



Police Review Commission

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON GEORGE PEREZVELEZ AT 7:00 P.M. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairperson George Perezvelez
Vice Chair Russell Bloom
Commissioner Vonnie Gurgin
Commissioner Kiran Shenoy
Commissioner Sherry Smith
Commissioner William White

Absent: Commissioner Michael Sherman

PRC Staff: Victoria Urbi, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Meehan, Sergeant Wilson and Officer Bartalini

2. ORDER OF AGENDA

No changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: September 29, 2010

Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C Gurgin/Smith. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bloom, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Smith, and White.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Sherman.

Chair Perezvelez pointed out that the minutes should reflect that Commissioner Smith was the Acting Chair.



5. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

A. Chief's report.

Chief Meehan reported that there are no crime statistics for August at this time. Staffing: BPD currently has 171 officers with 10 officers down. The City is planning on filling these vacancies and hiring for these positions.

The Chief expressed his desire to come to each PRC meeting and provide information related to some program or initiative of the BPD. The BPD's goal is to present at every single PRC meeting a topic of interest, which he will communicate prior to a meeting to Victoria, the Chair, Vice Chair, and the Commission, so they can decide on the topic that he will discuss.

6. PRC CHAIR PEREZVELEZ'S REPORT

A. Update on Pacific Center's interest in training BPD officers on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues and sensitivity Training

The person in charge of the training, Leslie Irwin, Deputy Director of the Center, is on vacation until the end of this month. She will provide a short presentation in the month of November.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE): Code of Ethics (see Communication).

1. Recommendation by PRC Staff to adopt the Code of Ethics developed by NACOLE's Professional Standards Committee.

Ms. Urbi recommended that the Commission adopt the Code of Ethics. Chair Perezvelez wanted the Deputy City Manager and City Attorney to review the code.

Motion to accept the NACOLE Code of Ethics with the caveat that the City Manager and City Attorney review it to ensure that the Commission can adopt it.

M/S/C White/Smith. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bloom, Gurgin, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Smith, and White.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Sherman.

8. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT (For Discussion or Action)

A. Hearing update: PRC staff is planning to schedule 2 hearings in November.

B. Status of complaints: 11 complaints; one was filed October 12.

The staff is working on meeting the 120-day deadline on the newer cases.

Subcommittees: Currently, staff is waiting on the Officer-Involved Shooting subcommittee policy recommendations, which were forwarded to the BPD. BPD stated they will hold off on any comments until their investigation of the most recent officer involved shooting is complete.

The Mutual Aid Pacts subcommittee is ongoing. The pacts for this year were approved. Next year, the subcommittee will review the new pacts. The City Manager's office is reviewing the statistical report. Staff plans to give it to the Commission Chair by the end of this week.

Officer Bartalini, BPA representative, asked Ms. Urbi:
What is the PRC policy on allegations filed against retired officers?

Ms. Urbi offered to put this question on the next agenda. Chair Perezvelez stated that the regulations states that police officers who are no longer employed by the City are not under the jurisdiction of the Police Review Commission. However, he will check the regulations and put it on the next agenda.

Officer Bartalini asked how many complaints have the PRC received this year so far?
Ms. Urbi responded that there were approximately eighteen complaints filed so far.

Officer Bartalini asked how many of those complaints have gone to mediation.
Ms. Urbi stated that she would check the records and put it on the next agenda.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Attached

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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