members are aware that many of their recommendations will require collective bargaining if they are to be implemented. Members wished to highlight that the City Manager has the authority to bring experts into the bargaining process and these experts should include representation from BIPOC and marginalized communities. This will have the impact of increasing the transparency of the bargaining process.

Yes = 16, No = 0 (Approved)

(AHCPP-114) Motion approving the report:

Approval of the final report with the suggested edits.

(Note: The 70% approval standard that AHCPP-99 required was met)

Yes = 17, No = 0 (Approved)