



Police Review Commission

## POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

### ACTION MINUTES

**South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street  
Berkeley, California**

**Date: Wed., March 9, 2005  
Time: 7:30 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL 7:35 P.M.  
Chairperson: Commissioner Sheen  
Commissioners Present: Chung, Kidd, Radisch, Wafer and Sheen  
Commissioners Absent: Ritchie, Sherman, Smith and White  
PRC Staff: Dan Silva  
BPD Staff: Lieutenant Mc Bride
  
2. PUBLIC COMMENT  
None
  
3. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2005 MEETING  
Commissioner Chung **Moved** / Kidd **Seconded**, to approve the Minutes. **Passed unanimously.**  
One abstention by Commissioner Wafer

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

- a) New Filings – Mr. Silva reported three (3) new cases have been filed since the last meeting, Case #2060 (Aleta Stewart), #2061 (Bertha Williams), which is a late file by one year and will be submitted as a request for late file by the Complainant; and #2062 (David Peeler). Also we have received two policy complaints on the January 16<sup>th</sup>, demonstration at the park at Martin Luther King Jr Way. Mr. Silva discussed the policy procedures.
- b) Boards of Inquiry - Mr. Silva reported that he did not have any Board of Inquiries for the Commissioners to commit to as of 3/9/05. That while he was preparing to set a date for the Tyrone Hughes Death in Custody Hearing, Mr. Capi Meyers who is representing Officer Hamilton contacted him. Accordingly, Mr. Silva will present a date to the Commissioners after conferring with the above-mentioned representative.
- c) Budget Update - Mr. Silva stated that he has not been contacted yet regarding the PRC's budget concerns, but has met with Lisa Caronna concerning clarification to the future of PRC staffing. Ms. Caronna indicated that she would get back to him.

Currently PRC is listed as carrying four (4) staff members and PRC will lose the clerical position as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Discussed possibility to add another staff person to be determined at a later date, whether it's going to be a Policy Analyst, an Investigator or PRC Officer whatever the position title.

Will update at next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Silva met with Chief Meisner, sort of an outgoing discussion about his years of experience with BPD and dealing with PRC over the years. This was a very productive meeting. Chief Meisner suggested that I meet with the new Chief regularly, which he intends to do.

It was Chief Meisner's opinion regarding the redaction process that there be a meeting with the City Attorney and the City Manager's designee Lisa Caronna.

Also, Mr. Silva went to Sergeant Michelle Horton-Noble's memorial service in Vallejo. He stated the Berkeley Police Department was well represented and the Chief gave an eloquent talk and also that Phil Kamlarz, the City Manager was there and presented a Proclamation to the family declaring March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, as Sgt. Noble Day in the City of Berkeley. Mr. Silva stated that Sergeant Michelle Horton-Noble would be remembered by the City of Berkeley for a very long time.

5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT

Lieutenant Mc Bride reported that Captain Doug Hambleton has been selected as the Chief of Police. Chief Meisner's last working day will be Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Lt. Mc Bride stated there will possibly be cake, coffee and juice served at the Berkeley Police Department, he was not aware of a formal party or dinner.

Mr. Silva stated that if he is informed of a formal dinner he will contact the Commissioners.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

Discussions to appoint 3 Commissioners to the sub-committee established at the February 23, 2005, meeting to work with the Department's representatives to review the Berkeley Police Department's Mutual Agreements, Understandings and Policies 2005 Publication.

Commissioners decided by consensus, to continue the discussion at the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, PRC Meeting.

Attorney Jim Chanin will address the Commission after the sub-committee is selected.

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

- a) *Caloca* Update -- Dan Silva met with Lisa Caronna. Ms. Caronna stated that the Caloca process should be up and running by April 9<sup>th</sup>, if not by that date it will go into May for some logistical problems. Chief Meisner stated that the May 9<sup>th</sup> or the May 15<sup>th</sup> date was a more realistic start up date.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

Mediation discussion –

Due to the absence of (4) Commissioners the discussion will be carried over to the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, PRC Meeting, for action.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Silva suggested that the Commissioners review and submit the material that they have with the City Clerk's office.

10. ADIJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wafer **Moved** Kidd **Seconded** to adjourn at approximately 8:35 p.m.  
Passed unanimously.