

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 (3:00-4:00 p.m.)

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Cameron Green, Ronda Groshong, Police Chief City of Beaverton, Neil Stellingwerf,

Lieutenant - Community Services Officer, Stephanie Somanchi, Sabdy Pacheco-Williams,

Mercy Henderson, Kathy French

AGENDA –

3:00 - 3:04 Call Meeting to Order – Laurel Grasmick - Black

3:04 – Chief Groshong, Lt Stellingwerf – Comments

Learned a lot. Watched the meeting, felt visceral hatred toward the police. Appreciates the safe space here but feels hatred towards Beaverton Police.

Lt. Stellingwerf: technical difficulties. Will chat off line

3:13 Additions Review – Joy Stevens

3:13 – 3:50 Deliberations

- SRO's
 - o Spencer: would like the data about SROs. Perhaps commissioners come to the meeting with minds made up. Where is the data? Would the city accept our recommendations? And if removed, who would protect students? Dislikes our process in that as a commissioner he does not know enough about SROs.
 - o Dori: This is wrap up. Research about SROs negatively impacting kids of color. Recommends looking at multiple resources
 - o Sabdy – Went to school with SROs. Agrees with Dori.
 - o Laurel – Agrees with Dor, Sabdy. Points to ponder: what evidence is there as SROs do help? How is this a good thing? What do students have to say? Disparate opportunities for people of color.
 - o Stephanie – experience of POC is vastly different. School districts and parents have been supportive of SROs. Concerned that by recommendation that SROs be removed that we lose the opportunity to influence.
 - o Dori – All opinions should be heard and included in the recommendations
 - o Cameron – Keep recommendation to eliminate, recommend study. Motion by Cameron, second by Laurel.

**Motion: Add second recommendation: in the alternative study the effectiveness of SROs in Beaverton Schools. (point E)
5 for 4 against 2 abstain**

- Community Engagement – already dropped the section, already mentioned in other discussion.
 - o Spencer – does not want to cut off avenues of communication.
 - o Stephanie – concerned that our work is not going to be reflected.
 - o Cameron – would love to see the police communicate in a healthy way, acknowledge that at the current moment many cannot safely do that.
 - o Dori – Motion to amend, second by Joy. Yes – all No – 0 Abstain - 0

- Discussion: Kathy – question, does the city council take our suggestions?
- 8 Cant Wait - move to top

4:15 Final Vote & Next Steps

4:00 Adjourn

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