



Police Review Commission

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Public Safety Building
2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley

NOTE: This meeting was not tape-recorded.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR WILLIAM WHITE AT 7:15 p.m. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairperson William White
Vice Chair Sharon Kidd
Commissioner George Perezvelez
Commissioner Michael Sherman

Absent: Commissioner Kamau Edwards
Commissioner Jonathan Huang
Commissioner Sherry Smith

PRC Staff: Victoria Urbi, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Hambleton
Lt. Reece
Sgt. White

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT TOUR

A. Tour of Police Department

Chief Hambleton provided a comprehensive overview of the police department including: the jail facility, the communications 911 dispatch center, reasoning for the building layout, the public disaster emergency areas, historical information, briefing room, interview rooms, fitness center, shooting range, property room, records division, offices of the sergeants, lieutenants and captains and much more.

B. Question and Answer with Chief Doug Hambleton

The Commissioners, two members of the public and PRC staff asked the Chief questions throughout the two-hour tour.



4. POSTPONED REMAINING ITEMS ON AGENDA TO NEXT MEETING

Chairperson White asked the Commissioners if the remaining items on the agenda could be postponed until the next meeting and the Commissioners did not object to this suggestion.

Chairperson White also encouraged Commissioners to schedule a BPD Ride-a-long if they have not already done so. He stated that along with a tour of the Department, the Ride-a-long would give Commissioners valuable information on police procedures and how police departments operate. He stated that he has completed a Ride-a-long with both BPD and the Oakland Police Department, where he was able to do his Ride-a-long on a helicopter.

Chief Hambleton clarified that Ride-a-longs are only for police applicants, Commissioners and City officials. The general public could not go on a Ride-a-long, because in the past, many people were overusing this privilege, which became problematic over time. If Commissioners were interested in going on a Ride-a-long, they could arrange it with PRC staff and Captain Ahearn.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Postponed

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

A. Hearing update: Postponed.

B. Status of complaints: Postponed

C. Comments: Ms. Urbi asked the Commission what should be done about the next Commission meeting on October 8, since that date falls on a religious holiday. Commissioners suggested meeting instead on October 15, despite the next Commission meeting scheduled one week later on October 22. Commissioner Sherman stated that the Commission could then decide at the next meeting on October 15 whether to meet on October 22.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Attached.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.