



Police Review Commission

## **POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

**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  
Commissioner Vonnie Gurgin  
Commissioner Jonathan Huang  
Commissioner Sharon Kidd  
Commissioner Sherry Smith  
Commissioner William White (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

Absent: Commissioners Russell Bloom, Kamau Edwards and Michael Sherman

PRC Staff: Lillian Mayers, Acting PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Captain Gustafson, Sergeant Friedman, Officer Wellington and Officer Bartalini

### **2. ORDER OF AGENDA**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Speakers are generally allotted up to three minutes. To ensure adequate time for action items on the Agenda, the Commission may limit the number of public speakers during the public comment period.*

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Meeting: January 27, 2010

**Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Kidd/Smith) Motion carried.**

**Ayes:** Gurgin, Huang, Kidd, Perezvelez, and Smith.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Bloom, Edwards, Sherman and White.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Update on increasing community awareness. (PRC Brochure)

Chair Perezvelez and Ms. Mayers met and discussed some of the recommendations and will present a revised brochure to the Commission at the next meeting.

B. Autism awareness.

Chair Perezvelez reiterated that, as discussed at the last meeting, the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) provides some training related to dealing with citizens that have mental health issues, but could not confirm that the training specifically covered autism. Captain Gustafson reported that the BPD is in the process of evaluating autism awareness training materials and hopes to include such training in the future.

## **7. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT (For Discussion or Action)**

A. Hearing update: a hearing is scheduled for February 19. We are in the process of scheduling another one.

B. Status of complaints: 19 cases open. No new complaints received since our last meeting. The subcommittee on Mutual Aid Pacts is meeting on February 17.

Chair Perezvelez informed the Commission about Lisa Caronna's retirement and provided information related to her retirement party on Thursday, March 11 at Freight and Salvage.

C. Comments: *The PRC Officer may make announcements or provide information to the Commission in the form of an oral report. The Commission will not take action on such items but may request the PRC Officer place an item on a future agenda for discussion.*

## **8. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT**

A. Chief's report.

Captain Gustafson reported that the Chief, in response to Commissioner White's concerns, which he shares, has asked staff to work on a recruiting and hiring plan to increase the number of minority members. Once developed, the Chief will present it to the Commission for review.

Also, the BPD has nearly finished a draft revision of the policy associated with the Special Weapons Team, AKA the Barricaded Subject Hostage Negotiations' Team, which will be submitted to the Commission for review before implementation.

## **9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT (For Discussion or Action)**

A. Mutual aid subcommittee – update. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Attached

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Limited to item 12 only.**

**Closed Session**

**The Police Review Commission will recess into closed session to discuss and take action on the following item:**

**12. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE**

A. Case No. 2230 – Complainant David Capurro.

**Motion to approve above referenced file for administrative closure.**

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

**Ayes:** Gurgin, Huang, Kidd, Perezvelez, Smith, and White.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Bloom, Edwards and Sherman.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

LM/mgm