

Police Review Commission: November 10, 1999 Agenda and Summary

Agenda:

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1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 1999 MEETING

4. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

- a. New Filings
- b. Boards of Inquiry

5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

--Drug Task Force

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

- a. Governor Davis's Veto of SB 78, "Driving While Black/Brown" Bill
- b. PRC Public Hearing

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

- a. Physicians for Social Responsibility—Presentation by Dr. Frank Lucido
- b. Commission Agendas and Minutes on Web
- c. Possible Mediation Study

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. COMMISSION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION (if necessary)

11. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Items requested to be placed on the agenda for this meeting by Commissioner Martynn will be placed on the December 8, 1999 meeting at his request—War on Weapons and PRC/Internal Affairs Statistics.

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Summary:

1. ROLL CALL 7:38 PM

Commissioners Present: Bennett, Mar, Sanchez-Resnik, Taylor, White, Zellman

Commissioners Absent: DeBose, Martynn, Ritchie (All Excused)

PRC Staff: Barbara Attard

BPD Representative: Lt. Randle, Sgt. Gordon

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Julian Frederick of BARK ACLU asked whether complainants were asked permission for staff to interview witnesses. Barbara Attard stated that PRC investigators make decisions regarding which witnesses to interview, taking into account witnesses named by complainants and officers.

Mar/Zellman Moved/Seconded, Passed unanimously to reopen public comment after it was closed to allow Nate Moore of BARK ACLU to make a comment. Mr. Moore stated that he is in a MPA Program at Hayward State and is doing a study of the PRC and would like to interview some commissioners about their perspectives on the PRC.

3. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 1999 MEETING

Mar/Zellman Moved/Seconded, Passed to approve minutes of October 28, 1999 meeting with White abstaining. (Date of meeting corrected from agenda that read Minutes of November 3, 1999 Meeting.)

4. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

e. New Filings - Barbara Attard reported that 6 new cases had been filed since the last PRC meeting—53 cases to date this year.

f. Boards of Inquiry—five upcoming boards were discussed.

5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT--None

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

--Drug Task Force—No Report

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

e. Governor Davis's Veto of SB 78, "Driving While Black/Brown" Bill

- PRC Public Hearing
- The Commission discussed the proposed Public Hearing/Forum.

Taylor/Zellman Moved/Seconded, Passed unanimously to change the date of the public hearing/forum from January 12, 2000 to January 26, 2000. (However, if there is a problem with this change the date can be changed back to January 12, 2000.)

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

c. Physicians for Social Responsibility

Dr. Frank Lucido presented an interesting and informative slide show presentation on the impact of gun violence in the community. Some facts that his presentation revealed are:

- Every two years more Americans are killed with firearms than during the entire 11-year Viet Nam War.
- Firearm deaths of teenagers exceed the total from all natural causes of death combined. One in four teenage deaths is from a gunshot wound.
- In 1990, firearm injuries were the number 2 cause of death for Americans between the ages of 10 and 19, and the number 1 cause of death for African-American males between the ages of 10 and 24.
- At the height of the polio epidemic, in 1952, 3,145 Americans of all ages died; in 1992, 5,377 US children and adolescents died from gunfire.
- A study of all firearm deaths (743) between 1978-1983 in King Co., Washington, found that 398 (54%) occurred in the residence where the firearm was kept. Death of a resident of the household was 43 times higher than the death of a stranger.

Documents provided by Dr. Lucido to supplement his presentation are included in the PRC packet for the December 8, 1999 meeting.

d. Commission Agendas and Minutes on Web

Barbara Attard informed the Commission that PRC Agendas and Minutes are now available through the City of Berkeley/City Clerk website.

e. Possible Mediation Study

Barbara Attard informed the Commission that the PRC will be participating in a study of mediation of citizen complaints against the police being conducted by Mr. Sam Walker of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The study is being funded by a grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services of the U.S. Department of Justice. Some Commissioners may be asked to participate.

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Zellman/Taylor, Moved/Seconded, Passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

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