



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2011
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center

2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER BY INTERIM CHAIRPERSON KIRAN SHENOY AT 7:05 P.M. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE:

Present: Interim Chair Kiran Shenoy
Interim Vice-Chair Vonnie Gurgin
Commissioner Marco Amaral
Commissioner Nathan Glasper
Commissioner George Perezvelez
Commissioner Michael Sherman
Commissioner William White

Absent: Commissioners: Bloom and Smith

PRC Staff: Lillian Mayers, Interim PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Meehan, Lieutenant Spiller, Sergeant Hawk, and BPA Rep Officer Bartalini

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA : No changes

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were two speakers. Andrea Pritchett spoke about a recent court decision affirming an individual's right to videotape police interactions with individuals, and about the policy complaint she filed, #2286, concerning BPD's mutual aid and crowd control policies; the other speaker's comments concerned BPD's mutual aid policies, in the context of policy complaint #2286.

4. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

Chief Meehan reported that the BPD was beginning a comprehensive review of its use of force policy, to make it current and consistent with best practices and community standards.

He also reported that, in the first six months of 2011, violent crime was down 4% and property crime was down 16% from last year.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None



6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion to close policy complaint #2286 (filed by Andrea Pritchett)

M/S/C (Perezvelez/Sherman) Motion **carried**.

Ayes: Amaral, Gasper, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy and Sherman.

Noes: None. Abstain: White. Absent: Bloom and Smith.

7. **PRC OFFICER'S REPORT**

A. One hearing is scheduled in September.

B. No new complaints were filed since the last meeting.

C. Mutual aid pacts were sent to the City Council for approval.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** on Closed Session agenda items: None

Closed Session

A. **Motion to administratively close** Complaint No. 2274 – Complainant Roger Moussa.

M/S/C (Perezvelez/Gurgin) Motion **carried**.

Ayes: Amaral, Gasper, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bloom and Smith.

B. **Motion to administratively close** Complaint No. 2276 – Complainant Roger Moussa.

M/S/C M/S/C (Perezvelez/Sherman) Motion **carried**.

Ayes: Amaral, Gasper, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bloom and Smith.

C. **Motion to administratively close** Complaint No. 2293 – Complainant Janet Schrim.

M/S/C (Perezvelez/Sherman) Motion **carried**.

Ayes: Amaral, Gasper, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bloom and Smith.

D. **Motion to administratively close** Complaint No. 2292 – Complainant Roosevelt Green

M/S/C (Perezvelez/Sherman) Motion **carried**.

Ayes: Amaral, Gasper, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bloom and Smith.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.