



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
(approved)

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIR PEREZVELEZ AT 8:02 P.M.

Present: Commissioner George Perezvelez (Chair)
Commissioner Terry Roberts (Vice Chair)
Commissioner Alison Bernstein
Commissioner George Lippman
Commissioner Michael Sherman
Commissioner Kad Smith
Commissioner Ari Yampolsky
Commissioner Christine Murphy (*temporary appointment*)

Absent: Commissioners Jerry Javier, Ayelet Waldman

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Michael Meehan (left 8:08 p.m.), Lt. Dan Montgomery, Lt. David Reece, Sgt. Ben Cardoza (left 10:10 p.m.), Sgt. Joe Okies, Sgt. Sean Ross

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The PRC Officer asked to postpone item #9.b., Review of draft PRC Annual report. With that change, the agenda was approved by general consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Regular Meeting minutes of May 25, 2016

Moved/Seconded (Bernstein/Roberts) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Bernstein, Lippman, Murphy, Perezvelez, Roberts, Sherman, and Yampolsky.

Noes: None

Abstain: Smith

Absent: Javier, Waldman

5. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Chief Meehan reported:

-- He and others attended a presentation by Chuck Ramsey, former police chief in DC and Philadelphia; Co-chair of President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Good to know BPD is on right track but still room to grow.

-- Offering to the PRC a presentation about training on the use of force and de-escalation skills. If interested, contact the PRC Officer about scheduling.

-- Police-Community Relations Council item: have scheduled to present to PRC at June 22 meeting.

-- Next DUI checkpoint will be on July 1st at University and Bonar from about 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Commissioners invited to observe any or all of it.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

7. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS (discussion & action)

a. Proposed new General Order: Body-Worn Cameras

By general consent, the Commission adopted a series of changes to the proposed draft General Order on Body-Worn Cameras.

Motion that the language from the Lexipol policy on body-worn cameras be substituted for the third paragraph of Section 450.6 (Prohibited Use of Portable Recorders [Line 199]): "The department-assigned BWC shall be the only mobile video recorder allowed for department employees while on duty. Any other mobile video recorders shall be used only with the express permission of the Chief of Police."

Moved/Seconded (Perezvelez/Sherman)

Friendly amendment: That in addition, Section 450.9 (Coordinator) (a) [Line 319], reading "Establishing a system for uploading, storing and security of recordings" be amended to add, "including for video recordings made using personally-owned recording devices."

Moved by Yampolsky; accepted by Perezvelez and Sherman

Motion as Amended, Carried

Ayes: Murphy, Perezvelez, Sherman, Smith, and Yampolsky.

Noes: Bernstein, Lippman, Roberts Abstain: None

Absent: Javier,

Waldman

**Motion to insert after Section 450.5 (a) [Line 91], a new (b),
“Interrogations.”**

Moved/Seconded (Bernstein/Roberts) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Bernstein, Lippman, Murphy, Perezvelez, Roberts, Sherman, Smith, and Yampolsky.

Noes: None

Abstain: Smith

Absent: Javier, Waldman

Motion to retain Section 450.7.2, Subsection A [Lines 219-225].

Moved/Seconded (Roberts/Bernstein) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Bernstein, Lippman, Murphy, Roberts, Sherman, and Yampolsky.

Noes: Perezvelez, Smith

Abstain: None

Absent: Javier, Waldman

**Motion to approve the body camera worn camera policy proposed by the
Body-Worn Cameras Subcommittee, as amended by the Commission at its
May 25 and June 8, 2015 meetings, and to send it to the Council as a
recommended policy.**

Moved/Seconded (Lippman/Roberts) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Bernstein, Lippman, Murphy, Perezvelez, Roberts, Sherman, Smith, and Yampolsky.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Javier, Waldman

9. NEW BUSINESS (discussion & action)

- a. Follow-up on PRC’s letter to City Manager regarding the standard of proof used in BOI hearings

Item postponed to the next meeting.

- b. Review of draft PRC Annual Report

Withdrawn from agenda by PRC Officer; postponed to the next meeting.

**10. SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVATION, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(discussion & action)**

- a. Fair & Impartial Subcommittee

- b. General Orders C-64, etc. Subcommittee

All subcommittee reports were postponed to the next meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Attached.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one speaker.

13. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.