

Minutes of Thursday, February 18, 2010 Meeting
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Patrick Sainsbury, Chair:	P	Steve Freng, Member:	P
Tina Bueche, Member:	P*	Martha Norberg, Member:	P
George Davenport, Member:	A	David Wilma, Member:	P
Sharon Dear, Member:	P	Michael Pendleton, Consultant:	P

*(Absent = A, Present = P, Excused = E, * = by phone)*

The minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting were adopted as circulated.

NACOLE Conference: Tina (by telephone) reported on the NACOLE conference preparations. They are in contact with the Police Foundation for support and contact with other supporters. They have been very responsive. Pat talked to Richard Rosenthal of NACOLE (he prosecutes police officers) who is recruiting panelists for the conference.

Police Chief Search: Tina reported that the Review Board contact list is being used, but the Mayor wants more outreach to more groups and individuals. At the first hearing five citizens commented. At the second there were about two dozen and 60 percent of them gave comments. One was a police officer. Two people commented on police discrimination against women. Others complained about profiling black males. Two spoke to chief qualifications. The blogs are very active on this topic. The final hearing is Friday, February 19 in the South End. Translators will assist. Tina is listening for new information from the citizens. All the hearings were recorded by Seattle Channel.

By consensus the Board agreed to submit responses to the four questions being posed by the search committee. All Board member comments will be sent to David who will compile answers to be approved by the Board at the next meeting (deadline is March 15).

Outreach Report Response: The Board received a letter from the Seattle Women's Commission asking that, based on the comments in the outreach report, the Board prioritize the issue of patrol officers not being appropriately responsive to domestic violence victims. By consensus the Board agreed that Pat will write back to the commission and call the liaison at SWC for more of a sense of what they are looking for.

Transit Tunnel Incident: Pat mentioned the recent incident of the beating of a teen in the bus tunnel in front of Metro contract security guards only to make the members aware of the incident. The Board has no authority to inquire into any open OPA file, but the incident might give rise to an examination of SPD policy as to response to areas policed by King County on behalf of Metro.

Contract Negotiations: Pat has not heard back from the negotiators. The Burgess office recommended that the Board write a letter to the council & mayor. The group approved Pat's draft letter.

Oversight of Criminal Investigations: Pat and David have amended their draft report to include Michael Pendleton's and Chief Pugel's input. They are waiting to hear back from Michael Spearman and Kathryn Olson.

Work Groups: Tina and Sharon looked at 30 files involving use of force. They were looking for very specific information – who, what, where, when. They also asked how many cases in their requested 60 day period are still open (and thus unavailable for review).

Steve, Martha and Michael met to discuss the next steps in their report on diverse communities. Martha contacted Kathryn to try to see how to identify cases that meet their review criteria. Chief Kimerer made officers available to help. Martha's assistant is doing additional research.

David and Pat's project is ending; what is their next priority? The group suggested they start working on the issue of the OPA classification system.

Miscellaneous: Martha is attending a community policing academy this spring. Nancy will invite Carl Marquardt to the March 3 meeting.

The meeting was convened at 5:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Nancy Roberts and David Wilma

The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. in the Boards & Commissions Room L280, City Hall.