

Police Review Commission (PRC)

**POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

**June 10, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Speakers are generally allotted up to three minutes, but may be allotted less time if there are many speakers; they may comment on items on the agenda or any matter within the PRC's jurisdiction at this time.)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special meeting of May 20, 2015, and Regular meeting of May 27, 2015.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

6. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

Status of Complaints; announcements.

7. PRESENTATION BY CHIEF OF POLICE

Berkeley Police Department post-incident review of events of December 2014.

-- Questions from Commissioners.

8. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Policy investigation regarding the events of December 6, 7, and 8, 2014, and Council directive for an investigation into the events of December 6, as both are more fully identified in the regular meeting agenda of February 25, 2015; and including review of mutual aid practices and policies.

Discuss next steps in investigation.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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10. ADJOURNMENT

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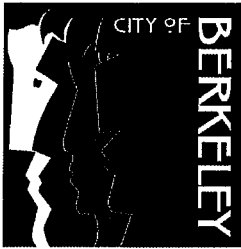
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Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
(unapproved)

May 20, 2015
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY ACTING CHAIR PEREZVELEZ AT 7:09 P.M.

Present: Commissioner George Lippman
Commissioner George Perezvelez (Acting Chair)
Commissioner Ann Rogers (Acting Vice Chair)
Commissioner Michael Sherman
Commissioner Bulmaro Vicente
Commissioner Lowell Finley (*temporary assignment*)

Absent: Commissioners Alison Bernstein and Benjamin Bartlett

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Michael Meehan and Capt. Cynthia Harris (both left 7:45 p.m.)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 6, 2015 as submitted.

Moved/Seconded (Finley/Vicente) Motion **Carried**

Ayes: Finley, Lippman, Perezvelez, Rogers, Sherman, and Vicente.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bartlett, Bernstein

5. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

No new complaints filed since last week; one rejected for lack of jurisdiction; one is scheduled for mediation; a BOI was held last week and another is scheduled for June 11; 5 cases under active investigation. The annual NACOLE conference will be held in Riverside, CA, October 4-8. Oakland's Citizens Police Review Board is having a community outreach event Wednesday, June 3, from 6 – 8 p.m. The temporary investigator candidate is currently undergoing background check. Meet and confer with the BPA over changes to the Regulations occurred on May 6; next meeting scheduled for May 27.

Chief Meehan reported that the BPD's report on its review of the December 2014 protest response will not be ready for presentation at the PRC's May 27 meeting. He and his staff are now aiming for the June 10 PRC meeting, with the goal of having the report released to commissioners before that date.

6. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Accept the Agreed-Upon Changes to Regulations signed April 15, 2015.

Motion to accept the agreed-upon changes to regulations signed by the BPA and Deputy City Manager on April 15, 2015.

Moved/Seconded (Sherman/Finley) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Finley, Lippman, Perezvelez, Rogers, Sherman, and Vicente.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bartlett, Bernstein

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Policy investigation regarding the events of December 6, 7, and 8, 2014, and Council directive for an investigation into the events of December 6, as both are more fully identified in the regular meeting agenda of February 25, 2015; and including review of mutual aid practices and policies.

- i) Review and discuss relevant evidence, including video evidence.

Motion to send a letter to Chief Meehan, asking that, notwithstanding the delay in presenting the Department's report, he attend the PRC's May 27 meeting to answer questions.

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

Ayes: Finley, Lippman, Rogers, Sherman, and Vicente.

Noes: None

Abstain: Perezvelez

Absent: Bartlett, Bernstein

- ii) Other discussion and action on investigation.

By general consent, the Commission revised the investigation timeline to show: May 27 – review and discussion of non-video evidence and questions to the Chief; June 3 – identification and discussion of policy recommendations; June 10 – BPD report presentation and questions to the Chief.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

