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Police Hear Input on Cameras

Citizens raise privacy concerns at forum

By Donovan M. Smith
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Portland Police held the final forum this year to discuss the possibility of using body cameras. The 200-seat event hall at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus was left mostly empty as a crowd far below capacity joined the officers for the discussion. Lt. Eric Schober said low turnout has been the norm at the bureau's forums on body cameras. Schober, who co-hosted the event with Capt. John Scruggs, said the forums have been in an effort to get community input into how the bureau may use cameras. House Bill 2571 which passed the Oregon Legislature in May, requires

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'Concussion' Opening This Week

Wil Smith delivers an Oscar-worthy performance

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Portland Celebrates Kwanzaa

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DEDICATION



Portland Mayor Charlie Hales (left), Sam Jones (husband of Christine Poole-Jones), statue creator Alisa Looney, PDC Chair Tom Kelly, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. President Jean Loomis and Cathy Cotton (sister of Poole-Jones) stand at the dedication of a sculpture in Poole-Jones' memory.

June Key Delta Center Dedicates Statue

Memorial sculpture honors charter member Christine Poole-Jones

By The Skanner News Staff

The Portland Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. unveiled a memorial for community activist and chapter member Christine Poole-Jones Saturday in the form of a sculpture created by local artist Alisa Looney. Poole-Jones, who died in April 2014, was a dedicat-

ed member of the sorority, which promotes academic excellence and provides help to those in need. She was the driving force behind the construction of the June Key Community Center, a sustainable building project which received local and national awards. *The Daily Journal of Commerce*, a Portland newspaper which covers the architecture and build-

ing communities, named Poole-Jones a 2012 newsmaker of the year in honor of her commitment to the center. In addition to working as a school librarian and in a variety of administrative positions for Portland Public Schools, Poole-Jones served as director-at-large of the Irvington Neighborhood Association and a board member for the African

American Health Coalition. The sculpture, which was unveiled during a brief memorial program preceding the sorority's holiday reception, was created with support from the Portland Development Commission. Located across the street from Peninsula Park in North Portland, the June

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John Gardner Steps Into New Role

Gardner will oversee efforts to ensure TriMet adequately serves diverse communities

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John Gardner is the new leader of the Diversity and Transit Equity Department at TriMet. Gardner has previously worked as the director of business services at Worksystems, Inc., the workforce development board for Washington and Multnomah Counties. This new role will oversee equity and inclusion practices as they relate to fares, community outreach, civil rights and contracting with Disad-

vantaged Business Enterprise firms and Minority, Women and Emerging Small Businesses. As 400,000 people are expected to move to the region over the next 20 years, Gardner will look at the expansion of TriMet service and how to equitably serve diverse communities in the area. *The Skanner News* spoke with Gardner about his job and the importance of equity in transportation. Here are excerpts of the interview, edited for space and clarity.

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John Gardner, Director of the Diversity and Transit Equity Department of TriMet