



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. April 11, 2001  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: 7:45 p.m.  
  
Commissioners Present: Bennett, Farrell, Ritchie, Sanchez-Resnik, Schlosberg, Sherman, White  
  
Commissioners Absent: DeBose, Sternberg (Both Excused)  
  
PRC Staff: Barbara Attard  
  
BPD Personnel: Sgt. Gordon ; Lt. Aldinger

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

New Commissioners Farrell and Sherman introduced themselves. Commissioner Farrell previously served on the Transportation Commission and Commissioner Sherman served on the Peace and Justice Commission.

3. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2001 MEETING

**Ritchie/Bennett (Moved/Seconded) to approve the meeting minutes. Passed with Farrell and Sherman abstaining.**

4. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT (For Discussion or Action)



a) New Filings—Two since last meeting.

b) Boards of Inquiry

Upcoming Boards were reviewed/arranged:

Case #1852—Thursday 4/26—Complainant Shortridge—  
Commissioners Schlosberg, Sanchez-Resnik, Farrell

Case #1844—Thursday 5/3—Complainant Meggs—  
Commissioners Schlosberg, Sherman, Farrell

c) Request for Administrative Closure, PRC Case # 1853, Filed by Jane Cooley

Barbara Attard explained that investigation revealed that the incident did not involved BPD officers. **Ritchie/Sanchez-Resnik (Moved/Seconded) to approve the Administrative Closure. Passed with Schlosberg abstaining.**

d) Policy Issue Update:

- PRC Case #1822—Consensual Encounters— Passed on Consent at Council 3/20/01
- PRC Case #'s 1776, 1794, 1796, 1797 Bicycle Issues— Held over to 5/8/01
- PRC Case #1834—Disability Service Dog Issues—Researching and Coordinating Council Item With Disability Commission

5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT—None.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

a. Recruitment Follow-up—Commissioner Farrell volunteered to work on this project

b. Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Follow-up

Barbara Attard and Commissioner Sanchez-Resnik discussed the training

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

Marijuana Enforcement—Follow-up from January 10, 2001 Item PRC Policy Case 1829

Barbara Attard introduced the item and Complainant Harold Sweet discussed his concerns. Commissioner Schlosberg asked that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in order to obtain more information about arrest statistics.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a. AB788 “Driving While Black/Brown” (DWB) Legislation

Commissioner Schlosberg introduced the item. Commissioner Sherman discussed the item and stated his belief that racial profiling cannot be dealt with effectively separate from the war on drugs. He asked that the Council Item prepared by the Peace and Justice Commission be included in the PRC packet. Commissioner Sanchez-Resnik expressed concerns that the impact of the bill could be diluted by including the war on drugs in the analysis.

**Ritchie/Sanchez-Resnik (Moved/Seconded) to send a letter in support of AB788. Passed unanimously.**

b. Medical Marijuana Issues

Commissioner Ritchie discussed a Council Item on Medical Marijuana. He is concerned that there is a disconnect between marijuana growing and legal possession at the time of purchase. Until/unless marijuana is legalized this dichotomy will exist.

c. Scheduling of Tour of Tsukamoto Public Safety Building

It was requested that staff attempt to arrange the tour for May 23, 2001, 6-7 PM.

d. Presentation from Representatives from BOSS (Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency) Regarding Homeless Issues

Michael Diehl from BOSS discussed several enforcement issues that affect homeless people.

**Ritchie/Sanchez-Resnik (Moved/Seconded) to support the resolution from BOSS about homeless issues, but would like to see changes: 1) Clarification on the time frame of the recommend moratorium, and 2) Would like to see specificity on steps to be taken to ensure that there is adequate shelter. Passed with Farrell abstaining.** Commissioner Ritchie agreed to write a letter of support.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Barbara Attard discussed staffing changes at PRC. Maritza Martinez, Senior Office Assistant, and Beverly Powell, Office Assistant II have been hired.

Barbara Attard asked that commissioners call the office to let staff know if there is a problem with the packets.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Ritchie/Bennett (Moved/Seconded) to adjourn the meeting at @ 9:15 PM. Passed unanimously.**