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examiners need to get information from sources other than the police bureau.

Travis Giobbi, of the Freedom Socialist Party, said that in north and

northeast Portland people are not only being displaced because of gentrification, but the black residents are being targeted by the police.

"A citizen review board must be more than an advisory board," he added, calling for it to have elected

positions.

Patrick Nolen, a local activist, brought up the issue of why police aren't tested for drugs and steroids, a practice that is prevalent in many other jobs as well as police departments across the country.

"Why are these officers not being held accountable for the same thing I am?" he asked.

Jo Ann Bowman, the executive

director of Oregon Action, brought up how two Hillsboro police officers had recently resolved an incident where someone threw a Molotov cocktail by subduing the suspect without inflicting harm.

"I ask you, picture that same situation happening with Portland police officers; the difference would have been deadly," she said.

She also faulted the Police Bureau for not doing enough to keep citizens safe, and for not holding officers accountable.

"They don't even want to break a nail in their service to the community," she said. "And I think it's appalling that we hear this over, and over, and over again."

Bowman also called for police officers to be drug tested.

Rob Chapman, a resident who said he served in the military in Iraq, argued that Portland police officers are not subject to the same accountability he was, and was tired of them never complaining about being scrutinized.

"So cry me a river with that one," he said.

After the public had commented,

members of the committee, who seemed amenable to the suggestions made, responded.

"One thing that I want to make clear to all of you is, I agree we need change, we need accountability from top to the bottom," said Rochelle Silver, a member of the committee.

"I want you all to be living in a wonderful city, where we can respect the police and they respect us," she added.

"It's times like this I'm proud to live in Portland," said Llewellyn Robison, another member of the committee.

"We have to make the officers accountable, and we have to move faster," she added.

Hank Miggins, vice-chair of the committee, noted that the comments he heard were pretty uniform in the concerns they expressed about the Police Bureau.

Bigham thanked the crowd for their concrete suggestions, which he said would be seriously considered.

"It's just a start, there's a lot more we need to do," he said of the meeting.

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Family Opens Defense Fund

Driver charged in fatal accident

The family of a young man accused of manslaughter and driving drunk in a crash that killed his friend is praying for healing and appealing for donations to help secure his equal defense.

Brad Lindsey Jr., 21, was arrested after the Feb. 26 accident in Gresham. His best friend, Jamell Taylor, 22, was in the passenger seat and died when the van they were in crashed into an electric pole.

Although Lindsey turned himself into police, he first left the scene and has been charged with hit and run. He also faces a Mea-

sure 11 second-degree manslaughter and driving while intoxicated charges.

"The Lindsey, Stanton and Greenidge families are asking for your help to assure that the community does not lose another young man," said representatives of the Lindsey family. "Brad and Jamell had been friends from early in life. If not for this horrible accident, they would have remained brothers and friends."

A defense account has been established with Wells Fargo Bank to accept donations for Brad Lindsey. Contributions can be made at any Wells Fargo Bank to account No. 6936210407 or you can wire funds using routing No. 121000648.

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