

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

ON POLICE USE OF FORCE POLICIES

Final Report | January 25, 2021

REPORT OUTLINE

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Introduction and Purpose

Process

Key Takeaways

WHERE WE STARTED

“The recent murder of George Floyd does not reflect the values of our Police Department, and we must ensure that excessive use of force against our communities of color ends. Together, we are committed to being actively anti-racist and to working with the community to evaluate and make changes to our institutions.”

Mayor Frank Bubenik, excerpted from e-blast on June 12, 2020



REIMAGINING POLICING PLEDGE

1. **REVIEW** the use of force policies
 2. **ENGAGE** the community by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in our review
 3. **REPORT** the findings of our review to our community and seek feedback
 4. **REFORM** our community's police use of force policies
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TIMELINE

OCTOBER 14
SESSION 1

Presentation
on current
operations and
use of force
policies

NOVEMBER 4
DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

Presentation
on process,
Q&A, and
listening
session

NOVEMBER 18
SESSION 2

Questions and
answers with
attendees

DECEMBER 9
SESSION 3

Listening
session and
questions and
answers with
attendees

JANUARY 25
CITY COUNCIL

Report the
findings of the
review to City
Council and
community

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

SESSION 1: PRESENTATION

33 attendees

Presentation on current operations and use of force policies. Topics included:

- Department operations
- Law enforcement authority
- Legal aspects of use of force
- Training
- Use of force data

SESSION 2: Q & A

28 attendees

Answers provided for all questions received in advance, followed by Q & A. In total, 53 questions were submitted via email or asked during one of the three Community Conversations.

SESSION 3: LISTENING SESSION

24 attendees

Open ended feedback and responses to three prompts. In total, 38 written comments were received from 27 different people via email and posts on the City's various social media platforms.

DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

11 attendees

Questions from attendees:

- How can you ensure use of force is only used when necessary?
- How do you approach policing predominantly white communities versus more racially diverse communities?
- Is there anything local police (Tualatin) can do in case of an ICE raid?

VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT

Facebook

11 Comments

Nextdoor

10 Comments

Zoom

Chat

1 Comment

**Virtual
Comment
Box**

Box

1 Comment

Email

6 Comments

Instagram

1 Comment

Neighbors

App

8 Comments

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