



Police Review Commission (PRC)

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

**June 13, 2012**  
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIRPERSON PEREZVELEZ AT 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairperson George Perezvelez  
Commissioner Barbara Allen  
Commissioner Marco Amaral  
Commissioner Nathan Glasper  
Commissioner Ann Rogers  
Commissioner Kiran Shenoy  
Commissioner William White

Absent: Commissioner Michael Sherman

PRC Staff: Acting PRC Officer Byron Norris

BPD Staff: Chief of Police Meehan, Captain Cynthia Harris, Lieutenant Kevin Schofield

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved without objection.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion to approve minutes of May 23, 2012**

M/S/C (Allen/Amaral) **Motion Carried.**

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Glasper, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, White.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sherman

**5. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT**

Budget, Staffing, and Crime Stats

On the budget front, the department is experiencing lots of cost-cutting; on the staffing front, there are currently 167 sworn officers out of an authorized 176. Crime stats show that as of last year, Berkeley experienced its greatest drop in crime since 1939; and within the last three years, the city experienced its greatest crime drop in history.



## Community Engagement Initiatives

Chief Meehan presented the Community Engagement Initiatives: an online crime reporting system; an online, interactive system to view local crime data; an expanded and improved website; and monthly community meetings with the department's area coordinators.

## Review of Lexipol and Calea Policy-Change Process

Captain Harris informed commissioners that the department is not eligible to apply for accreditation until all of its policies have been updated, which will take at minimum 6 months. Captain Harris will initially provide the Accreditation Subcommittee with a list of the department's most critical policies.

## 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Perezvelez and Commissioner Glasper updated commissioners on their May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting with Chief Meehan regarding an investigation into his son's stolen cell phone.

**Motion to revise minutes of May 23, 2012 to include Commissioner White's inquiry to Sgt. Wilson about the cell phone incident, if the audio recording reflects it.**

M/S/C (Allen/White) **Motion Carried.**

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Glasper, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, White.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sherman

Commissioners were advised to follow the city's rules on individual-commissioner contacts with the media.

## 7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

### Accreditation Subcommittee

The first meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

### Mutual Aid Pacts Subcommittee

No report as this committee has completed its work and it will be agendized for dissolution at the next, regular commission.

### Outreach Subcommittee

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

**Vote to elect Commissioner Shenoy as interim PRC vice-chairperson during Vice-Chair Sherman's leave of absence.**

N/S/C (White/Amaral) **Vote Carried.**

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Glasper, Perezvelez, Rogers, White.

Noes: None

Abstain: Shenoy

Absent: Sherman

**Motion to appoint Commissioner Perezvelez chairperson of the Accreditation Subcommittee.**

M/S/C (Allen/Glasper) **Motion Carried.**

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Glasper, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, White.

Noes: None

Abstain:

Absent: Sherman

## **9. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT**

There are currently two complaints; a board of inquiry was held in one complaint on June 6, 2012; and the other complaint was referred for mediation.

PRC Officer Norris attended a Caloca appeal hearing on June 5, 2012.

The final, completed 2011 PRC Annual Report was distributed to commissioners and city council, and posted on the commission's website.

PRC Officer Norris is seeking budget approval for the translation of the complaint form and brochure into Spanish and Chinese. Commissioners Amaral and Chairperson Perezvelez offered to review the Spanish-translated documents for accuracy.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS (attached)**

Commissioner Rogers provided an update of her officer ride-along experience with Officer Fuentes.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.