



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2013
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIRPERSON PEREZVELEZ AT 7:03 P.M.

Present: Chairperson George Perezvelez
Vice Chair Michael Sherman
Commissioner Barbara Allen
Commissioner Veena Dubal
Commissioner Jose Lopez (Temporary appointee to Commissioner Amaral's seat)
Commissioner Seth Morris
Commissioner Ann Rogers
Commissioner Kiran Shenoy
Commissioner William White

Absent: Commissioner Amaral (Approved leave)

PRC Staff: Lucinda Simpson, PRC Officer; Byron Norris, PRC Investigator

BPD Staff: Chief Meehan, Lieutenant Files, Sergeant Wilson, Sergeant Smith

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

1 public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of December 12, 2012

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

Ayes: Allen, Morris, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None

Abstain: Dubal, Lopez, Rogers

Absent: None



5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRC COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Veena Dubal was introduced as a recent appointee of City Council Member Maxwell Anderson. Commissioner Dubal is a Ph.D. candidate in Jurisprudence and Social Policy at U.C. Berkeley and has expertise in national security and civil rights law. After having previously served a temporary appointment on the PRC last year, she is looking forward to working on issues raised by members of the community.

6. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

BPD just hired 2 new public safety dispatchers. Two sworn officers are in the process of being hired and they will start in the Contra Costa Police Academy in April. BPD is using an online reporting system called Cop Logic which can be used to report low-level crime. Thus far, just under 1,000 reports have been taken with the system and it can be accessed via the BPD website homepage. Property crime rates are up and the trend appears consistent with other neighboring agencies. The BPD jail recently went through its annual inspection by the California Board of State and Community Corrections and was found to be in full compliance. Former BPD Officer Ronald Tsukimoto, who was killed in the line of duty in 1970, was recently featured in a Hall of Fame section from the Dick Tracy Comic Strip.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair and PRC Officer attended an informative training presentation on Fair and Impartial Policing which was put on by BPD.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. The Accreditation Subcommittee met earlier today and completed review of three policies pertaining to shootings, leg restraint devices and control devices. The next meeting will tentatively take place at 5 p.m. on Jan. 23, 2013.
- B. Outreach Subcommittee
The next meeting date will be determined. At the PRC meeting on Jan. 23, 2013, the Commission will discuss and possibly take action to merge the Outreach and 40th Anniversary subcommittees.
- C. PRC 40th Anniversary Subcommittee
Next meeting date is January 23, 2013 at 6 p.m.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Motion to carry possible creation of a public safety subcommittee in response to City Council referral to the next regular meeting.

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

Ayes: Allen, Dubal, Lopez, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

10. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

- A. As of November 14, 2012, the PRC has received 5 new complaints. 1 case is scheduled for board of inquiry later in the month. Eleven cases exist in open status.
- B. Budget and costs savings analysis has begun and will take place over the months to come. A proposal will be presented to City Council in May.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Motion to nominate Commissioner Shenoy for Chairperson

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

Commissioner Shenoy was elected by unanimous acclamation.

Present: Allen, Dubal, Lopez, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Motion to nominate Commissioner Allen for Vice-Chair

Moved/Seconded (White/Shenoy)

Commissioner Allen respectfully declined the nomination.

Motion to nominate Commissioner Rogers for Vice-Chair

Moved/Seconded (Allen/Perezvelez)

Commissioner Rogers was elected by unanimous acclamation.

Present: Allen, Dubal, Lopez, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Semi-Annual Attendance Report.
- B. Public Safety Commission Referral
- C. Proposed Public Safety Commission Discussion Points
- D. City Ordinance No. 4644 N.S.
- E. Letter dated December 17, 2012 from Berkeley Copwatch regarding medical marijuana confiscation.

Closed Session

13. CONSIDERATION AND VOTE ON PETITION FOR REHEARING – Complaint #2311

Motion to deny petition for re-hearing.

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

Ayes: Allen, Lopez, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, and White.

Noes: None

Abstain: Dubal, Morris, Sherman

Absent: None

14. CONSIDERATION AND VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE - Complaint # 2318.

Motion to accept recommendation for administrative closure.

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

Ayes: Allen, Dubal, Lopez, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

End of Closed Session

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTE RESULTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

As to complaint #2311, the Commissioners voted 6 ayes with 3 abstentions to deny the petition for rehearing.

As to complaint #2318, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept recommendation for administrative closure.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

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

Ayes: Allen, Dubal, Lopez, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.