



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

March 28, 2012
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON GEORGE PEREZVELEZ AT 7:06 P.M.
ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairperson George Perezvelez
Commissioner Barbara Allen
Commissioner Sherry Smith
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Sharon Adams
(Temporary Appointment to Commissioner Nathan Glasper's seat)
Commissioner Veena Dubal
(Temporary Appointment to Commissioner Michael Sherman's seat)
Commissioner Willie Phillips
(Temporary Appointment to Commissioner Marco Amaral's seat)

Absent: Vice-Chair Michael Sherman
Commissioner Marco Amaral
Commissioner Nathan Glasper
Commissioner Kiran Shenoy

PRC Staff: PRC Investigator Byron Norris

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved without objection.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 10 speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of March 14, 2012

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

Ayes: Adams, Allen, Dubal, Perezvelez, Smith, White.

Noes: None Abstain: Phillips Absent: Amaral, Glasper, Sherman, Shenoy



5. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

Chief Meehan

Crime: Increasing challenges due to rise in crime which is consistent with neighboring and regional increases. Auto-thefts and robberies have seen the greatest spikes.

Staffing: Currently staffed at 164 sworn officers, down from an authorization of 176; four new officers recently hired and four additional officers are undergoing background investigation; goal is for new group of recruits to enter the academy by September 2012.

Budget: The chief cited the difficulty and challenge in maintaining both minimal staffing and reduced staffing without utilizing overtime.

Promotional Ceremony: The chief thanked PRC commissioners and staff for attending the event marking the appointments of: Captain Andrew Greenwood, Lieutenant Edward Spiller, Sergeant Jeffrey Chu, and Sergeant Amber Phillips.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Next month, the City of Berkeley will begin the hiring process for the PRC Officer/Commission Secretary position.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Mutual Aid Pacts

The subcommittee has not yet finalized its recommendations. Subcommittee Chair White has discussed with Councilmember Arreguin the possibility of extending the timeline for approving the pacts. A new meeting of the subcommittee will be scheduled.

B. Use of Force

- No report.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

A. BPD's response to Commissioner's inquiry about discussion of intelligence process that led to decision to place officers on standby to monitor the Occupy (FTP) march.

Motion to send letter to PRC Officer directing her to forward questions raised by the Coalition for a Safe Berkeley to the Chief of Police for response.

M/S/C (Phillips/White) **Motion carried.**

Ayes: Adams, Allen, Dubal, Perezvelez, White.

Noes: Allen, Smith Abstain: None Absent: Amaral, Glasper, Shenoy, Sherman

B. Review BPD's media policy in light of Chief Meehan's actions on March 8, 2012.

- No action taken.

C. Consider scheduling a special meeting on April 4, 2011, to finalize recommendations to the City Council on the Mutual Aid Pacts and, if so, consider whether to cancel the April 11, 2011 meeting.

- No action taken.

9. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Complaint update.

Four active complaints.

B. Overview of PRC Investigative procedures.

PRC Investigator Norris presented and discussed procedures for the Intake, Interview, Investigation, and Mediation processes.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS (Attached)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.