



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
(approved)

Wednesday, June 28, 2017
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIR DASILVA AT 7:12 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Kimberly DaSilva
Commissioner Gwen Allamby
Commissioner George Lippman
Commissioner Cooper Price
Commissioner Terry Roberts
Commissioner Ari Yampolsky (arrived 7:15 p.m.)
Commissioner Elliot Halpern (*temporary*) (left during Closed Session)
Commissioner Paul Kealoha-Blake (*temporary*)

Absent: Commissioners Clarence Ford, George Perezvelez, Andrea Prichett

PRC Staff: Byron Norris, PRC Investigator

BPD Staff: Chief Andrew Greenwood, Sergeant Rashawn Cummings;
(both left just prior to Closed Session)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved by general consensus with the following revision: Agenda Item 10.b was carried over to the next PRC meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 10 speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved the June 14, 2017 minutes by general consensus with the following revision: Agenda Items 10.e and 10.g were carried over to the July 12, 2017 meeting.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair DaSilva attended the June 27, 2017 meeting of the City Council and affirmed the PRC's request to the Council to direct the City Manager to instruct the Police Chief to release the Center on Police Equity (CPE) report analyzing BPD stop data. The City Council accepted the recommendation with some conditions.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Commissioner Halpern nominated Commissioner George Lippman, seconded by Commissioner Allamby. There were no other nominees.

Commissioner Lippman was unanimously elected PRC Chairperson to former Commissioner Bernstein's unexpired term as Chairperson.

7. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

There are four active complaints; no new complaints were filed since the previous commission meeting.

A Board of Inquiry hearing was held June 23, 2017.

Commissioner Perezvelez accepted the Police Chief's invitation to serve on the oral board interview panels for Special Response Team positions.

PRC Officer Katherine Lee will be back in the PRC Office tomorrow.

8. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Crime, budget, staffing, training updates, and other items:

- The department is currently staffed at 167, out of an authorized 181 positions;
- BPD staff participated in the following community events: Berkeley Juneteenth Festival; San Francisco LGBT Pride Parade; and the Special Olympics Torch Run;
- The Chief cited the 2nd anniversary of the Berkeley Balcony Collapse and the 44th anniversary of the killing of Sergeant Jimmie Rutledge;
- On June 27, 2017, the Council approved body worn cameras, and next steps are:
 - obtain sign-off of contract tomorrow
 - receive project plan from Axon
 - continue to work on staff report to PRC policy recommendations for Council Agenda
 - achieve full implementation of body cameras in 6 months;
- Held active shooter-rescue task force training at Berkeley High School on 6/22;
- Preparing request for proposal for parking ticket vendor; current contract with Xerox is set to expire next year;
- Chief Greenwood met with My90 representative to discuss plan to develop means for non-smart phone users to provide feedback and communications to BPD using SMS texts;
- Contract negotiations with Berkeley Police Association are ongoing;

- National Night Out is August 1, 2017; invited commissioners to ride along with officers and city staff to attend community events;
- Will support Supply Bank on September 9, 2017 at San Pablo Park to distribute backpacks;
- International Association of Police Chief Conference in October; invited a commissioner to attend event with travel & lodging costs covered by BPD;
- Reminded commissioners of standing offer to tour BPD Jail and Property Room;
- Encouraged commissioners to follow BPD activities on Twitter, Nixle, and NextDoor.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (discussion & action)

Report of activities and meeting scheduling for all Subcommittees, possible appointment of new members to all Subcommittees, and additional discussion and action as noted for specific Subcommittees:

- a. Fair & Impartial Policing Subcommittee
 - Commissioner Lippman will schedule a meeting.
- b. Surveillance and Community Safety Ordinance Subcommittee
 - Next meeting is July 10, 2017, 6 p.m.
- c. General Orders C-64, etc. Subcommittee
 - A meeting may be scheduled with the assistance of the PRC Officer.
- d. Outreach Subcommittee
 - Commissioners DaSilva, Lippman, and Roberts reported on their tabling and outreach activities at the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival.
- e. Homeless Encampment Subcommittee
 - A joint meeting between the Homeless Encampment Subcommittees of the PRC and the Homeless Commission is being scheduled for July 11, 2017.

10. OLD BUSINESS (discussion & action)

- a. Policy Complaint #2415: Decide whether to open a policy review, and if so, how to proceed.

Motion to close the policy complaint and for staff to advise the complainant that she can resubmit the complaint at any time

Moved/Seconded (DaSilva/Halpern) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allamby, DaSilva, Lippman, Price, Roberts, Yampolsky, Halpern.

Noes: None Abstain: Kealoha-Blake Absent: Perezvelez, Prichett, Ford

- b. Prioritize tasks undertaken or under consideration by PRC.
 - This item was carried over to the next meeting.

- c. Whether to reinstate the Media Credentialing Subcommittee.
This item was continued to the next meeting.
- d. Request that Chief provide written report of remaining steps needed to procure body-worn cameras for BPD officers and to implement the program.
No formal action taken.

11. NEW BUSINESS (discussion & action)

- a. Review and approval of Commission's 2017-2018 Work Plan
This item was continued to the next meeting

Closed Session

Pursuant to the Court's order in *Berkeley Police Association v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 2002 057569, the PRC will recess into closed session to discuss and take action on the following matter(s):

12. REVIEW OF DECISION IN CALOCA APPEAL, CASE #2402

End of Closed Session

13. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Commissioners discussed the decision in the CALOCA appeal in Complaint #2402.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 3 speakers.

16. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Draft Minutes prepared by B. Norris.