



POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2011
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER BY VICE-CHAIR KIRAN SHENOY AT 7:00 P.M. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Present: Vice Chair Kiran Shenoy (Acting Chair)
Commissioner Nathan Glasper
Commissioner Vonnie Gurgin
Commissioner George Perezvelez
Commissioner Michael Sherman
Commissioner William White

Absent: Chair Bloom and Commissioner Smith

PRC Staff: Byron Norris, PRC Investigator

BPD Staff: Chief Meehan, Lieutenant Files, Sergeant Wilson, and Officer Bartalini

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: March 23, 2011.

Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Perezvelez/White) Motion carried.

Ayes: Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman, and White.

Noes: Glasper. Abstain: None. Absent: Bloom and Smith.

Motion to approve minutes upon the amending of item 3 to reflect Commissioner Glasper's vote as a "no." M/S/C (Gurgin/Perezvelez) Motion carried.

Ayes: Glasper, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman, and White.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bloom and Smith.



5. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S (BPD) REPORT

A. Police Chief Meehan's report.

1. New Hire. First civilian manager for the Public Safety Communications Center in 106 years. New manager will introduce herself to the Commission at one of its future meetings.
2. Budget Update. State budget and its impact on the City of Berkeley unknown. Negotiations are underway with the Berkeley Police Association.
3. Crime rates. Year-to-date statistics based on 911 calls for service as of March 2011 indicate that Property Crimes are down 30% and Violent Crimes are up 27%, primarily due to an increase in Robberies, though Violent Crimes are at about average, historically. Official statistics will be presented to the Commission in about a month.
4. Staffing update. Sworn staff presently at 170, down 12 budgeted positions; professional staff presently at 94, down 9 budgeted positions.

Commissioner White requested that the Chair make arrangements for a tour of the communications center for new commissioners. Vice-Chair Shenoy will convey the request to Chair Bloom, and PRC staff will provide any needed assistance. Chief Meehan offered to have the newly-hired manager conduct the tour, and he will await contact from the Commission regarding the scheduling details.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (For Discussion or Action)

No report.

7. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

A. Policy Complaint – Case #2286 filed by Andrea Prichett

1. Focus of complaint is concerned with BPD's policy on crowd control and BPD's mutual aid pact with U.C. Berkeley Police.
 - a. Andrea Prichett spoke on the matter.

Motion to accept Policy Complaint #2286 for investigation.

M/S/C (White/Perezvelez) Motion is carried.

Ayes: Glasper, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman, and White.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bloom and Smith.

B. Reformulate and reconvene the Mutual Aid Pacts Subcommittee.

Motion to table Item 7B to the next regular Commission meeting.

M/S/C (Perezvelez/Sherman) Motion is carried.

Ayes: Glasper, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman, and White.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bloom and Smith.

C. Discuss PRC personnel issue.

Motion to request City Manager or his representative meet with Commission in closed-session meeting to discuss the Commission's relationship to future PRC Officers. M/S/C (White/Perezvelez) Motion is carried.

Ayes: Glasper, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman, and White.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bloom and Smith

D. Retreat – Discuss postponement and alternate dates.

Commissioners agreed to tentatively move the date of the retreat to May 14, 2011.

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

(By PRC Investigator Byron Norris)

A. Hearing update:

None currently scheduled.

B. Status of complaints:

18 active cases.

C. Commissioner stipends for months of January – March 2011:

Commissioners were advised that Monthly Time Reports for the first quarter of 2011 are due and to submit them to PRC staff as soon as possible.

D. Comments: Statistical Report

The 2010 Statistical Report will be agendized for approval at the next Commission meeting.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Attached.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Shenoy adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.