



POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, July 11, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON SHARON KIDD AT 7:23 P.M.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairperson Sharon Kidd
Vice Chair Michael Sherman
Commissioner Jonathan Huang
Commissioner Kamau Edwards
Commissioner Sherry Smith

Absent: Commissioner William White

PRC Staff: Victoria Urbi, PRC Officer
Maritza Martinez, Administrative Support

BPD Staff: Sgt. Reece and Lt. Greenwood

BPA Rep: Henry Wellington

2. ORDER OF AGENDA

No changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

4. REPEAL PRC REVISED REGULATIONS ADOPTED ON MAY 23, 2007.

**Motion to repeal PRC revised regulations adopted on May 23, 2007. M/S/C (Smith/Huang)
Motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Huang, Kidd, Edwards, Sherman and Smith Noes: None.
Abstain: None. Absent: White.**

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



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- A. Status of complaints: Currently have sixty complaints open.
- B. Commission vacancies: There are three vacancies to be appointed by Mayor Bates, Councilmember Maio, and Councilmember Olds. Nicole Drake was appointed, but could not serve on the PRC Commission due to accepting a job with Councilmember Maio.
- C. Legislative updates were included in the packet (see communications).
- D. Upcoming conferences and training: Nacole conference is coming up September 25-28.
- E. Commission time sheets due monthly or quarterly: February, May, August and November.
- F. National Night Out against crime: Tuesday, August 7. Chief Hambleton encourages the City and the community to participate.
- G. Comments:
The July 25 PRC regular meeting has been cancelled due to lack of quorum. Notices will follow. During the month of August, the Commission will recess. Our next PRC meeting is scheduled on September 5.

There was a request from the Mental Health Commission asking for Health and Human Welfare and Community Action Commissions Input on Public Commons for Everyone Initiative and City Manager's project Workplan dated March 26, 2007, per hand out. PRC Commissioners Sharon Kidd, Jonathan Huang and Michael Sherman showed interest to join in this effort.

6. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

Sgt. Reece extended an apology from Chief Hambleton for not being able to attend the PRC meeting due to a conflict with another meeting. There has been some shooting activity in the South Berkeley area, which is of high concern to the community. There was an alert to put more officers out in this area. BPD is investigating this.

Chief Hambleton also thanked the PRC subcommittee for providing recommendations on General Order V-6. He implemented most of PRC's recommendations. The new language states:
"There is a new general order V-6. This policy is intended to reduce potential hazards to the public and to pursuing officers generated by police pursuits of fleeing suspects while maximizing the opportunity for apprehension."

"Police use of helicopters in support of a vehicle pursuit is generally not permitted based on City Council policy. Other agencies may utilize helicopters when they are engaged in a pursuit in Berkeley or when a Berkeley pursuit enters another jurisdiction. In these situations, observations from the aircraft should be used to adjust tactics for the purposes of enhancing safety as well as apprehending the suspect(s)."

"...the use of tire deflation devices to stop a fleeing vehicle may be authorized and shall be deployed in accordance with T&I Bulletin #257." Tire strips are not frequently used in Berkeley.

The BPD is currently fully staffed.

The BPD has received a grant to be used towards alcohol enforcement.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: May 23, 2007

Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Smith/Edwards) Motion passed.

Ayes: Kidd, Edwards and Smith Noes: None. Abstain: Sherman and Huang.

Absent: White.

B. Regular Meeting: June 27, 2007

Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Huang/Kidd) Motion lost.

Ayes: Huang and Kidd. Noes: None. Abstain: Edwards, Sherman and Smith.

Absent: White.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

A. Subcommittee: Draft Regulation for Investigations of First Amendment Activities.

a. Commissioner Sherman's update. No update provided at this time.

Commissioner Huang volunteered to join the subcommittee. Next meeting is scheduled in September.

B. Subcommittee: Review of BPD's Evidence Theft Issues.

a. Chairperson Kidd said that this subcommittee is preparing to issue the report and they will bring the report to the full commission for review. Next meeting is scheduled on August 22.

C. Subcommittee: Review of BPD's Vehicle Pursuit Policy

a. Chairperson Kidd's update: This subcommittee has been dissolved due to completion of reviewing General Order V-6 and making recommendations to BPD.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Peace and Justice Commission Subcommittee on United Nations Treaties.

Ms. Urbi asked the Commissioners if they wish to volunteer on this subcommittee. Information was included in the packet.

Commissioner Sherman encouraged the commissioners to read pages 26-30 in the packet. He said that we are in compliance with the government and volunteered to participate in this effort.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

11. COMMISSION MEETING TIME

Proposal to change meeting time to 6:00 P.M.

The Commission decided to table this item until the next meeting on September 5.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.