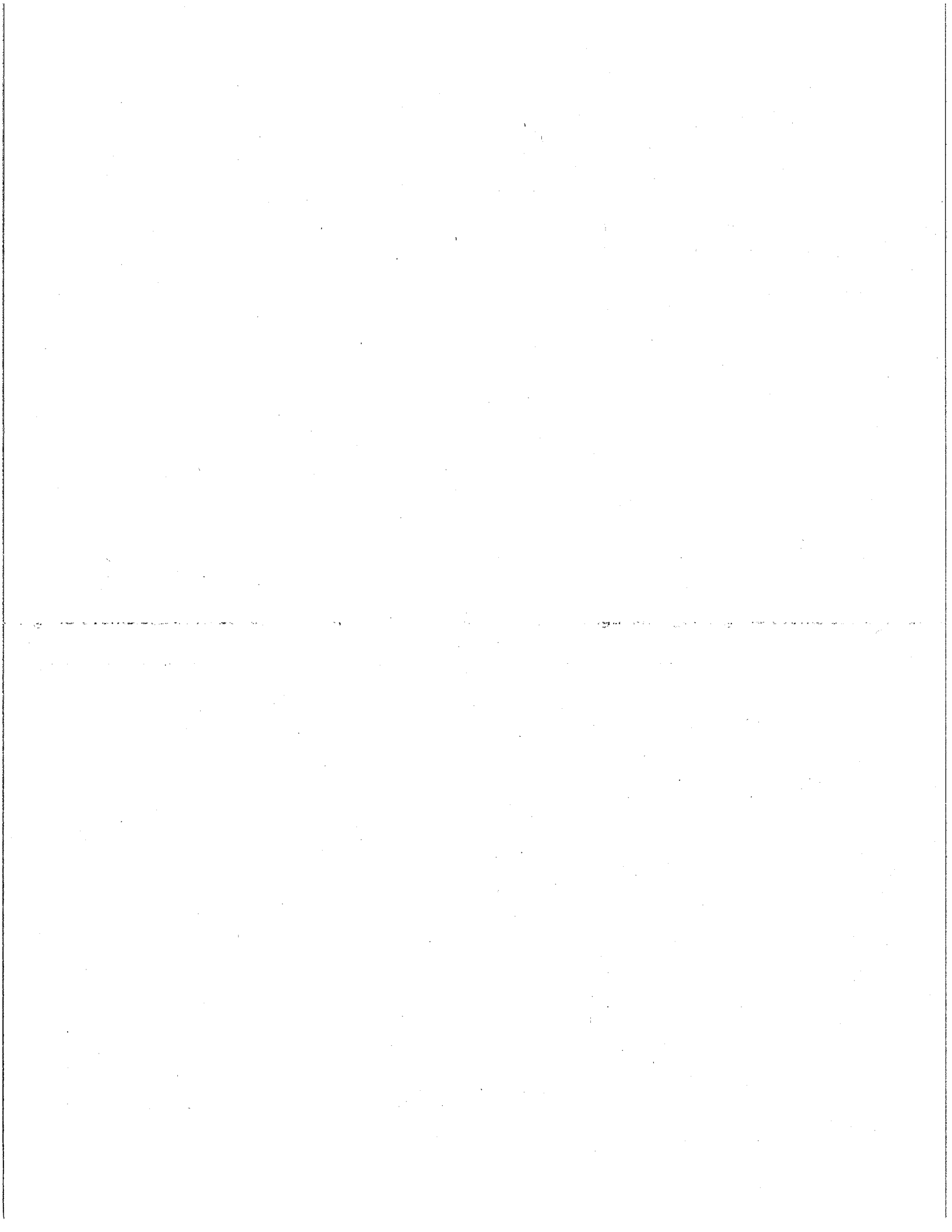
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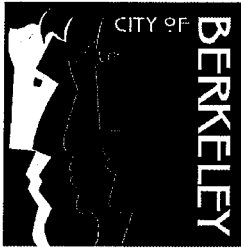
10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved/Seconded (Lippman/Rogers) **Motion carried by general consent.**

Meeting was **adjourned** at 9:54 p.m.





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**POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
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**May 27, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

South Berkeley Senior Center
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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY ACTING CHAIR PEREZVELEZ AT 7:09 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Benjamin Bartlett
Commissioner George Lippman
Commissioner George Perezvelez (Acting Chair)
Commissioner Michael Sherman

Absent: Commissioners Alison Bernstein, Lowell Finley, Ann Rogers, and
Bulmaro Vicente

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Sergeant Joseph Okies, Sergeant Benjamin Cardoza

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Regular Meeting minutes of May 13, 2015, as submitted.

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

Ayes: Bartlett, Lippman, Perezvelez, and Sherman.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Bernstein, Finley, Rogers, Vicente

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

6. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

None.

7. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

No change in the number of pending cases. Background check for temporary investigator candidate is taking longer than anticipated. The new person will attend a PRC meeting to be introduced to the Commission. When call for witness statements is posted, a desired end date can be included.

8. OLD BUSINESS (DISCUSSION AND ACTION)

a. Policy investigation regarding the events of December 6, 7, and 8, 2014, and Council directive for an investigation into the events of December 6, as both are more fully identified in the regular meeting agenda of February 25, 2015; and including review of mutual aid practices and policies.

i) Review and discuss relevant evidence, including video evidence.

Evidence was discussed.

ii) Questions for Chief Meehan.

(Chief was not present.)

iii) Other discussion and action on investigation.

By general consent, PRC Officer was asked to poll Commissioners to see if there would be a quorum for the Special Meeting scheduled for June 3.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two speakers.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved/Seconded (Sherman/Bartlett) Motion carried by general consent.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 9:25 p.m.