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Community members have rallied to support the family of three African American boys who were pepper sprayed last week at the intersection of Northeast 9th and Killingsworth.

## Community Rallies Around Family

# PPB still investigating racially motivated bear spraying incident

By Christen McCurdy Of The Skanner News

ore than 340 people have donated more than \$11,000 to help a Northeast Portland family replace their car and address the medical expenses and trauma associated with a racist assault on three Black children last week. This Sunday, a multiracial group of Portland bicyclists is going for a ride against hate.

In an interview with *The Skanner* News earlier this week, family mem-

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New Yorkers pass a shattered storefront window in Manhattan, Sept. 20 in New York. The window was hit by shrapnel from the terrorist bomb that exploded across the street Saturday evening.

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# STANDING ROCK



Three year old Enick and her father joined hundreds of people in a march from City Hall to Westlake Park in Seattle Sept. 17 to show solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux as they fight to stop the building of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

### Police Accountability Advocates Look Ahead

CRC, COAB, City all mull changes to police oversight processes

By Arashi Young Of The Skanner News

olice accountability has been the topic of numerous conversations in recent weeks, as many factors are poised to change the landscape in Portland.

Proposals to change the Citizen Review Committee's and Community Oversight Advisory Board's, looming Department of Justice deadlines and the change from Mayor Charlie Hales to Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler — could all potentially shift police ac-

countability processes.

At city hall, Mayor Hales and Commissioners Amanda Fritz and Steve Novick tabled discussion on a proposal to merge the Citizen Review Committee into the Police Review Board.

The decision came after a combative late-evening council meeting where stakeholders asked the council to hold off making the decision.

"Let's not rush, but seek to install a truly more simple accountability and review process," said the Rev. T Allen Bethel, president of the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

Bethel expressed "serious concerns" about the proposal to remove public meetings in the new accountability system — a concern that was echoed by nearly every person offering testimony that evening

In addition to the AMA, members from Portland Copwatch, the National Lawyers Guild, the ACLU of Oregon and the Oregon League of Women Voters voiced opposition to the proposal in its current form.

Community members

also objected to a plan for the CRC to form smaller work groups. Dan Handelman of Portland Copwatch said there will be diversity issues under the new proposal. The current CRC configuration has been constructed to balance gender and racial representation – which he believes would be lost in a smaller group.

"Breaking the 11-member panel into three-person panels will create a number of problems," Handelman said. He suggested expanding the number of

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#### **Fish to Present Report on CBA Today**

Report looks at successes of, recommendations for Community Benefits Agreement

The Skanner News Staff

ity Commissioner Nick Fish is expected to present a report to the city council Thursday afternoon on the effectiveness of the community benefits agreement. The Kelly Butte Reservoir and Interstate Maintenance Facility Renovation Projects were pilot projects under

the CBA.

A community benefits agreement is a legally-binding contract between a broad community coalition and a developer in which community members pledge support for a development in return for community benefits such as targeted hire of

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Today city commissioner Nick Fish will present a report on the progress of the Community Benefits Agreement, which set targets of employing more minority-owned businesses for city construction projects.