



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2011
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER BY INTERIM CHAIR KIRAN SHENOY AT 7:02 P.M. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE:

Present: Interim Chair Kiran Shenoy
Commissioner Marco Amaral (arrived later)
Commissioner Nathan Glasper
Commissioner George Perezvelez (arrived later)
Commissioner Michael Sherman
Commissioner Sherry Smith
Commissioner William White

Absent: Commissioner Russell Bloom

Staff: Investigator Byron Norris

Berkeley Police Dept (BPD): Lieutenant Kevin Schofield, Sergeant Jennifer Wilson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend Agenda Item #13 to adjourn meeting in memory and in honor of (late) Commissioner Vonnie Gurgin. M/S/C (White/Smith) Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Amaral, Glasper, Shenoy, Sherman, Smith and White.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Bloom, Perezvelez

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

One speaker: George Lippman.

Motion to extend public comment period by five to six minutes.

M/S/C (Sherman/Amaral) **Motion failed.**

Ayes: Amaral, Glasper, Sherman

Noes: Shenoy, Smith, White Abstain: None Absent: Bloom, Perezvelez

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of October 12, 2011

Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Smith /Glasper) Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Amaral, Glasper, Shenoy, Sherman, Smith, White.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Bloom, Perezvelez



5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (For Discussion or Action)

Holiday Party

Commissioners agreed to an event in early December.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

On behalf of Chief Meehan, Lt. Schofield offered condolences on the passing of Commissioner Gurgin.

In response to Commissioners' questions regarding BPD's involvement in the Occupy Oakland demonstrations on October 25, 2011, Lt. Schofield stated that the department provided one squad (10-12 officers, two sergeants, one lieutenant) in response to a mutual aid request from Alameda County. BPD personnel were tasked with traffic control, and were not involved in any crowd control issues.

8. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

Review of Informational Handout on "Filing a Complaint"

Motion to adopt Communication #4407 - "Individual Complaint Process" as revised to include a reference to the Frequently Asked Questions section of the PRC website.

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

Ayes: Amaral, Glasper, Perezvelez, Sherman, Smith.

Noes: White

Abstain: Shenoy

Absent: Bloom

9. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

Set Timeline for Mutual Aid Pact Review

Chair Shenoy directed that the creation of a 2012 Mutual Aid subcommittee be agendaized for the next meeting.

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

A. Board of Inquiry Update: Three hearings scheduled in November.

B. Status of Complaints: Five open complaints (four individual and one policy). One individual complaint filed since previous meeting.

C. Comments: Investigator Norris participated on a hiring panel for BART's new, police oversight investigator. PRC Mayers will return on November 8, 2011.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

Attached.

12. COMMISSIONER VONNIE GURGIN – A REMEMBRANCE (For Discussion or Action)

Commissioners and staff spoke about their personal and professional experiences with Commissioner Gurgin, and shared recollections on her character as well as her contributions to the Police Review Commission and the citizens of Berkeley.

(Commissioner Gurgin was appointed to the Commission on December 11, 2008; she passed away on or about October 17, 2011.)

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20p.m, Chair Shenoy adjourned the meeting in memory and in honor of Commissioner Vonnie Gurgin.