



Police Review Commission

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009
7:00 P.M.

West Berkeley Senior Center
1900 Sixth Street, Berkeley

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

Present: Acting Chair George Perezvelez
Commissioner Russell Bloom
Commissioner Kamau Edwards
Commissioner Vonnie Gurgin
Commissioner Jonathan Huang
Commissioner Sharon Kidd
Commissioner William White

Absent: Chairperson Sherry Smith
Commissioner Michael Sherman

PRC Staff: Victoria Urbi, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Hambleton, Lt. Rolleri, Sgt. Friedman

2. ORDER OF AGENDA

Postpone Agenda Item #11, Late File Petition of Joel Baker, until next meeting on September 2, because Mr. Baker is unavailable.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve July 8, 2009 minutes. M/S/C (Gurgin/Kidd) Motion carried.

Ayes: Edwards, Gurgin, Kidd, Perezvelez and White.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** Huang, Bloom. **Absent:** Sherman, Smith.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. BART's proposal for civilian oversight of police board



- a. Commissioner White's update on last BART meeting: meeting was cancelled because of the BART union negotiations.
- b. Discussion: None.

B. Commission Retreat

- a. Staff update: August date postponed to October in order to get all commissioners to participate.
- b. Discussion: None.

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

- A. Hearing update: 2 hearings held in July.
- B. Status of complaints: 21 open complaints. Since last meeting, 1 new complaint filed, which is a late file.
- C. Comments: None.

7. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hambleton provided an update on the search for a new Chief. The application deadline has closed and the recruiter is in the process of reviewing the applications. By September 22, the City Council is scheduled to confirm the candidate. Chief Hambleton's last day of employment is on September 24.

The traffic substation on Adeline will be moved to a new location next month at the Southeast corner of 7th Street and Ashby Avenue. The neighbors on Adeline wanted the space for retail to generate economic activity, so they had to look for an alternative location.

Currently, there are 5 sworn vacant positions and the department expects to fill 2 vacancies while maintaining some open vacancies.

The New World System, a computer dispatch system was implemented in April. This cost \$2 million.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

- A. Officer-Involved Shooting Subcommittee: BPD provided the comments to the staff's recommendations. Since there are no meetings in August and Chair Smith will be out in September, our next meeting will be in October.
- B. Regulations Review Subcommittee: Next meeting is September 15.
- C. Search of Homes Subcommittee: Next meeting is September 9.
- D. Mutual Aid Subcommittee: Next meeting is September 16.
Comm. Bloom agreed to join this subcommittee, along with Comm. Kidd and Huang.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Closed Session

11. LATE FILE PETITION

A. Case No. 2234 – Complainant Joel Baker

The complainant requested for a postponement of this petition, because he will not be available until our next meeting on September 2, 2009.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.