



Police Review Commission (PRC)

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

**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**  
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIRPERSON SHENOY AT 7:10 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

Absent: Commissioner William White

PRC Staff: Lucinda Simpson, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Meehan, Lieutenant Files, Sgt. Smith, Officer Shannon

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of March 27, 2013**

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

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Morris, Rogers, Shenoy, and Sherman.

Noes: none

Abstain: Dubal, Perezvelez

Absent: White

**5. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT**

Budget, staffing, training, and crime updates.

Robberies are increasing. The department is currently staffed at 170 sworn out of an authorized strength of 176. Recruitments will take place in the near future.



**6. OLD BUSINESS** (discussion and/or action)

- a. Consideration of whether to send a recommendation to the City Manager requesting meet and confer process in order to change the standard of review for Board of Inquiry hearings from “clear and convincing” to “preponderance.”  
By consensus, the matter was carried over to the next meeting.
  
- b. Determination of Mutual Aid Pact review process for 2013, including possible formation of subcommittee.

**Motion to form a Mutual Aid Pact sub-committee for the 2013 review process.**

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

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, and Sherman.

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: White

Chair Shenoy appointed himself to serve as Chair and also appointed Vice Chair Rogers and Commissioner Perezvelez.

**7. NEW BUSINESS** (discussion and/or action)

- a. Presentation on Berkeley Police Department’s Crisis Intervention Team by Officer Shannon. Officer Shannon gave a presentation on Berkeley Police Department’s Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). Officer Shannon had 15 years of professional experience working in mental health before he became an officer and played a major role in the formation of CIT which formally went into operation in January of 2012. CIT involves collaboration between law enforcement and community mental health workers. The two main goals of CIT are safety (for both officers and mental health consumers) and diversion. BPD is aiming to have 20% of its officers trained in CIT. All CIT officers volunteer for the assignment.
  
- b. Input on Berkeley Police Department’s draft of new policy on fair and impartial policing, and possible selection of a delegate to attend a further meeting with BPD.

**Motion to send a letter to the City Manager, Chief Meehan and Captain Harris expressing the commission’s concerns about the process by which the PRC is being asked to participate in the creation and possible implementation of a new general order on Fair and Impartial Policing and requesting a formal presentation of the proposed policy to the full commission.**

Moved/Seconded (Perezvelez/Allen) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, and Sherman.

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: White

By consensus, Commissioner Perezvelez will attend the April 23, 2013 meeting with BPD.

- c. Consider policy complaint concerning Berkeley Police Department’s policy regarding found property (General Order p-65).  
The matter was discussed.

**Motion to table until the next meeting.**

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

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, and Sherman.

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: White

- d. Review and approval of planning recommendations from Drones Subcommittee for a special concurrent meeting with Peace and Justice Commission – Town Hall on drones on May 1, 2013 at 6 p.m.

Chair Dubal informed the Commission about recommended plans for the event.

**Motion to approve planning recommendations for Drones Town Hall.**

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

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, and Sherman.

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: White

- e. Consideration of whether to review BPD's policies on the use of wraps and spit hoods and whether such policy review can be case specific as to an incident on March 13, 2013.  
From: Commissioner Morris  
By consensus, this matter was carried over until the next meeting.
- f. Clarification of the roles of BPD staff and members of the public at subcommittee meetings.  
By consensus, this matter was carried over until the next meeting.
- g. Berkeley Police Officer Association's recent survey on use of Tasers.  
From: Commissioner Perezvelez  
By consensus, this matter was carried over until the next meeting.

## **8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **A. Accreditation Subcommittee**

- 1. Determination and announcement of next meeting date.  
The next meeting will be April 24, 2013 at 6 p.m.
- 2. Review and possible changes to appointments.  
Commissioner Amaral resigned from the sub-committee

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

Update from last meeting and determination of future meeting date.  
The last meeting was canceled. Next meeting date to be determined.  
The Commissioners agreed that the celebration date should be September 19, 2013.

### **C. Outreach Subcommittee**

Update from last meeting and determination of future meeting date.  
The matter was not discussed. Next meeting date to be determined.

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

Update from last meeting and determination of future meeting date.  
The next meeting will be April 24, 2013 from 5-7 p.m.

## **9. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT**

Update status of complaints.

There are ten open complaint cases.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Attached

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn this meeting.**

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

Ayes: Allen, Amaral, Dubal, Morris, Perezvelez, Rogers, Shenoy, and Sherman.

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: White

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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