



Police Review Commission

## **POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

**South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON GEORGE PEREZVELEZ AT 7:14 P.M. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Chair George Perezvelez  
Vice Chair Russell Bloom  
Commissioner Kamau Edwards  
Commissioner Vonnie Gurgin  
Commissioner Michael Sherman  
Commissioner Kiran Shenoy (Introduction made)  
Commissioner Sherry Smith

Absent: Commissioner Jonathan Huang  
Commissioner William White

PRC Staff: Victoria Urbi, PRC Officer  
Mary Matambanadzo, Administrative Support

BPD Staff: Chief Meehan, Lieutenant Hart, Sergeant Wilson, Officer Wellington, and Officer Bartalini.

Commissioner Shenoy was appointed by Councilmember Moore; and, he stated that he considered the Commission to be the perfect fit for his involvement in the community. He grew up in Antioch and has been a Berkeley resident for about five years. He is a graduate of New College of California, School of Law and interned at the Public Defender's Office with an interest in criminal justice. As a law student, he worked under the supervision of a felony attorney and in the Defender's Clinic, where he helped clients expunge misdemeanors and arrest records.

### **2. ORDER OF AGENDA**

A. Chair Perezvelez requested item #7 to be moved to item #5 only when Chief Meehan is present, and the Commission agreed.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A. Sharon Kidd thanked the Commission and announced her appointment to the Peace and Justice Commission.

1. Commission thanked Ms. Kidd for her dedication and service to the PRC.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: April 28, 2010

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

**Ayes:** Bloom, Edwards, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Sherman, and Smith.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Shenoy. **Absent:** Huang and White.

#### 5. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

A. Chief's report

1) Retirement of Berkeley Police Association President, Officer Wellington.

2) Status of radio system

3) Staffing Update

4) Crime Update

a) New program, *Comp Stat*, to commence monthly to discuss community issues. First meeting is this Wednesday.

b) Current crime rate will be presented on June 9, 2010 to the PRC.

5) Trainings

a) Crisis Intervention Team Training took place on April 22, 2010.

b) Mental Health Training for PRC Commission on May 26, 2010.

c) Racial Profiling Training for BPD with Lorie Fridell in August 2010.

i.) There is one open slot for a PRC Commissioner (or two, one each day) to attend the two-day session.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal by Chair Perezvelez to send a letter from the Commission thanking former PRC Commissioner Sharon Kidd for her years of service on the Commission.

**Motion to accept the proposal and draft a letter of gratitude to Sharon Kidd from the Commission.**

**M/S/C Sherman/Gurgin. Motion carried.**

**Ayes:** Bloom, Edwards, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, and Sherman.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Smith, Huang, and White.

B. Proposal by Chair Perezvelez to send a letter to the Rent Board and the City Manager from the Commission thanking Lillian Mayers for her work as the Acting PRC Officer.

**Motion to accept the proposal and draft a letter of gratitude to Lillian Mayers from the Commission.**

**M/S/C Sherman/Gurgin. Motion carried.**

**Ayes:** Bloom, Edwards, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, and Sherman.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Smith, Huang, and White.

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

A. Hearing update

1) Case No. 2244, Complainant Clifford Fred, is scheduled on May 24, 2010.

B. Status of complaints

1) 11 open cases.

2) There have been no new complaints since the last meeting.

C. Comments

1) PRC Investigator on jury duty until the end of June 2010.

2) BPD Training on Mental Health for PRC Commission on May 26, 2010.

3) Passing of Beverly Powell, former Administrative Support

4) Ordinance subcommittee meeting on May 26, 2010.

5) An updated roster of Commissioners and the length of time each Commissioner served on

the PRC was handed out.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Attached

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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