



Police Review Commission

**POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
ACTION MINUTES (AMENDED)**

**South Berkeley Senior Center
2003
2939 Ellis Street
Berkeley, California**

Date: Wednesday, October 8,

Time: 7:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: 7:40 PM
Commissioners Present: DeBose, Radisch, Ritchie, Sanchez-Resnik, Sherman, Sternberg, White
Commissioners Absent: Sheen (One Vacant Position)
PRC Staff: Barbara Attard
BPD Staff: Chief Meisner, Sgt. Delaney, Lt. Ahearn
2. PUBLIC COMMENT—None
3. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2003 REGULAR MEETING
Ritchie/Sanchez-Resnik (Moved/Seconded) to approve minutes. Passed unanimously with Radisch abstaining.
4. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT (For Discussion or Action)
 - a) New Filings—none since last meeting
 - b) Boards of Inquiry—Upcoming Boards were discussed
5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT
Chief Meisner discussed the proposed canine program. See notes below under new business.

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6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

Caloca ad hoc Committee

The committee reported that the City Attorney plans to meet with the full commission in closed session at the next meeting.

30th Anniversary ad hoc Committee

Plans for the upcoming December 4 celebration were discussed.

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a) Caloca Update

There is an upcoming hearing regarding a sustained discourtesy allegation on Dec 17.

b) PRC Council Item—Follow-up

Commendation For Berkeley Police Department And Mental Health For Outstanding Work – Handling of the August 10-11, 2003 10th Street Standoff Incident –

This item is on the October 21 City Council agenda.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a) Discussion of Proposed BPD Canine Unit—Chief Meisner

Chief Meisner presented the Canine Program proposal to the PRC. Chief Meisner explained that the Mayor requested that BPD look into developing a canine program. Chief Meisner gave an historical overview, explaining that a 1982 City Council Resolution strictly regulated the use of police dogs in Berkeley. Chief Meisner noted that the community has changed dramatically and believes that it is important to consider a canine program at this time. The program would cost approximately \$30,000.

The written proposal presented by Chief Meisner delineates the specific situations in which the use of canines would be allowed/disallowed.

(Various members of)¹ [t]he Commission requested the following:

- (If a canine unit is instituted)¹ [t]hat regular reporting of the use of canine units (similar to pepper spray reporting) be instituted.
- That there be a series of meetings to get community feedback regarding the establishment of a canine program. The commission asked that time be set aside during the first three meetings of 2004 to allow the community to give input about the proposed program. They suggest January 14, 2004 at South Berkeley Senior Center, January 28, 2004 at North Berkeley Senior Center, and February 11, 2004 at West Berkeley Senior Center.

b) Proposed PRC Regulations Revision: Mediation of Complaints

Ritchie/Sternberg (Moved/Seconded) to approved the recommended language for a PRC

¹ Amended portion of minutes

mediation program. Passed unanimously.

c) Legislation Issue: US Senate Bill—S 1277— State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability, and Due Process Act of 2003

Carried over to next meeting.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

NACOLE Update

Commissioners who attended the NACOLE conference discussed the workshops and benefits of the conference. They urged other commissioners to attend the next conference in Chicago.

PRC Workplan Update

- Orientation Continuation—Planned for November 12
- Workshops—Suggested workshops were—Communications, 4th Amendment Issues, Defensive Tactics, Criminal Investigations
- Ride-Alongs—Barbara Attard discussed the procedures to go on ride-alongs. She and Chair White have scheduled ride-alongs and urged other commissioners to do so as well. An outline was disseminated as a suggested guide to ride-alongs.

10. ADIJOURNMENT

Ritchie/Sanchez-Resnik (Moved/Seconded) to adjourn at approximately 8:45 pm. Passed unanimously.