



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY VICE CHAIR SHERMAN AT 7:05 P.M.

Present:

Vice Chair Michael Sherman
Commissioner Barbara Allen
Commissioner Ann Rogers
Commissioner Kiran Shenoy
Commissioner William White

Absent: Chairperson George Perezvelez and Commissioner Marco Amaral

PRC Staff: Lucinda Simpson, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Captain Harris, Lt. Files, Sgt. Wilson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without objection.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of October 24, 2012

Moved/Seconded (White/Shenoy) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None

Abstain: Allen

Absent: Perezvelez and Amaral



5. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Captain Harris reported on behalf of the Chief. BPD is staffed at 171 officers with authorization for 176. BPD continues to see a reduced level of public safety dispatchers. BPD is authorized for 32 and is currently staffed at 28 public safety dispatchers. One additional dispatcher has been recently hired. Year-to-date there has been a 14 percent reduction in assaults, 1 percent reduction in robberies and a 4 percent reduction in burglaries. However, there has been a 14 percent increase in thefts.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None.

A. Report on attendance at Fair and Impartial Policing Training Presentation.

To be continued to next meeting for the Chair's report on the training.

PRC Officer Simpson commented that she and the Chair attended the training at the invitation of Chief Meehan and found that the training was valuable and informative.

B. Update on Oct. 30, 2012 City Council Meeting – decision on immigration detainees.

To be continued to next meeting for the Chair's report.

It was noted that the decision was not to detain adults or juveniles on ICE detainees.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Accreditation Subcommittee

The next meeting date is to be determined.

B. Outreach Subcommittee

The next meeting date is to be determined.

C. PRC 40th Anniversary Subcommittee

The subcommittee conducted its first meeting that evening. Commissioner White will serve as the Chair and he reported that the committee would like to hold a 40th anniversary celebration on May 8, 2013. Costs, venues, and invitees were discussed. The next meeting will be on December 12, 2012 at 6 p.m.

8. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

The PRC has received 5 new complaints since the last regular meeting. There are 11 open complaints. 1 case has been concluded and is awaiting closure. 1 case is in mediation. 4 cases are scheduled for upcoming board of inquiry hearings. 3 cases are under investigation. 2 cases are on this evening for recommendation for administrative closure.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

No comments.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: Limited to items on Closed Session agenda.

1 speaker, the complainant, taken in closed session for complaint # 2314.

Closed Session

11. VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE

Complaint No. 2314

Motion to deny above-referenced file for administrative closure.

Moved/Seconded (White/Rogers) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allen, Rogers, Sherman and White.

Noes: None

Abstain: Shenoy

Absent: Perezvelez and Amaral

Complaint No. 2317

Motion to approve above-referenced file for administrative closure.

Moved/Seconded (Shenoy/Allen) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allen, Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Perezvelez and Amaral

End of Closed Session

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTE RESULTS IN CLOSED SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

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