



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
(approved)

May 6, 2015
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY ACTING VICE-CHAIR ROGERS AT 7:08 P.M.

Present: Commissioner George Lippman
Commissioner George Perezvelez (Acting Chair) (arrived 8:38 p.m.)
Commissioner Ann Rogers (Acting Vice Chair)
Commissioner Michael Sherman
Commissioner Bulmaro Vicente
Commissioner Lowell Finley (*temporary assignment*)

Absent: Commissioners Alison Bernstein, Benjamin Bartlett

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Sgt. Dave Lindenau

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to amend Policy Investigation Timeline (Attachment 2 to Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2015).

Moved/Seconded (Lippman/Finley) **Motion Carried by general consent**

Motion to approve Regular Meeting minutes of April 22, 2015 as corrected.

Moved/Seconded (Finley/Vicente) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Finley, Lippman, Rogers, Sherman, and Vicente.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Bartlett, Bernstein, Perezvelez

4. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

None.

5. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

One new complaint filed since the last Commission meeting; one BOI hearing held and one BOI scheduled but complaint dismissed for complainant's failure to appear; nine cases in active investigatory stage. announcements. Interviews conducted for temporary investigator position and hiring decision to be made by week's end. See packet for memo from City Auditor requesting audit ideas.

Commissioner Lippman's request to re-order the agenda was denied by the Vice-Chair.

6. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)

a. Policy investigation regarding the events of December 6, 7, and 8, 2014, and Council directive for an investigation into the events of December 6, as both are more fully identified in the regular meeting agenda of February 25, 2015; and including review of mutual aid practices and policies.

i) Review and discussion of relevant policies, including those of the San Francisco and Oakland Police Department.

By general consent, the Commission agreed that individual commissioners would write and send to the PRC Officer their observations about differences in BPD policies compared to those of San Francisco and Oakland, as well as any recommended changes.

ii) Other discussion and action on investigation.

By general consent, the Commission clarified their earlier direction to the PRC Officer that she should publicize a call for witness testimony both on the website and by sending the announcement to local media.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS (discussion and action)

a. Suspicious Activity Reports Subcommittee

Proposed recommendation on revisions to General Order N-17; other updates.

Motion to adopt the recommendation of the Suspicious Activity Reporting Subcommittee to revise General Order N-17, as submitted.

Friendly amendment (Lippman, accepted by Finley): Omit the prefatory language.

Moved/Seconded (Finley/Vicente) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Finley, Lippman, Rogers, Sherman, and Vicente.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Bartlett, Bernstein, Perezvelez

Motion to direct PRC Officer to write a letter to the Chief of Police, with a copy to the City Manager, requesting that he provide full SARs on a quarterly basis to the PRC for review; and if the full reports cannot be disclosed, to provide the statutory, regulatory, or policy that requires withholding.

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

Ayes: Finley, Lippman, Rogers, Sherman, and Vicente.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Bartlett, Bernstein, Perezvelez

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved/Seconded (Rogers/Lippman) Motion **Carried by general consent.**

Meeting was **adjourned** at 10:03 p.m.