



Police Review Commission

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

South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street  
Berkeley, California

Date: Wednesday July 11, 2001  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: 7:40 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bennett, DeBose, Martynn, Schlosberg, Sherman

Commissioners Absent: Farrell, Ritchie, Sanchez-Resnik, White (excused)

PRC Staff: Barbara Attard

BPD Personnel: Sgt. Ahearn, Lt. Aldinger

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea Prichett of Copwatch discussed issues regarding drug enforcement at the UA Homes on University. The Commission agreed to place the item on the agenda for 7/25/01.

Ms. Prichett also brought up issues regarding BPD's refusal to be involved in the rehearing of PRC case #1846.

3. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2001 MEETING

**Schlosberg/Martynn (Moved/Seconded) to approve the meeting minutes. Passed with Bennett and DeBose abstaining.**

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

a) New Filings—None since last meeting.

b) Boards of Inquiry—Upcoming Boards of Inquiry were discussed for 7/17, 7/18, 7/23 and 7/31.

4. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT--None



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5. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

a. Recruitment Update--None

6. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

Marijuana Arrests—Policy Issue, PRC Case #1829 Filed by Harold Sweet

Chief Butler provided a written response to issues raised by the Commission, this response will be part of the next meeting's packet. Sgt. Boga and Lt. Yuen provided oral testimony to the PRC on this issue. They reported that priorities for enforcement had changed at times based upon complaints from high-profile complaints and Council/City Manager directives. There were increases in enforcement mostly in the South Campus area and Telegraph Avenue. The enforcement efforts were in conjunction with a team from the Health and Human Services Department including mental health workers. There has been a dramatic change in the atmosphere on Telegraph Avenue and it is hoped that enforcement in this area will become more of a baseline rather than a priority effort.

The policy complaint was closed with no recommendations made.

7. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a. Review of Draft PRC Annual Statistical Report for the Year 2000

Barbara Attard presented the Draft Annual Statistical Report to the Commission. The Commission discussed the report, particularly the comparative PRC/IAB complaint receipt levels and the fact that there was a greater discrepancy in these levels last year. Barbara Attard agreed to discuss with Chief Butler the possibility of PRC composing a letter to be forwarded to IAB complainants explaining the PRC process.

b. Viewing of BPD "Disengagement Video"

This video was viewed by the Commission.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- SWAT Team Public Hearings will be held in Oakland on July 18. The Attorney General sent a letter to the PRC inviting the Commission to attend the hearing.
- A Saturday July 14 ACLU racial profiling rally in Oakland was announced.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Schlosberg/Bennett (Moved/Seconded) to adjourn meeting at approximately 9 PM. Passed unanimously.**