



Police Review Commission

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES

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

**Date: Wed., December 10, 2003
Time: 7:30 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL: 6:35 PM

Commissioners Present: Chung, Sherman, Radisch, Ritchie, Sheen, Sternberg, White

Commissioners Absent: DeBose, Sanchez-Resnik

PRC Staff: Barbara Attard

BPD Staff: Sgt. Morizono, Lt. Ahearn

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea Prichett of Copwatch expressed concern about several cases in which BPD drew guns on people, but made no arrests. She also spoke to the commission investigating the Glennell Givens officer involved shooting death.

Jacob Crawford of Copwatch spoke to the investigation of the Glennell Givens officer involved shooting death.

Life Allah, a citizen from Cincinnati, is concerned about police brutality.

3. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2003 SPECIAL MEETING

Chung/Sheen (Moved/Seconded) to approve minutes as corrected, substituting Sheen for Sherman as seconding the motion to adjourn meeting on 11/12/03. Passed unanimously with Radisch and Sherman abstaining.

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

a) New Filings—2 since last meeting

b) Boards of Inquiry—Upcoming boards were discussed.

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- c) Appeal for Late Filing, PRC Case #1988 Filed by Tyrone Jones
Ritchie/Sherman (Moved/Seconded) to approve appeal for late filing. Passed unanimously.

Sherman/Ritchie (Moved/Seconded) to reconsider above approval of case #1988 for late filing. Passed unanimously.

Sherman/Sheen (Moved/Seconded) to consider case #1988 a timely filing because complainant was prevented from filing timely because the complaint form stated that the video tape had to be submitted with the complaint form and he was delayed in obtaining the video tape. Passed unanimously.

- d) Recommendation for Administrative Closure, PRC Case #1991 Filed by Michael Boutte
Ritchie/Chung (Moved/Seconded) to approve recommendation for administrative closure. Passed unanimously. (Sherman not in room for this item.)

5. BPD CHIEF'S REPORT

Lt. Ahern reported for the chief that he is submitting a requested impact report to the City Manager based upon 20% reductions. BPD could stand to lose a total of 54 employees in combined sworn/non-sworn capacities.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)

Caloca ad hoc Committee—no report.

7. OLD BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a) Review of PRC 30th Anniversary Celebration

Chair White apologized to commissioner Radisch for overlooking him during introductions at the celebration. Commissioner Sherman thanked staff and commissioners who worked on the anniversary event.

b) Caloca Update—Upcoming hearings were discussed.

c) 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 was passed as a Consent Calendar item at the November 25, 2003 meeting with a revision by Councilmember Worthington to have the Council commend BPD rather than the PRC.

d) Planning For Upcoming Community Meetings Regarding BPD Proposed Canine Unit

The planned meetings for January 14 (South Berkeley Sr. Ctr., 7:00 PM), January 28 (North Berkeley Sr. Ctr., 7:00 PM), and February 11 (West Berkeley Sr. Ctr., 7:00 PM), were discussed. The meetings will begin with one hour of public comment. The commission requested that BPD do a brief presentation about the program.

8. NEW BUSINESS (For Discussion or Action)

a) Report from Commission on Labor RE: Police Action During Labor Disputes
Continued to next meeting.

b) BPD Training and Information Bulletin 115, "Citizens Arrest" –changes based on changes to the Penal Code regarding citizens arrests.
Item reviewed.

c) PRC 3rd Quarter Statistical Report
Item reviewed. Barbara Attard stated that there were no outstanding items in the report.

d) FBI Surveillance of the Anti-War Movement
Item to be placed on agenda for next meeting. Commissioners Sternberg, Ritchie, Sheen to meet with Peace and Justice commissioner Elliott Cohen.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Schedule for next year to be on agenda for next meeting.

10. ADIJOURNMENT

Sherman/Sternberg (Moved/Seconded) to adjourn at approximately 9 P.M. Passed unanimously.