

Police Review Commission

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES

North Berkeley Senior Center 1901 Hearst Street Berkeley, California

Date: Wed., June 26, 2002 Time: 7:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Clark, Mapps, Ritchie, Perez-Santiago, Sherman, White,

Commissioners Absent: DeBose, Gleich (Excused), Sternberg (Excused)

PRC Staff: Barbara Attard, Najuma Henderson

BPD Staff: Sgt. Morizono, Lt. Stone

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea Pritchett spoke on several issues: 1) She stated that Copwatch is interested in the "Intelligence/BPD Cooperation with Federal Law Enforcement Authorities" issue. 2) Ms. Pritchett is also concerned that there are perspectives other than those of the people who attended the PRC meeting at Rosa Parks School who are not being heard by the PRC. People with other perspectives, i.e. people who are concerned that the police are being heavy-handed may be afraid to come to the PRC or are otherwise reluctant to express their views. She is hopeful that there will be some attempt to reach these people. Commissioner Mapps stated that the Commission may want to reassess how outreach was done for the last meeting. It was requested that the special meeting planned for September be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. 3) She mentioned a Daily Planet article in which an officer was accused of planting drugs. Ms. Prichett also discussed a demonstration that was not allowed to march on Telegraph, although there had been a permit to do so.

Michael Diehl of BOSS stated that people who live on the streets are afraid to file complaints or speak at meetings.

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White/Sherman (Moved/Seconded) to approve the meeting minutes. Passed unanimously with Perez-Santiago abstaining.

- 4. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT (For Discussion or Action)
 - a) <u>New Filings</u>—One since last meeting.
 - b) Boards of Inquiry—None discussed
 - c) Recommendation for Summary Dismissal and Administrative Closure— PRC Case #1923—Filed by Mr. Hanavan

Barbara Attard explained that only two allegations were left. In one the officer is retiring and, the other is a discourtesy allegation. Mr. Hanavan explained that he is concerned about the implications of an error in the accident report affecting his insurance rates. Sgt. Morizono agreed to write a letter explaining that there was a clerical error to help rectify the situation.

Mapps/Clark (Moved/Seconded) to approve the recommendation for summary dismissal. Passed unanimously. Mapps/Sherman (Moved/Seconded) to approve the recommendation for administrative closure. Passed unanimously.

- d) PRC Relocation Update—PRC has moved to new space at 1900 Addison Street.
- e) Stipend Requests Due—All requests for stipends are due through June, 2002, due to the end of the fiscal year.
- 5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT—None
- 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)--None
- 7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

BPD Cooperation With Federal Law Enforcement Authorities

Chair Ritchie stated that he and Commissioner Sternberg will be working on developing a draft intelligence proposal for BPD. Commissioner Sherman stated that he is concerned about the erosion of civil liberties in the name of fighting terrorism. He read a letter from Senator Feinstein to Robert Mueller, FBI Director, raising her concerns about FBI intelligence gathering and asking what safeguards are in place to prevent abuses. Andrea Prichett stated that she is concerned that the PRC has not acted on this item.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

Commissioner Rountable—The BPD Communications Center—Mr. Alan Lauborough BPD Communications Supervisor Alan Lauborough made an interesting and informative presentation to the Commission regarding how the Communications Center works. The process will be changing in a month at which time a new system will be in place.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Mapps brought up issues that she feels merit follow-up action: Dialog with BPA (Commissioner Mapps and Clark have agreed to meet with BPA, with possibly another commissioner); Issue of probation stipulations not being accurately entered in the computer

(Commissioner Mapps will write a letter to the court for commission review); Other ways than a Board of Inquiry to close cases (Barbara Attard discussed other closure options and mediation); and concerns about the time involved in writing findings.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Sherman/Mapps (Moved/Seconded) to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:30 PM. Passed unanimously.