



Police Review Commission

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
(Approved)

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
7:00 p.m.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIR SHERMAN AT 7:08 P.M.

Present: Vice Chair Alison Bernstein
Commissioner Barbara Allen
Commissioner John Cardoza
Commissioner Karen Lowhurst
Commissioner Ann Rogers
Commissioner Michael Sherman

Absent: Commissioner George Perezvelez
Commissioner Oliver Zerrudo

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Capt. Andy Greenwood, Capt. Erik Upson, Sgt. Katherine Smith, Ofc.
David Bartalini, Lt. Randy Files

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By **consensus**, Chairperson Sherman took agenda items out of order.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of September 10, 2014, with minor corrections.

Moved/Seconded (Rogers/Lowhurst) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Bernstein, Cardoza, Lowhurst, Rogers, and Sherman

Noes: Abstain: Allen Absent: Perezvelez, Zerrudo



5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS (discussion and action) (5.d. was discussed after New Business.)

- a. Wearable Video Cameras Subcommittee
Subcommittee Chair Cardoza reported that as the members had just received an in-depth report on body cameras from PERF (Police Executive Research Forum), the subcommittee postponed its meeting so it could review the report before it meets next.
- b. Regulations Subcommittee
The PRC Officer reported that she has not received a response from the City Attorney regarding which of the proposed regulation amendments might be subject to the 'meet and confer' requirement.
- c. Fair and Impartial Policing Subcommittee
Commissioner Sherman mentioned the recent Daily Cal article about the BPD's progress in training on this subject. The City Council has scheduled a worksession for October 7.
- d. Accreditation Subcommittee
The PRC Officer reported that Capt. Harris has advised that the BPD has been tied up with other priorities and to not expect any new policies to be submitted to the PRC before next January.

6. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORTS

- a. Budget, Staffing, and Training Updates – none given.
- b. Mid-year crime report – presented by Capt. Greenwood and Capt. Upson. A few highlights: For the first 6 months of 2014, Part 1 crimes have decreased 12.7%, to the lowest point in the past 5 years. Major decrease in pedestrian robberies in the first 6 months of this year compared to the same period in 2013. Nixle is being used to inform the community about crime prevention and for advisories such as missing persons alerts. The BPD is using crime prevention strategies such as CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) and the creation of a bicycle registry system. The Beat Analysis was completed and a 14-beat structure was chosen.

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Youth outreach/Clean Slate Project
Commissioner Bernstein asked that this be carried over to the next regular meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Establishment of a vehicle that PRC can regularly use to recommend that Berkeley Police Department members be commended for exemplary conduct.

Motion to reinstate the process of including letters commending BPD officers in the PRC's agenda packets on a roughly regular basis as they are received by the PRC Officer; and to include the names of officers so commended in the corresponding agenda.

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

Ayes: Allen, Bernstein, Cardoza, Lowhurst, Rogers, and Sherman

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Perezvelez, Zerrudo

By **consensus**, the Commission directed the PRC Officer to ask the Chief of Police whether internal commendations could also be sent to the PRC for inclusion in its agenda packets.

9. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Solano Stroll: Commissioners Rogers and Sherman reported on their experience staffing the booth on September 14. The PRC Officer suggested that more Commissioners be committed to staffing before signing up for next year's Stroll.

10. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

The PRC Officer said that no new complaints have been filed since the previous meeting, and reported on the NACOLE Conference she attended Sept. 14 – 18.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Ayes: Allen, Bernstein, Cardoza, Lowhurst, Rogers, and Sherman

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Perezvelez, Zerrudo

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:00 p.m.