



## POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 14, 2008  
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

### 1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON WILLIAM WHITE AT 7:02 P.M. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairperson William White  
Vice Chair Sharon Kidd  
Commissioner Kamau Edwards  
Commissioner Jonathan Huang  
Commissioner George Perezvelez  
Commissioner Sherry Smith

Absent: Commissioner Michael Sherman

PRC Staff: Victoria Urbi, PRC Officer  
Rebecca Webb, Administrative Support

BPD Staff: Lt. Reece  
Sgt. White

### 2. ORDER OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the order of agenda.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Special Meeting, Public Hearing on Crowd Control: March 13, 2008  
**Motion to approve minutes. M/S/C (Kidd/Huang) Motion carried.**  
Ayes: Huang, Kidd, Perezvelez and White. Noes: None.  
Abstain: Edwards, and Smith. Absent: Sherman.



B. Regular Meeting: April 9, 2008

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

Ayes: Huang, Kidd, Perezvelez and White. Noes: None.

Abstain: Edwards and Smith. Absent: Sherman.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Presentation of 2005-2007 Statistical Report

Ms. Urbi gave an overview of the statistical report, outlining differences between the years. Chairperson White asked if there was a reason for the large difference in numbers of excessive force allegations from 2005 to 2007. Ms. Urbi responded that PRC has seen an increase of complaints stemming from parole/probation searches, which involves many officers. She would also look into why the number of allegations increased and she would report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Commissioners asked BPD representatives if they new of a reason for this trend, to which Lt. Reece responded that BPD has maintained the same number of searches every year.

Commissioner Smith asked if PRC could obtain Internal Affairs statistics on the number of allegations received, to which Lt. Reece responded they should be able to. He stated that Internal Affairs' statistics were much lower than PRC's.

Commissioner Huang requested that PRC staff provide information as to how many of the allegations stemmed from a case regarding parole/probation searches.

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

A. Hearing update

There is one hearing scheduled for May 29, complainant Jess Raleigh. Ms. Urbi passed around a sign up sheet to the Commissioners for three other cases ready for hearing. She informed Commissioners of their status as to how many hearings they had participated in, and urged Commissioners who had completed less hearings to sign up for these next three.

B. Status of complaints

There are eighty open cases. Since the Commission meeting on April 9, PRC has received two new complaints.

C. Commission vacancies

There are two Commission vacancies.

D. Comments:

Commissioner Perezvelez asked what came of a previous discussion to appeal to the Councilmembers to fill the Commission vacancies. Commissioner Kidd responded that PRC sent them letters, but did not receive a response.

**7. BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT**

There was no report from Chief Hambleton.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS (For Discussion or Action)**

A. Evidence Theft Subcommittee

- a. Report from last Subcommittee meeting  
The Subcommittee received the final rough draft of a supplementary report, which they approved. This will be sent to the Commission for the May 28 PRC meeting for the Commission's approval.

**B. Criminal Intelligence Subcommittee**

- a. Next Subcommittee meeting: May 12  
The May 12 meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for June 9.

**C. Officer-Involved Shooting Subcommittee**

- a. Staff update  
Ms. Urbi stated that she was waiting for police and Coroner's reports. Staff will proceed with the investigation at that time.

**D. Crowd Control Policies Subcommittee**

- a. Report from last Subcommittee meeting  
The Subcommittee met on April 30 with Lt. Ahearn, who answered policy questions. He stated that BPD is planning on combining their two crowd control policies into one.

Ms. Urbi stated that the Subcommittee had asked if they can interview officers. She discussed this with the City Attorney's office, who responded that they can only interview Chief Hambleton.

A public hearing on crowd control issues is scheduled for June 11. Chief Hambleton and the City Manager plan to attend.

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

Attached.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M