

OPARB
Minutes of
Wednesday, April 3, 2013 Meeting
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Dale Tiffany, Chair - P
Liz Holohan, Member - P
Pat Sainsbury, Member – P
Michael Pendleton Consultant - P

Joe Hawe, Member - E
Claudia D'Allegrì, Member – P

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

1. Briefing from Councilmember Bruce Harrell (Councilmember Harrell and Jeremy Racca, Legislative Aide)

Councilmember Bruce Harrell discussed pending legislation, and the Community Police Commission (CPC) confirmation process.

Councilmember Harrell plans to present the draft OPARB legislation at the next CPC meeting so that they do not feel blindsided by it.

The CPC just had a retreat and Claudia (who is a member of both OPARB and the CPC) attended and reported on the retreat. Discussion ensued about how OPARB can best coordinate efforts with the CPC. Claudia had the idea of each OPARB member participating in the workgroups that are forming within the CPC. So far the workgroups that have been identified within the CPC will be: Communication / Outreach; Excessive Use of Force; and Bias Policing. She felt that the amount of experience and knowledge that members of OPARB possess could be beneficial to the group, as they will encounter the same problems as they start to tackle the issues.

Michael Pendleton felt that, instead of OPARB joining the workgroups, it might be better to review the group work produced by the CPC and provide feedback. Provide support if there are areas of natural synergy.

Elizabeth strongly recommended that Councilmember Harrell move forward with the legislation as soon as possible. The board has been waiting for too long to fill vacant positions and has been promised even more members for a year. Their position vacancies have resulted in lack of quorum for many meetings which has significantly inhibited progress. OPARB needs Council Support in order to be effective.

CPC meetings will be 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
The next meeting is at 1 p.m. on April 10th, (this Wednesday) at 901 5th Ave.

Both Councilmember Harrell and OPARB plan to attend the next meeting.



2. Approval of minutes from Thursday, March 21, 2013.

There was no quorum for the last meeting, no minutes.

3. Revisions to the Annual Report

The revised report was distributed via email prior to the meeting. Copies also provided at meeting.

4. Case Review Status

There was not enough time to review cases.

5. Status: New Legislation / Board Vacancies

More discussion around the relationship between OPARB and CPC and how to move forward.

Lisa (Administrative Staff) was asked to contact the Harrell office and get the draft legislation for OPARB to review ahead of the next CPC meeting.

Claudia will make sure that OPARB gets added to the agenda for the next CPC meeting.

Lisa will set up a conference call on Friday at 2:00 p.m. for OPARB to discuss:

- a) Substantive Changes to the Annual Report
- b) Review Draft Legislation

***Update:** Unable to get draft legislation from Harrell office. Conference call cancelled. Informed by Jeremy Racca (Harrell Aide who is staffing OPARB) that the legislation will be to us by Wednesday, after being reviewed by Law and Labor Board.*

6. New Business / Good of the Order

Joe Hawe will be back for the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

1:35 p.m.

