

Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (approved)

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY VICE CHAIR PEREZVELEZ AT 7:09 P.M.

Present: Commissioner George Perezvelez (Vice Chair)

> Commissioner Gwen Allamby Commissioner Kitty Calavita Commissioner Terry Roberts Commissioner Ari Yampolsky

Commissioner Cooper Price (temporary)

Absent: Commissioners Sahana Matthews (Chair), Andrea Prichett, Ismail

Ramsey, Michael Sherman

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Andy Greenwood, Lt. Angela Hawk, Sgt. Rashawn Cummings

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved/Seconded (Roberts/Allamby) Motion Carried

Aves: Allamby, Calavita, Perezvelez, Roberts, Yampolsky, and Price.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Matthews, Prichett, Ramsey, Sherman

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 3 speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2018 Moved/Seconded (Allamby/Yampolsky) Motion Carried

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Perezvelez, Roberts, Yampolsky, and Price.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Matthews, Prichett, Ramsey, Sherman

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

-- Acting Chair reported that he and PRC Officer were at the July 23 City Council meeting re discussion of MOUs/mutual aid pacts, including NCRIC, ICE, and Urban Shield, and answered Councilmembers' questions about the PRC's concerns.

- -- Commissioner Price reported on the proposed Charter amendment; the item on the Council's agenda is the version proposed by Mayor Arreguin and Councilmember Harrison; at the July 24 Council meeting, because meet and confer was still ongoing, the item was continued to July 31. If no action taken then, and as August 10 is deadline for submitting ballot items to the County, a special meeting might be called.
- -- Acting Chair thanked Commissioners Ritchie and Price for serving as temporary commissioners this summer.

6. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

- a. Status of complaints; other items.
- -- Included in today's packet are excerpts of agenda items from Monday's Council meeting [July 23] re approval of MOUs, NCRIC, Urban Shield; they have since been revised and can be accessed online.
- -- Complaints: Caloca hearing held this morning. After the decision is issued, it will be sent to Commissioners and then discussed in a closed session. No new complaints filed for a couple weeks. One case pending agreement to mediation from one of two subject officers. Policy complaint haven't been able to get a hold of complainant.
- -- Byron Norris participated in an interview panel for Chief Investigator position at the Oakland Community Police Review Agency.
- -- Reminder that a link to the updated Commissioners' Manual was sent. For hard copy let staff know.
- -- Next regular meeting Weds. Sept. 12; PRC Officer on vacation week of Aug. 6.
- b. Prioritizing new agenda items (discussion & action) Not discussed.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

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

Chief Greenwood reported:

- -- Have 159 sworn officers but 30 or more are in FTO (4), academy (9), or injury or other leave, so actual number working is about 127-128. Mandatory OT in effect.
- -- Sept. timesheet ideally 77 78 on patrol; will struggle to get 74. Reduction in staffing for special assignments.

- -- Looking at proposal to create a hiring team, perhaps comprised of one person from each division.
- -- Couple weeks ago, the Dept. observed 1st anniversary of suicide of Ofc. Roberds at briefings and with peer counselors.
- -- As mentioned, participated in Juneteenth Festival, SF Pride. Upcoming: Kite Festival and Solano Stroll.
- -- Contract with BPA should be ratified soon. Been negotiating 18 months; out of contract a year. Hope will stabilize Dept. by helping retention and recruitment.
- -- Reminder to Commissioners do a ride-along and meet with Chief for tour of the Dept.
- -- Been invited to speak with 1 or 2 other chiefs at "Big Data and Community Policing" conference in Dallas, sponsored by Measure Austin, a new group addressing how to harness data and data collection for meaningful policing. Want to be exposed to more conversations about community policing
- -- Will attend NACOLE and IACP conferences this fall.

Chief Greenwood answered questions from Commissioners.

8. 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. General Orders C-64, etc. Subcommittee Meeting to be scheduled.
- b. Homeless Encampment Subcommittee Meeting to be scheduled.
- c. Lexipol Policies Subcommittee Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Aug. 8.

9. OLD BUSINESS (discussion & action)

- a. How the PRC can request information from other City departments in the most efficient manner; review of City Attorney's opinion on whether a standing item, "Requests for information," is sufficient under the Brown Act. (Item postponed until the next meeting.)
- b. Follow-up to request for After-Action reports and other information from the BPD regarding dismantling of homeless encampments that have occurred in the past six months.

(Item postponed until the next meeting.)

10. NEW BUSINESS (discussion & action)

 a. Review policy on use of body-worn cameras, including sufficiency of provisions on use of associated iPhone. (Item postponed until the next meeting.)

- Follow-up to PRC's request of January 31, 2018, to the Chief of Police and City Manager for response to PRC's draft findings on the police response at and following the City Council meeting of June 20, 2017. (Item postponed until litigation against City is concluded.)
- c. Response to July 23, 2018 Council action on MOU compendium and participation in Urban Shield exercises.

Discussed; no action taken.

d. Response to July 24, 2018 Council action on proposed Charter amendment to restructure police oversight and directive to City Manager to meet and confer with affected bargaining units.

No action taken.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Attached.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 3 speakers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.