



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 10, 2002  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL 7:40 PM

Commissioners Present: Clark, Gleich, Mapps, Ritchie, Sherman, Sternberg, Yang

Commissioners Absent: DeBose, White (both excused)

PRC Staff: Barbara Attard

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea Prichett spoke on several issues:

1) She encouraged the PRC to have the community forum on Community Policing and neighborhood issues sooner rather than later because Copwatch is hearing about issue of police abuses in the community. 2) In response to Ashcroft's new request to question 3000 more people, she inquired about the Commission's subcommittee work on drafting an intelligence policy. 3) She invited the Commission to the "Know your rights" training being held at the Copwatch offices on April 27. (2200 Blake Street.)

Commissioner Sternberg informed Ms. Prichett that an item asking that BPD develop an intelligence policy went to the Council, but was not adopted.

Commissioner Sherman mentioned that the Peace and Justice Commission is interested in this issue as well.

Commissioner Yang is interested in working on the intelligence issue with the subcommittee involving Commissioners Ritchie and Sternberg.

Jason Meggs stated that he agrees with Ms. Prichett that an intelligence policy is important and believes that BPD may be using surveillance for non-criminal matters.

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**Sherman/Sternberg (Moved/Seconded) to approve the meeting minutes. Passed unanimously with Gleich abstaining.**

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

a) New Filings—One since last meeting.

b) Boards of Inquiry—Upcoming boards were discussed.

c) Jason Meggs Request for Reversal of Summary Dismissal of PRC Case #1895

Mr. Meggs stated that there was not proper notice—that neither he nor his attorney were notified of the Summary Dismissal hearing in January. Attard stated that staff did send notification to Mr. Meggs, but overlooked sending notice to his attorney.

**Sternberg/Ritchie (Moved/Seconded) to rehear the Summary Dismissal recommendation. Passed 2-1 with Sherman voting no.**

Barbara Attard reviewed staff recommendation for Summary Dismissal.

Commissioner Mapps stated that she was concerned with the allegation that Officer Meredith misrepresented the vehicle code in his interaction with Critical Mass. She asked whether a letter could be sent expressing these concerns to the Chief of Police outside of the hearing format.

**Gleich/Clark (Moved/Seconded) to accept the Summary Dismissal recommendation.**

Mr. Meggs raised his concerns about the incident and appealed to the PRC to deny the summary dismissal. The Commission reviewed the video of the incident at Mr. Meggs request.

**Commissioner Clark moved to amend the motion to include sending a letter to the Chief of Police with the concerns of the Commission about the misrepresentation of the vehicle code. Amendment accepted, passed unanimously.**

d) PRC Office Relocation Update

Barbara Attard informed the PRC that the PRC offices will be moving at the end of June. An office suite at 1900 Addison Street is being considered.

5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT--None

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

Forum on Community Policing Update—Chair Ritchie stated that he and Commissioner White met and to discuss the planned forum. At this time they are considering having 2 or 3 meetings, with at least one held at a site in the community.

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

Council Items on DEA Raids of Medical Marijuana Facilities to Council 4/23—Update

Barbara Attard informed the Commission that these two items will go to the Council on 4/23.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

Development of PRC Workplan

The staff recommended Workplan was adopted with some revisions. The Commission requested that BPD be involved in making some presentations and that Laws of Arrest be added to the list of workshops.

a. PRC Orientation set for Next Meeting 4/24/02—Start at 6:30 PM

An orientation will be held on 4/24/02 at 6:30 PM.

b. May 15 Invitation to Human Welfare and Community Action Commission Meeting with Fred Persily of CAHRO (California Organizations of Human Rights Organizations)— Discussion on Including Aspects of Human Rights in Berkeley in Commission Work Plans

Several commissioners expressed interest in attending this meeting.

c. New Council Directive that Public Hearings Should Not Start after 10 PM—Request for Feedback

The Commission agreed with this item.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Yang informed the PRC about his concerns about police responses to demonstrations at UC.

Andrea Prichett informed the PRC of a BART alert.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Sherman/Clark (Moved/Seconded) to adjourn meeting at approximately 10 PM. Passed unanimously.**