



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2012
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON PEREZVELEZ AT 7:02 P.M. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairperson George Perezvelez
Vice-Chair Michael Sherman
Commissioner Barbara Allen
Commissioner Marco Amaral
Commissioner Kiran Shenoy
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Sharon Adams (Temporary appointment to Commissioner Nathan Glasper's seat.)

Absent: Commissioners Nathan Glasper and Sherry Smith

PRC Staff: Lillian Mayers, Interim PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Michael Meehan, Lieutenant Randolph Files, Sergeant Jennifer Wilson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved by consensus.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - There were three speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 8, 2012 regular meeting

Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Amaral/Allen) Motion carried.

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Perezvelez and Sherman.

Noes: None Abstain: Adams, Shenoy and White

Absent: Glasper and Smith

5. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

Chief Meehan reported that there was a significant reduction in crime from 2010 to 2011, and that BPD's crime report would be completed in the next couple of weeks. He said that there are currently 13 vacancies, and that he was authorized to hire five new officers (and has hired one), which will leave eight vacancies.



6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – None.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Mutual Aid Pacts

The 2012 pacts were distributed among the four subcommittee members, for review. In addition, at its next meeting on Feb. 29, the subcommittee will consider City Councilmember Arreguin's recommendations regarding the agreements with NCRIC (Northern California Regional Information Center), UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) and UCPD, and General Orders J-1 (Jail Operations) and C-1 (Criminal Intelligence).

B. Use of Force

Next meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 6 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 12/23/11 dismantling of the Occupy Berkeley encampment.

Motion to table this item until the February 22, 2012 meeting.

M/S/C (Sherman/Amaral) Motion carried.

Ayes: Adams (temporary), Amaral, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: Allen Abstain: None Absent: Glasper and Smith

B. The City Council's referral re: the 2012 mutual aid pacts.

To be reviewed by the Mutual Aid Pacts subcommittee.

C. Commissioners appointed to Subcommittee to Review Policy Changes that Result from the BPD Accreditation Process are: Allen, Amaral, Perezvelez and White.

D. City Council's referral re: BPD's eyewitness testimony policy.

Motion to send a letter to City Councilmember Worthington informing him that the Commission has reviewed BPD's policy and is of the opinion that best practices are being followed.

M/S/C (Shenoy/Sherman) Motion carried.

Ayes: Adams (temporary), Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None Abstain: Amaral Absent: Glasper and Smith

9. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT – Three new complaints were filed since the last meeting; one complainant has agreed to mediation.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limited to items on Closed Session agenda.) - None.

Closed Session

Motion to accept staff's recommendation to administratively close **Complaint #2296**, Complainant Charlotte Rogina (Sherman/Amaral) Motion carried .

Ayes: Adams (temporary), Allen, Amaral, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Glasper and Smith

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Contact: Lillian Mayers, Commission Secretary at (510) 981-4950 or LMayers@cityofberkeley.info

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