



Seattle City Council Police Accountability Panel (SCCPAP)
Minutes of Wednesday, April 9, 2008 Meeting
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Present: Panelists Steve Herbert, Eric Schnapper, Leo Hamaji, Lynne Wilson

Absent: Veronica Alicea-Galvan

Michael Pendleton, facilitator; Nancy Roberts, staff

This meeting was considered an executive work session and was not taped or filmed.

The meeting was convened at 6:07 pm.

The panel first reviewed Eric's Recommendations Regarding the Board, which will be incorporated into the Overview in lieu of Recommendation Nine. Eric will recraft the title – 'responsibilities' perhaps. There was much discussion regarding narrowing the scope of the Board, rather than expanding; broadening their scope to 'other agencies' would be overwhelming for a small volunteer group. The decision was made to delete 1.a.v in this section. After additional discussion, it was decided that 1.a.v would be replaced by a statement to be crafted by Eric to the effect that the Board shall "...look into general police department policies, practices or training involving use of authority of use of force..."

Further recommendations under this section about the Board, (2) Authorized methods, Eric will add "...including but not limited to..."

Recommendations regarding the Auditor in this same document are pended until later.

Discussion regarding the OVERVIEW

- Swap the numbering on #6 and 7 to make them more sequential – these deal with the Firewall issue.
- #8 – Delete. The Facilitator will check with Kathryn Olson to see if this is currently being done.
- #9 – will be superseded by the incorporation of the Recommendations discussed above.
- #10 – What to do if OPARB requests documents that OPA cannot/will not produce within 30 days – Consensus – the recommendation is that the chief will be required to write a letter stating their inability to produce the records, and then OPARB will inform Council of the delay.
- #11 – size of Board. Full agreement to recommend 5 members; group was unable to come up with a new name. Decision was to offer a couple suggestions and suggest that the Board be renamed consistent with their responsibilities and duties.
- #12 – Agreed
- Old #6 – Delete

Discussion regarding the structure of the report, readability, brevity. Need to include the underlying principles, but rely on appendices to keep the report itself shorter and more readable. Remember to explain panelists' credentials, and a description of the process that was followed.

Lynne, Eric and Steve divided up the writing responsibility and will work over the next two weeks via email or phone conference. There will be no meeting next week – no days worked for all – and the work product will be brought back to the next meeting. Michael will contact panelists via email to determine the date of the next meeting, which will occur the week of April 21.

It was agreed that no mention of either the Patterson or the Alley-Barnes cases would be included in the report.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.