

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING <u>MINUTES</u>

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIRPERSON SHENOY AT 7:06 P.M.

- Present: Chairperson Kiran Shenoy Vice Chair Ann Rogers Commissioner Barbara Allen Commissioner Marco Amaral Commissioner Veena Dubal Commissioner Seth Morris Commissioner George Perezvelez Commissioner Michael Sherman Commissioner William White
- Absent: None
- PRC Staff: Lucinda Simpson, PRC Officer.
- BPD Staff: Chief Meehan, Captain Harris, Lieutenant Files, and Sgt. Smith.
- BPF Staff: Interim Fire Chief Dong.

City of Berkeley Staff: Dep. City Manager, William Rogers.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT None



4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Noes: none

Motion to approve minutes of January 23, 2013 Moved/Seconded (Allen/Dubal) Motion Carried Ayes: Allen, Dubal, Morris, Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White.

Absent: none

5. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Chief Meehan informed the Commission that an in-custody death occurred on Feb. 12, 2013 and an investigation into the matter is currently underway. Commissioner Perezvelez requested that the matter be placed on the next agenda for discussion and action.

Abstain: Amaral, Perezvelez

The Chief presented highlights from the 2012 Annual Crime Report. The Chief highlighted some successful investigations which resulted in the arrest and charging of suspects. These cases included the solving of a complex craigslist robbery scheme involving robberies of persons selling used cars for cash and a burglary and assault with a deadly weapon case. The reporting of cases through CopLogic (online reporting system) has increased. 1,000 cases were reported through it last year, with larcenies being the most common type of crime reported. Beginning in 2012, special attention was devoted to robberies, burglaries and auto burglaries. Totals in those categories were flat despite increases in regional trends for those kinds of crimes. BPD has utilized crime analysis and strategy meetings to assist with prioritizing and dedicating efforts. BPD is using a crisis intervention team to divert people in mental health crises to appropriate resources before arrest. Rapes/attempted rapes went from 20 to 39 and BPD will meet with University of Berkeley Police to explore prevention efforts. There were five homicides in 2012. Three resulted in arrest and rewards are outstanding in two.

6. OLD BUSINESS for discussion/action

- A. 12/18/12 City Council referral to review proposed resolution regarding drones. Lieutenant Files and Interim Fire Chief Dong responded to questions by the Commissioners on the general topic of drone usage and theoretical usages which might relate to their respective agencies. Lt. Files and Interim Chief Dong informed the Commission that neither agency is seeking to acquire a drone at this time.
- B. Chair to make appointments to newly formed subcommittee on drones. Commissioners Dubal, Morris and Sherman were appointed.
- C. Whether to merge Outreach and 40th Anniversary subcommittees. The Commission unanimously declined to merge the subcommittees.
- D. Creation of written response from PRC to BPD about the Public Safety referral from Council. Motion to send written response to BPD as drafted by Commissioner Morris. Moved/Seconded (Dubal/Allen) Motion Carried Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White. Noes: none
 Abstain: none
 Absent: none

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Accreditation Subcommittee The next meeting will take place on February 27, 2013 at 6 p.m.
- B. PRC 40th Anniversary Subcommittee

The subcommittee determined they did not want to merge with the Outreach subcommittee. The subcommittee agreed to set a celebration date in September. The matter will be placed on the PRC agenda for discussion and selection of a final date. The subcommittee will next meet on March 13, 2013 at 5 p.m.

- C. Outreach Subcommittee The next meeting date is to be determined.
- D. Drones Subcommittee The first meeting will take place on February 27, 2013 at 6 p.m.

8. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

PRC currently has 11 open complaint cases. Since the last meeting, one new complaint has been received and one case has been closed out after hearing. Two cases are in mediation and three cases are scheduled for Boards of Inquiry hearings.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- A. 2012 Annual Crime Report.
- B. Referral from City Council to review proposed resolution regarding drones.
- C. Letter to Alameda Board of Supervisors and Alameda County Sheriff dated Dec. 20, 2012.
- D. Letter from Alameda County Sheriff dated Jan. 7, 2013 in response to item 9.C.
- E. Public Safety Commission Referral.
- F. Proposed Public Safety Commission Discussion Points.
- G. New York Times article dated Feb. 2, 2013 forwarded to Commissioners at request of Commissioner Morris.
- H. Letter dated Jan. 28, 2013 requesting to receive agenda packets.
- I. Proposed Draft from Commission Morris regarding item 6D.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Moved/Seconded (Dubal/Morris) Motion Carried

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, Sherman and White.Noes: noneAbstain: noneAbsent: none