



POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY VICE CHAIRPERSON SHARON KIDD AT 7:10 P.M.
ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

Present: Vice Chair Sharon Kidd
Commissioner Huang
Commissioner Michael Sherman
Commissioner Sherry Smith

Absent: Chairperson William White
Commissioner Kamau Edwards
Commissioner George Perezvelez

PRC Staff: Victoria Urbi, PRC Officer
Rebecca Webb, Administrative Support

BPD Staff: Lt. Files
Sgt. White

2. ORDER OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the order of agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: March 26, 2008

Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Smith/Sherman) Motion carried.

Ayes: Kidd, Sherman and Smith. Noes: None.

Abstain: Huang. Absent: Edwards, Perezvelez and White.



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- B. Regular Meeting: March 12, 2008 – Revised minutes
Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Sherman/Huang) Motion carried.
Ayes: Huang, Kidd and Sherman. Noes: None.
Abstain: Smith. Absent: Edwards, Perezvelez and White.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Huang's motion regarding officer-involved shooting.
Commissioner Huang stated that he had met with Ms. Urbi on April 8. He decided to retract his motion because he felt the current Subcommittee was moving in the direction his motion had intended.

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

- A. Hearing update
There was a hearing scheduled on April 14, but the Officer's attorney cancelled because of a scheduling conflict. The new hearing date is on May 29. Staff is currently preparing more cases to go to hearing in May.

- B. Status of complaints
There are 78 open cases. Since the Commission began hearing cases in closed session, eighteen (18) cases have been closed.

Two (2) complaints have been filed since the last PRC meeting.

- C. Commission vacancies
There are two Commission vacancies.

- D. Comments:
Ms. Urbi stated that Chief Hambleton is not available on May 14 for the second Public Hearing on Crowd Control. She proposed moving the Public Hearing to June 11, which the Commission agreed to do

Commissioner Sherman stated if the Commission moves the meeting, it should be advertised, because the May 14th date has been publicized in the newspaper.

Ms. Urbi directed the Commission's attention to Communication #1, stating that the City Council is requesting Commissions to provide feedback on this Action Item.

Ms. Urbi proposed that the PRC meeting on April 23 be cancelled due to the number of scheduled Subcommittee meetings in May and the lack of any pressing agenda items, which the Commission agreed to do.

Commissioner Smith stated that if the meeting were cancelled, discussion on the City Council Action Item would need to be discussed because the deadline for feedback is May 1.

Commissioner Sherman gave background on the Action Item, and stated his support for it.

Commissioner Smith stated that although the Commission cannot take a vote on this issue since it is not on the agenda, PRC could convey a consensus of approval, which the Commission approved

Ms. Urbi directed the Commission's attention to the BPD commendations in the PRC agenda packet.

7. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

There was no report presented.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

A. Evidence Theft Subcommittee

a. Report from last Subcommittee meeting

Vice Chair Kidd stated that the Subcommittee met on April 7. Ms. Urbi will draft the City Council report, which the Commission will need to approve before it is forwarded to Council. This report will include two additional recommendations for the City Council to consider. The next meeting is scheduled on April 21.

b. Recommendations from Subcommittee

There was nothing reported.

B. Criminal Intelligence Subcommittee

a. Report from last Subcommittee meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on May 12.

C. Domestic Violence Response Subcommittee

a. Report from last Subcommittee meeting

Commissioner Smith reported that an organizational meeting took place, which selected Commissioner Smith as Chair. The Subcommittee discussed the title of the Subcommittee, and recommends that the Commission change the name from Domestic Violence Response Subcommittee to Officer Involved Shooting Subcommittee.

Motion to change title to Subcommittee on Officer Involved Shooting.

M/S/C (Huang/Smith) Motion carried.

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

Abstain: None. Absent: Edwards, Perezvelez and White.

D. Crowd Control Policies Subcommittee

a. Report from last Subcommittee meeting

Commissioner Huang reported that the Subcommittee is reviewing existing policies before the next meeting on April 30.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Attached.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.