

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

March 3, 1993 Beaverton, City Hall 7:00 p.m. Tapes 68 - 71

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Mary Alice Ford, Chair Rep. Bill Fisher Rep.
Dennis Luke Rep. John Meek Rep. Frank Shields

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Beverly Stein, Vice Chair Rep. Marilyn Dell

VISITING MEMBER: Rep. Dave McTeague

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Zermer, Committee Administrator Bryan
Boehringer, Committee Clerk

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: TOPIC: Invited speakers will highlight the
problems of gangs in the

metropolitan area outside of Portland and will emphasize the need
for

resources to fight gang activity.

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in
quotation marks report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents
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Witnesses: Rob Drake, Mayor of Beaverton Rep. Dave McTeague,
District 25 Detective Dick Stein, Oregon State Police Youth Gang Strike
Force Carlos Perez, Principal, J.B. Thomas Jr. High, HillsB oro

School District Mary Ann Barnekoff, Principal, Evergreen Jr. High,
HillsB oro School District Phil Barnekoff, Principal, HillsB oro High
School Ron Louis, HillsB oro Police Chief Dave Bishop, Beaverton Police
Chief Dave Clark, Portland Police Department Ed Kersch, Beaverton Street
Crime Unit Jim Francisconi, Youth Employment and Empowerment Coalition
Johnny Gage, Program Director for House of Amosia Alonzo Graves,
Participant in the Amosia Program Dan Tabazon, Nike Billy Moore, Vice
Principal, Portland Opportunities

Industrialization Center Rodney Cook, Chair of Clackamas County Youth
Gangs Task

Force Rob Kappa, Clackamas County Youth Gangs Task Force Charles
Mansfield, Milwaukie Chief of Police Randy Graves, Director of the Boys
and Girls Club Norm Monroe, Multnomah County Charles Ford, Northeast
Coalition Willie Brown, Northeast Coalition Sherri Calouri, Chair of
Beaverton School Board Tim Alexander, Washington County Judge Roger

Parish, Citizens for School Support Rudolph Rockaid Johnson, Amer-I-Can Gary Dodson, School Liaison Officer for Beaverton

004 CHAIR FORD: Calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

024 ROB DRAKE, MAYOR OF BEAVERTON: Welcomes the group to Beaverton.

032 REP. DAVE MCTEAGUE, DISTRICT 25: Testifies on behalf of the gang problem. Discusses the problem, and his proposal to deal with the

problem. Refers to Gang Response Plan. (Exhibit A)

092 DETECTIVE DICK STEIN, OREGON STATE POLICE YOUTH GANG STRIKE FORCE: Testifies on the scope of the problem. Describes composition of gangs.

124 REP. LUKE: Discusses gang members outside of the Tri-County area.

128 STEIN: Talks about gang activity outside of Multnomah County. Discusses the education process for police officers.

147 CHAIR FORD: Asks about the purpose and motivation for these gangs in the outer lying areas.

150 STEIN: Discusses profit motivation and the drug trade. Discusses turf disputes.

171 SHIELDS: Asks about the spread of gangs who are not profit oriented.

181 STEIN: Discusses the sense of family, and the fear that sometimes forces kids in. There are around 3000 documented gangs in the area.

Discusses the recruitment found in some of the profit motivated gangs.

244 CARLOS PEREZ, PRINCIPAL, J.B. THOMAS JR. HIGH, HILLSB ORO DISTRICT: Testifies on the gang activity in his area. Describes his efforts to

help the situation. Discusses role model programs.

331 MARY ANN BARNEKOFF, PRINCIPAL, EVERGREEN JR. HIGH, HILLSB ORO SCHOOL DISTRICT: Discusses problems in the HillSB oro area. Discusses the

importance of parental awareness. Refers to fashion trends and media problems. Discusses the need to expand school programs to combat these problems.

455 REP. MCTEAGUE: Discusses the element of denial in the communities and schools.

478 M. BARNEKOFF: Discusses some of the specifics of the gang problems.

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013 M. BARNEKOFF: Continues with her presentation.

019 PHIL BARNEKOFF, PRINCIPAL, HILLSB ORO HIGH SCHOOL: Discusses police force assistance in evaluating the problem. Discusses the movement of

gangs from the Portland area to the surrounding areas. Refers to some of the problems in the High School. Speaks in favor of the extracurricular activities that help students keep out of trouble.

053 REP. SHIELDS: Requests more information on the lost programs.

055 P. BARNEKOFF: Discusses the importance of all extra curricular activities that give the students things to do after school.

078 REP. SHIELDS: Asks about the comparisons between the kids involved in the extra curricular programs, and those involved in gang activity.

085 P. BARNEKOFF: With the loss of these programs, the kids will seek other outlets that may not be productive to the community.

096 RON LOUIS, HILLSB ORO POLICE CHIEF: (Exhibit B) Submits and reviews testimony.

193 REP. FISHER: Asks about the difference in treatment with multi-racial gangs.

198 LOUIE: Discusses the differences in the gangs.

251 M. BARNEKOFF: The issue is parenting. We need to make sure that the parents out there have the skills to raise their children.

