



Police Review Commission

## ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION

South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street  
Berkeley, California

Date: Wed. December 13, 2000  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Note: Due to tape malfunction, there is no audio record of this meeting.

1. ROLL CALL 7:40 PM  
Commissioners Present: Ritchie, Sanchez- Resnik, White, Schlosberg, Taylor  
Commissioners Absent: Bennett, Martynn, Mar, DeBose (all excused)  
PRC Staff: Barbara Attard  
BPD Personnel : Sgt. Gordon, Lt. Aldinger, Det. Badour
  
2. PUBLIC COMMENT—None
  
3. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2000 MEETING  
**Ritchie/Taylor (Moved/Seconded) to approve the meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.**
  
4. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT (For Discussion or Action)
  - a) New Filings—Two since last meeting
  - b) Boards of Inquiry—January 3 Board of Inquiry discussed. (Note: Board changed to Jan. 4) At least two more Boards will be held in January.
  - c) Administrative Closure PRC Case #1832 Filed by William Griffin



The Administrative Closure Recommendation was tabled until the next PRC meeting as the Commission is interested in reviewing the police report.

d) Upcoming CAHRO (California Association of Human Relations Organizations) Symposium on Community—Police Relations December 18 in Richmond

Several Commissioners expressed interest in attending the symposium.

5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT

Detective Badour discussed recent shootings in west Berkeley. There were several shootings in October and several in November. In most of the shootings victims and witnesses have not been able to identify suspects. BPD has maintained high visibility in the area and the City has convened a meeting in the neighborhood to inform the community. A neighborhood group has been formed and BPD has utilized reverse 911 to inform residents of issues related to the shootings.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

BPD Recruitment Task Force—Commissioners Sanchez-Resnik and Mar met with Sgt. Gustafson about recruitment. They have established a good working relationship.

PRC Regulations Task Force—To be reconvened to work on updating and revising PRC regulations. (Members to include Ritchie, Taylor and Schlosberg)

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a. Telegraph Avenue Incident 10/14/00—Request for Follow-up From UC Berkeley

**Schlosberg/Taylor (Moved/Seconded) to send a letter to UC asking for a report on what happened and what can be done to avoid the same problem in the future. Passed unanimously.**

Lt. Aldinger stated that since the 10/14/00 incident communications between the two departments has improved.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a. Policy Complaint PRC Case # 1821 filed by Stephen Rosenbaum about Officers Removing Signs From Posts

Mr. Rosenbaum explained the incident that resulted in his filing a policy complaint. He observed an officer removing a flier advertising a Mumia Abu-Jamal demonstration scheduled for the next day.

**Schlosberg/Taylor (Moved/Seconded) to forward a policy recommendation to the Council asking the BPD establish a written policy regarding removal of flyers from posts consistent**

**with pertinent Berkeley Municipal Code sections and ensuring that free speech rights are upheld.**

b. Commission Advocate Issue from Peace and Justice Commission

Barbara Attard explained that she had been told that this item is not being pursued at the Council level by the Peace and Justice Commission. Commissioner Schlosberg expressed support for the item. Commissioner Ritchie stated that he did not want this item to interfere with the PRC independent counsel item. Commissioner Taylor said that it may be good to invite Mr. Cohen to a PRC meeting to discuss the item.

Item held over to first meeting in February.

c. Allegations Standardization

Barbara Attard explained that this item was brought to the Commission because of difficulties in using established subcategories. Staff is recommending that the generalized allegation headings be used in charging allegations and that subcategories be used for tracking purposes at the close of a case. The recommended change would bring charging allegations more in line with Internal Affairs (IA) charging.

Lt. Aldinger stated that when she was in IA, the PRC did not use the subcategories.

**Schlosberg/Taylor (Moved/Seconded) to adopt staff recommendations to use generalized allegations. Passed unanimously.**

d. PRC Quarterly Statistical Overview for First, Second and Third Quarters 2000

Barbara Attard presented the Statistical Report for the First, Second and Third Quarters 2000. Numbers of complaints and Boards of Inquiry have not changed significantly in relation to numbers reported for the same period in 1999.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Taylor stated that he had heard about a presentation made to the Council and he thought that it may be beneficial for the Commission to see. Lt. Aldinger stated that she thought that the presentation being referred to was a presentation regarding staffing by Capt. Hambleton. Barbara Attard will check about the presentation and will report back to the Commission as to its content and availability.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Ritchie/Taylor (Moved/Seconded) to adjourn meeting at approximately 9 p.m. Passed unanimously.**