



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
(Approved)

October 22, 2014
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIR SHERMAN AT 7:01 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Barbara Allen
Commissioner John Cardoza
Commissioner Karen Lowhurst
Commissioner Ann Rogers
Commissioner Sofia Franco (temporary appointment)

Absent: Vice Chair Bernstein, Commissioner Perezvelez, Commissioner Zerrudo

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Michael Meehan, Lt. Randy Files, Sgt. Spencer Fomby, Sgt. Katherine Smith; Sgt. Dave Bartalini

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Sherman asked to carry over items 7.a. and 7.b. to the next meeting, as they were placed there by Commissioner Perezvelez. With that change, the approval was approved by consensus.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of October 8, 2014

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

Ayes: Allen, Cardoza, Lowhurst, and Sherman.

Noes: None Abstain: Rogers, Franco Absent: Bernstein, Perezvelez, Zerrudo

5. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

The Chief reported that the Fair & Impartial Policing training has been scheduled for November 18 & 19; interested Commissioners should tell the PRC Officer ASAP if they want to attend. The link that the PRC requested, from the BPD's Internal Affairs web page to the PRC's web page, is now there. Public Safety Open House is tomorrow (Oct. 22) from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

6. PRESENTATION BY CHIEF OF POLICE

Special Response Team Tactical Van

Chief Meehan and Sgt. Fomby handed out a specifications sheet for an armored tactical van and said the department does not currently have a vehicle like this; the van can protect officers from gunfire, but does not have the militaristic look of a tank. The Chief requested the PRC's support to apply for a UASI grant to buy a van, as there is no BPD or City money for such a purchase.

Motion to approve a statement of support from the PRC to the City Council for acquiring an armored tactical van as described.

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

Ayes: Allen, Cardoza, Lowhurst, Rogers, Sherman, and Franco.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Bernstein, Perezvelez, Zerrudo

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)

Both items below will be carried over to the November 12 meeting.

- a. Creation of a subcommittee to produce a General Order regarding the treatment of transgendered persons.
- b. Amendment to PRC Regulations to exempt certain types of cases from mediation.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS (discussion and action)

- a. Wearable Video Cameras Subcommittee

Update/schedule next meeting date.

Today's meeting canceled for lack of a quorum. The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. November 12, 2014.

- b. Regulations Subcommittee

The PRC Officer said she will be meeting with Chris Stines, BPA President, to go over the proposed Regulation changes and see what they can agree is subject to meet and confer.

- c. Fair and Impartial Policing Subcommittee

The subcommittee has not met recently. When asked about implementation, Lt. Files said it hasn't happened yet, but will be soon.

9. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

No complaints filed since mid-August. A Caloca appeal was filed in the BOI held on September 5.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two speakers.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Ayes: Allen, Cardoza, Lowhurst, Rogers, Sherman, and Franco.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Bernstein, Perezvelez, Zerrudo

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:35 p.m.