



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. January 9, 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL 7:35 PM
Commissioners Present: DeBose, Gleich, Ritchie, Sherman, Schlosberg, Sternberg
Commissioners Absent: White, Farrell, Mayor Dean's Seat is Unfilled
PRC Staff: Barbara Attard
BPD Personnel : Lt. Yuen and Sgt. Gordon
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
Andrea Prichett stated that she was anxious to hear the recommendations regarding the issues at UA homes and she is concerned about intelligence gathering issues.
3. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2001 MEETING
Gleich/Sherman Moved/Seconded approve the meeting minutes. Passed unanimously with DeBose abstaining.
4. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT (For Discussion or Action)
 - a) New Filings: Two since last meeting
 - b) Boards of Inquiry: Upcoming Boards were discussed
 - c) Recommendation for Summary Dismissal, PRC Case #1892, Complainant Cyndi Cordon
Gleich/Sherman (Moved/Seconded) to approve Summary Dismissal recommendation, did not pass with Commissioner Sternberg dissenting.
5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT--None



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6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a. Discussion of Issues Stemming from Policy Review of Drug Enforcement Efforts at the UA Homes

Commissioners Ritchie and Schlosberg made recommendations that the PRC have a public forum on community policing. Ms. S. Wilson discussed her concerns that the police used heavy-handed tactics for the population involved.

Andrea Prichett stated that she would like to see a multi-agency approach to dealing with these types of issues. She suggested developing protocols along these lines.

Gleich/Sherman (Moved/Seconded) to accept the recommendations made by Commissioners Ritchie and Schlosberg to study and reevaluate the goals and policies regarding drug enforcement and to conduct a hearing or a series of workshops to study and collect information regarding community policing. Passed Unanimously.

A subcommittee made up of Commissioners Ritchie and Sherman and members of Copwatch and Ms. S. Wilson will provided input on this. The goal for the hearing is April or May. Commissioner Sherman suggested putting this item on the agenda for the Joint HHS Commission meeting. Commissioner Schlosberg stated that these findings should go to the City Council. It was recommended to invite Council members and other City Departments to the hearing.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a. BPD Involvement in Intelligence Gathering and Anti-Terrorism Efforts

The PRC reviewed a memo from Chief Butler regarding a request that BPD interview two individuals for the Department of Justice. The two individuals had moved and there have been no further requests.

Commissioners expressed concerns regarding recent requests by the justice department to interview and/or detain large groups of individuals nationwide. Absent evidence linking such individuals to specific criminal acts, targeting such individuals amounts to racial profiling and is discriminatory. For these reasons police departments including San Jose, San Francisco, and Portland OR have declined to cooperate with the Justice Department requests.

Schlosberg/Gleich (Moved/Seconded) that BPD establish a policy of non-cooperation with requests to interview and/or detain individuals absent individualized suspicion of their specific involvement in a specific crime, and that BPD develop a comprehensive intelligence gathering policy. Passed unanimously.

b. PRC Investigator Recruitment

Barbara Attard reported that interviews for the investigator position will take place on Wednesday, January 23.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ritchie/Schlosberg (Moved/Seconded) to meeting at approximately 8:50 PM. Passed unanimously.