



Police Review Commission

ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Street
Berkeley, California

Date: Wed. February 28, 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL 7:40 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bennett, Mar, DeBose, Martynn (partial), Ritchie, White

Commissioners Absent: Sanchez-Resnik, Schlosberg, (both excused), Taylor (Leave of Absence)

PRC Staff: Barbara Attard

BPD Personnel: Sgt. Gordon, Lt. Borders

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Darren Noy from BOSS spoke about the BOSS homeless project. He will come before the PRC in March to find out about the PRC and how the PRC and his program can work together. He invited members of the PRC to come to a meeting of the Homeless Action Center on 3/8.

3. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2001 MEETING

Bennett/DeBose (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

Upcoming Boards were reviewed.

Next Scheduled: 1849/50—Thurs. March 22—DeBose, Bennett and Sanchez-Resnik
Comp. Konecny/Dodt—Off. Kassebaum, Lindenau, K. Reese, Brown, Sgt. D. Reese

c) Request for Administrative Closure, PRC Case # 1833, Filed by Alice Frazier

DeBose/Bennett (Moved/Seconded) to approve administrative closure. Passed unanimously.

d) Request for Summary Dismissal, PRC Case #1851, Filed by Matthew Dodt

DeBose/Bennett (Moved/Seconded) to approve summary dismissal. Passed unanimously.

e) Appeal for Late Filing PRC Case #1855, Filed by Thomas Cooper

Ritchie/Mar (Moved/Seconded) to approve late filing. Passed with Bennett abstaining.

f) Request for Rehearing PRC Case #1838, Filed by Gary Rosenberg.

DeBose/Martynn (Moved/Seconded) to approve request for rehearing. Aye:White, Martynn No: DeBose Abstain: Mar, Bennett Recused: Ritchie

g) Confidentiality/Public Nature of Commissioner's Addresses and Phone Numbers

The fact that commissioners names, addresses and phone numbers are public was discussed.

h) 2000 Statement of Economic Interests Forms Due

Commissioners were reminded that Statement of Economic Interests forms are due.

i) Commissioner Stipend Requests Due for Last Quarter 2000

Commissioners were reminded that stipend requests are due.

5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT--none

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

a. Recruitment Task Force

Commissioner Mar explained that he and Commissioner Sanchez-Resnik have met with Sgt. Gustafson. The next test for officers will be March 3.

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a. UCPD and BPD Reports on Telegraph Avenue Incident

Continued until 3/14/01.

b. Policy Issue Update:

- PRC Case #1821—Removal of Flyers Policy—To Council 2/13/01

This item was passed by the Council—BPD will be writing a Training and Information Bulletin on this issue.

- PRC Case #1822—Consensual Encounters—Held over to 3/20/01

This item will go before Council 3/20/01.

- PRC Case #'s 1776, 1794, 1796, 1797—Bicycle Issues—Held over to 3/20/01

This item will go before Council 3/20/01.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a. Election of PRC Officers

PRC Chair: Martynn/Ritchie nominated/seconded Schlosberg. Bennett/White nominated DeBose. Vote: DeBose—4, Schlosberg—2. DeBose elected chair.

Vice-Chair: Mar/Martynn nominated/seconded Schlosberg. DeBose/Bennett nominated/seconded White. Tied, 3-3. Election of vice-chair held over to next meeting.

Outgoing Chair, Bill White thanked Barbara Attard, Commissioner Bennett and Bill Taylor for their assistance in the past year. Commissioner Bennett and other commissioners thanked Bill White for his leadership in the past year.

b. Proposal for Commission Advocate from Peace and Justice Commission

Item held over until staff response is written at the request of the City Manager.

c. Repeat Complainants

Several commissioners expressed their concerns about complainants who have filed multiple complaints. Issues raised were: Complainants using/abusing the “system” and the ability of commissioners to remain objective when facing the same complainants repeatedly. Commissioner DeBose asked staff to inquire as to what other departments do when faced with repeat complainants. Commissioners Ritchie and Mar will begin to compose a recommendation for how to handle this issue.

d. BPD Budget

Purchase of various weapons were discussed.

e. PRC Budget

Barbara Attard discussed the proposed PRC budget. Commissioners discussed PRC office space. Concerns about accessibility and ample space were expressed. **Ritchie/Bennett (Moved/Seconded) to remove rent for PRC office space from the PRC Budget. Approved with White abstaining.** Chair DeBose and Commissioner Ritchie requested a meeting with City Manager Weldon Rucker to discuss options for the PRC offices.

Commissioners also discussed commissioner travel to conferences. Commissioners contribute a significant amount of hours working for the PRC and feel that travel to conferences should be covered by the City. **White/Ritchie (Moved/Seconded) to increase travel in the PRC Budget to \$5000 for Commissioner travel (at approximately \$1200 per person). Passed unanimously.**

9. COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were discussed:

- Scheduling of Staffing Presentation by BPD (Presentation made to Council)
- Upcoming Airing of PRC 25 Year Anniversary Celebration March 26—BTV Ch. 25
- City Wide Commissioner Training March 6, 2001, 7:30 PM
- Community Forum on Displacement and the Impacts of Gentrification—March 3
- Upcoming National and International Civilian Oversight Meetings--NACOLE and IACOLE

10. ADIJOURNMENT

Ritchie/Bennett (Moved/Seconded) to adjourn the meeting at @ 9:10 PM. Passed unanimously.