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composed of De Muniz, Watson and Dennis Rosenbaum, director of the Center for Research in Law & Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago – officials told local media De Muniz's presence on the team was a major selling point for the Rosenbaum group. The Rosenbaum group was selected over local consultant John Campbell and local alcohol and drug policy commission executive director Daniel Ward. The city's selection advisory committee recommended Ward.

"It is really important to say that it is COCL's decision as to how to move forward and the city is here to support them," Haynes told Street Roots. "The Rosenbaum/Watson team will need a new contract and they'll need some technical assistance from us, and we will be there in lockstep to support them when they've made the decision because they're our monitor and so they're independent of us. We don't want to be too influential, because they're monitoring us, but we're also there to be supportive so that we don't set them up to fail. So as the team needs support, we will be there to give it to them and that will be mostly contractual. We will take care of the contract and office space and things like that."

The mayor has included \$600,000 for the COCL/COAB operations in his new budget proposal.

Shortly before De Muniz's departure, activists criticized COCL for setting up his office space in a building on East Burnside that also housed traffic officers and the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's crime prevention staff. The city and the DOJ have also come under fire for failing to properly educate the public about the settlement in the weeks before De Muniz stepped down.

Neither Rosenbaum nor Watson responded to messages asking if they intend

to replace De Muniz on the COCL, and demurred when asked for more general comments on next steps.

"We are working with the city and DOJ to finalize a plan to fill those responsibilities and keep the group moving forward. Can't say more than that until more is confirmed," Watson said.

Dan Handelman, head of Portland Copwatch, told Street Roots he thinks COCL should replace De Muniz.

"It was a bad faith decision to invite a team from out of town, against the recommendation of a hand-picked committee to Council," Handelman said. "They justified that decision by De Muniz's presence. There's too much going on (180 paragraphs of details) for this to be handled solely by the folks from Chicago. Even if they just had administrative help on the ground, it wouldn't be enough. They need someone more engaged and supportive of the community."

Watson told Street Roots if the city fails to meet the settlement's requirements, the result would be that it would be under the supervision of the DOJ and COCL for a longer period of time.

"My understanding is if they don't meet the requirements, that gets reported back to the judge. The judge can keep the city under the supervision of the court and the COCL for a longer time," Watson said. The text of the agreement requires the city to have substantially complied with all provisions of the agreement by Oct. 12, 2017, but notes that minor, occasional violations – not considered systemic – would not disqualify the city from qualifying. Instead, the COCL and court want to ensure big-picture, systemic changes are being made. "They want to make sure that any changes that are made are sustainable so infrastructure is in place that carries forward," Watson said.

Love is Just Complicated

by Mike D.

You ask me to communicate
What it is I feel within
I search for words to assist
But I feel none to help me begin
I guess love is just complicated
Love is complicated
And now I'm coming around to better communication
You take off and you run,
And now by doing this to me,
My heart feels really strong.
I found that you were my heart's desire,
It was only you I found that quenched my burning fire.
I thought I wanted "A"
But "A" was me, and mixed up with "B"
And "B" was to be with you
Then "C" was when I was more confused
So "C" turned off me because that when you chose to leave
So if you can see "B" feels better than "C"
Now "A" is left upset and lonely
Because you up and left me,
This why to me I think love is complicated
Love is complicated.

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by Don Grubb

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To where it may not matter
To where as long as I hope
To where dreams never shatter!

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