



Police Review Commission (PRC)

**POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 27, 2013**  
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIRPERSON SHENOY AT 7:07 P.M.**

Present: Chairperson Kiran Shenoy  
Commissioner Marco Amaral  
Commissioner Veena Dubal  
Commissioner Seth Morris  
Commissioner George Perezvelez  
Commissioner Michael Sherman  
Commissioner William White

Absent: Comm. Allen, Vice Chair Rogers

PRC Staff: Lucinda Simpson, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Captain Greenwood, Lieutenant Files, Sergeant Smith

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were two public comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion to approve minutes of February 13, 2013**

Moved/Seconded (Amaral/Morris) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman, and White.

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Allen, Rogers



## 5. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

### A. Update on in-custody death from 2/12/13.

Captain Greenwood addressed the Commission and responded to their questions. Capt. Greenwood stated that the Alameda County Coroner is investigating the cause of death and personnel from Detectives Division are conducting an investigation to determine whether any crime was committed. He was not able to comment further about specific details of the case or the on-going investigation.

### B. Budget, staffing, training, and crime updates.

Command staff is currently working on the biennial budget proposal. Two new police officers are graduating from the academy March 9<sup>th</sup> which will bring the staffing level to 169 out of an authorized number of 175. Trainings will be taking place in computer systems, handling of hazardous materials, and firearms. An Alameda County Dep. District Attorney will be training patrol officers about elements of a strong investigation and report.

## 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. Accreditation Subcommittee

The Accreditation subcommittee met and reviewed three Lexipol policies (#'s 316, 336, and 338). The next meeting date is to be determined.

### B. PRC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Subcommittee

Next meeting to be held March 13, 2013 at 6 p.m.

### C. Outreach Subcommittee

If space is secured, the next meeting is to be held March 6, 2013 at 5 p.m.

### D. Drones Subcommittee (for review of proposed resolution from City Council on drones).

This subcommittee held its first meeting and Commissioner Dubal was selected Chair. There was good community turn-out and discussion. If space is secured, the next meeting will be held March 7, 2013 at 6 p.m.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Discussion/action regarding Berkeley Police Department in-custody death on 2/12/13, including possible initiation of a complaint.

The Commission discussed possible options for how to proceed and agreed by consensus to put the matter over to the next meeting for further discussion/action.

### B. Extension of Accreditation Sub-Committee.

#### **Motion to extend Accreditation sub-committee**

Moved/Seconded (White/Amaral) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Perezvelez, Shenoy, Sherman, and White.

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Allen, Rogers

### C. Selection of PRC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration date.

By consensus, the Commission selected the following four dates in order of preference: Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> of 2013.

## 8. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

PRC currently has 11 open cases. Two board of inquiry hearings were recently completed and those cases will soon be closed. Two additional board of inquiry hearings are scheduled. Two cases are in mediation status. No new complaints have been received since the last regular meeting.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Oral report from Commissioner Dubal about ride-along with Berkeley Police Dept. Commissioner Dubal reported that she went on a ride-along for 1 hour and found the experience interesting.
- B. Packet of reading materials and articles on drones submitted by Commissioner Sherman.
- C. New York Times article regarding drones dated Feb. 15, 2013 forwarded to Commissioners at request of Commissioner Dubal.
- D. Emails dated 2/15/13 and 2/19/13 requesting investigation of in-custody death on 2/12/13.
- E. PRC response to Chief Meehan regarding Public Safety Commission referral.

**Closed Session**

## 10. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF RULING FROM CALOCA APPEAL.

Complaint # 2298

**End of Closed Session**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

### **Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

(The meeting was adjourned in memory of fallen Santa Cruz police officers Sergeant Loran Baker and Detective Elizabeth Butler who were killed in the line of duty on February 26, 2013, as well as in memory of the person who died while in custody with Berkeley Police Dept. on Feb. 12, 2013).

Moved/Seconded (Dubal/Morris) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Shenoy, Sherman, and White.

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Allen, Rogers

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.