



Police Review Commission

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2011
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON RUSSELL BLOOM AT 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Chairperson Russell Bloom
Vice Chair Kiran Shenoy
Commissioner Vonnie Gurgin
Commissioner George Perezvelez
Commissioner Sherry Smith
Commissioner William White

Absent: Commissioner Michael Sherman

PRC Staff: Victoria Urbi, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Meehan, Lt. Files, Sgt. Wilson and Officer Bartalini

2. ORDER OF AGENDA

No change.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: December 8, 2010

Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Smith/Gurgin) Motion carried.

Ayes: Bloom, Gurgin, Shenoy, Smith, and White.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** Perezvelez **Absent:** Sherman



5. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

A. Chief's report.

Chief Meehan updated the commission on staffing levels. There are 172 sworn officers, which is 8 below the authorized amount. He will attend the next meeting to discuss the Follow up to the POST Property and Evidence Room Study.

6. OLD BUSINESS

1. Former (2010) Chair Perezvelez's closing remarks.

Former Chair Perezvelez expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Commission as Chair. He was thankful for the support of Chair Bloom and the Commission. One of his proudest moments as the Chair in 2010 was to serve on the panel to select the new police Chief. He congratulated Chair Bloom and Vice Chair Shenoy in their new leadership roles.

2. Retreat Planning Subcommittee update – Chair Bloom

Chair Bloom stated that the subcommittee set a tentative date on March 19th, 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. The March date would allow him sufficient time to meet with Council members to discuss filling the vacant seats on the Commission, because it would be more ideal to have the new commissioners in attendance. The subcommittee will distribute a draft agenda that includes an overview of the Commissioner's Manual, hearing procedures, parliamentary procedures and team building.

Chair Bloom requested from each Commissioner to begin thinking about the goals they would like accomplished for 2011 and to bring those goals to the retreat.

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

- A. Hearing update:** The January 25th hearing was cancelled, because one officer was unavailable and has been rescheduled on February 16. Staff is currently scheduling 3 more hearings in February for Case #2243, 2250 and 2262.
- B. Status of complaints:** there are 19 open complaints. Since the last meeting, 3 new complaints have been filed.
- C. Joint Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Task Force Report:** Ms. Urbi stated that she forwarded the report to the Commission to review. She inquired whether the Commission would like this item on the agenda at the next meeting. Comm. Smith stated that the report was so adequate that they did not need any further discussion. Chair Bloom requested staff to send a message to Ms. White thanking her for providing the report to the Commission.
- D. Request from Napa County Green Party (See Communication)**
Commissioner Perezvelez volunteered to attend the meeting in Napa.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: Limited to item 10 only.

None.

Closed Session

The Police Review Commission recessed into closed session to discuss and take action on the following item:

10. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLOSURE

A. Case No. 2258 – Complainant Brian Knight

**Motion to approve above referenced file for administrative closure.
(Perezvelez/Gurgin) Motion carried.**

Ayes: Bloom, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Smith, and White.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Sherman.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.