272 PEREZ: Discusses how the economy also factors into the poor family situations.

287 REP. MEEK: Asks for more information on the community gang network.

295 LOUIE: Describes the police programs and the need for information sharing.

307 REP. MEEK: Asks how often the groups are meeting.

308 LOUIE: It depends on the area of focus. They meet when necessary.

336 CHAIR FORD: Introduces Kevin Concannon, State Director of the Department of Human Resources.

353 DAVE BISHOP, BEAVERTON POLICE CHIEF: (Exhibit C) Submits and reviews testimony.

438 DAVE CLARK, PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT: Testifies on the development of the gang problem in Portland. Discusses the merits of

Rep. McTeague's

proposal.

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025 CLARK: Continues with the testimony.

059 ED KERSCH, BEAVERTON STREET CRIME UNIT: Testifies on his job responsibilities. Describes specifics of the problem. Discusses gang

graffiti.

096 CHAIR FORD: Discusses community denial.

111 JIM FRANCISCONNI, YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ORGANIZATION: Discusses the economic realities of the gang response plan. Testifies

on the effectiveness of the employment and empowerment programs.

218 JOHNNY GAGE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, HOUSE OF AMOSIA: Discusses the House of Amosia's programs, and the group effort needed. Emphasizes the need for adequate support services.

252 REP. FISHER: Asks for clarification on the House of Amosia.

253 GAGE: It is a residential program that provides outreach services, as well as drug and alcohol treatment. The program also works with

employment possibilities.

278 ALONZO GRAVES, PARTICIPANT IN AMOSIA PROGRAM: Discusses the myth that drug dealers can't be rehabilitated. Discusses the need to deal with

the kids as human beings, and not "gang members". Explains the bonding and the friendships that need to be dealt with when working with gangs.

342 REP. SHIELDS: Discusses changing perceptions of gang members.

404 GRAVES: Explains the need for personal contact with the youths. You can't understand a person that you know nothing about.

433 DAN TABAZON, NIKE: Discusses the employment program at Nike. Discusses community concerns, and the company's commitment.

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024 TABAZON: Continues with testimony.

043 BILLY MOORE, VICE PRINCIPAL, PORTLAND OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER: Discusses the reality of helping gang members. Notes the

importance of state funding. Discusses creating opportunities for the

kids.

062 REP. MCTEAGUE: Asks about the funding prospects for the youth employment programs in the upcoming years.

075 FRANCISCONNI: There is some funding currently, but we are waiting to hear about more. The model is working, but we need the resources to

provide more jobs.

107 RODNEY COOK, CHAIR OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY YOUTH GANGS TASK FORCE: Discusses the importance of coordination and collaboration between the

communities.

128 ROB KAPPA, CLACKAMAS COUNTY YOUTH GANGS TASK FORCE: (Exhibit D) Submits and reviews testimony dealing with gangs.

200 CHARLES MANSFIELD, MILWAUKIE CHIEF OF POLICE: Discusses partnerships with other police departments, to combat the gang problem. Discusses

the need for developing kids life survival skills.

262 REP. LUKE: Asks about differences in gangs today, compared to gangs in the past.

270 MANSFIELD: The gangs are formed differently today. The reasons for association have more weight to them. They are support groups that feed on the members of the group.

309 COOK: Discusses racism and skinheads.

344 FISHER: Discusses the violence and savagery in the gang activity recently.

362 MANSFIELD: There is no reason for a lot of the violence. They may not like the way you act, dress, or look. They just want to prove a point.

The acts are senseless.

377 KAPPA: Discusses the importance of getting the word out. Talks about the need for more information sessions.

413 RANDY GRAVES, DIRECTOR OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB: Testifies on the activities the Boys and Girls Club are involved with to help fight gang activity. Discusses the preventive programs.

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019 R. GRAVES: Continues with testimony.

108 NORM MONROE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY: Discusses the Gang Response Plan. Explains that the problem is caused by unhealthy communities. Discusses the importance of nurturing communities.

169 CHARLES FORD, NORTHEAST COALITION: Discusses the Youth Gangs Outreach concept. Discusses the importance of a statewide effort.

228 WILLIE BROWN, NORTHEAST COALITION: The answers to the gang problems lie in the communities. Emphasizes the importance of the programs that deal with the young people. 260 REP. LUKE: Asks about the difference between kids today and kids in the sixties and seventies.

264 MONROE: Community played a bigger role in the development in the children. Families held higher values.

309 SHERRI CALOURI, CHAIR OF BEAVERTON SCHOOL BOARD: Discusses budget restraints that result in problems preventing gang activity. Discusses

educational needs to deter gang formation.

372 TIM ALEXANDER, WASHINGTON COUNTY JUDGE: Discusses preventative government. Discusses penalties when dealing with gang members. Talks

about putting money in the front end of the system (probation officers), rather than the end product (jails).

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028 ALEXANDER: Continues with testimony.

047 LUKE: Discusses work parties, and incentives to work.

066 FISHER: Discusses probationers.

103 ROGER PARISH, CITIZENS FOR SCHOOL SUPPORT: Discusses the need for increased revenue.

125 RUDOLPH ROCKAID JOHNSON, AMER-I-CAN: Discusses uniting gang members. Explains the Jim Brown Amer-I-Can program.

336 GARY DODSON, SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER FOR BEAVERTON: Discusses differences in today's kids. Discusses different family units, and a lack of good

role models.

450 LUKE: Discusses media influences. Discusses family and social values.

495 CHAIR FORD: Adjourns the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

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