

Community Conversations hosted by Hacienda CDC in collaboration with CNN and BPS

Below are the notes from the Community Conversation held on February 8th, 2018 with residents and representatives affiliated with Hacienda, CNN area neighbors, ONI crime prevention coordinator, and neighborhood police officers. There were over 20 participants, over half were from the Hacienda community. These notes are written verbatim from the large poster used during the event to ensure all voices are acknowledged and to avoid misinterpretation.

(notes scribed on one of the tables)

- Don't hate the police, hate the system
- Diversify the police force
- Better education/training for police
- Ongoing psych evaluation
- Pdxreporter.com

Report Back Discussion

- topic needs more discussion
- differences of perspectives from both sides
- psychological assessments should be an ongoing check-in
- more training for officers and possibly more education
- what to do in specific situations
- disproportionate treatment of officers and communities
- perceptions of fear
- local and immediate focus
- 823-SAFE for traffic issues
- current relationship vs. ideal with officers
- want equal treatment regardless of race, religion, language
- police are busy, doesn't want frustration taken out
- community policing is missed
- seeing officers in different environments
- kids got present from officers → builds trust and relationships
- importance of community involvement
- know your neighborhoods
- not everyone who is houseless is committing crimes

Host Conversation Questions

1. What is your opinion of the police?
2. What is your current relationship with the police?
3. What is your ideal relationship with the police?
4. What would it take for you to trust the police?
5. How can PPB improve police relations with the community?

6. What do you see as the biggest threat to community safety?
7. How can we, as a community, address issues such gang activity, prostitution, and drug use when police are unable to help?

Questions for PPB

1. How does PPB interact with ICE?
2. What is PPB's plan for community engagement?