

City of Arts & Innovation

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Norma Berrellez, Vice Chair Eileen Teichert and Commissioners Steven Bell, Phil DeBrier, Charles Dillon, Bobby Garcia, and Violet Gutierrez

STAFF PRESENT: Ruby Castillo, Debra Cook, Lorena Verduco, Daisy Gastelum, Frank Hauptmann, William Marsh, Captain Eric Detmer, Officer McMahon, and Support K9 Lulu

Chair Berrellez convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed new Commissioner Steven Bell.

Commissioner Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following discussion, and without formal motion, (1) Vice Chair Teichert nominated Commissioners Dillon, Gutierrez, and Garcia as Chair of the Community Police Review Commission and all declined due to commitment conflicts; (2) Chair Berrellez nominated Commissioner Steven Bell as Chair and he accepted; and (3) Commissioner Garcia nominated himself for Vice Chair.

A formal vote for the Office of Chair and Vice Chair will be conducted at the next Community Police Review Commission.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) and no e-comments were received prior to the start of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

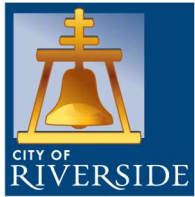
It was moved by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Bell abstaining.

MINUTES

The minutes of January 22, 2025, were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The Community Police Review Commission received and ordered filed the Communications report for the month of January 2025.



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PRESENTATION

RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT K9 POODLE PRESENTATION

Captain Detmer introduced Police Officer Shea McMahon who provided a presentation regarding Service K9 Poodle Lulu and her service to the Police Department, the community, and neighboring agencies.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

REVIEW OF CURRENT BY-LAWS AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to establish a 2025 By-Law Review Ad Hoc Committee to review and recommend updates to the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) By-laws and/or the Policies and Procedures for the period of six months beginning March 2025 and to conclude the Ad Hoc Committee once the CPRC approves the recommended revisions. The motion carried unanimously.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner DeBrier to appoint Vice Chair Teichert as Chair and Commissioners Garcia and Bell as Members of the 2025 By-Law Review Ad Hoc Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

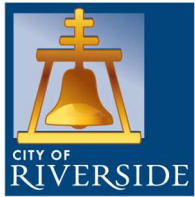
REVIEW DRAFT 2024 COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Dillon to approve the draft 2024 Community Police Review Commission Annual Report as modified to include the revised numbers added to the report. The motion carried with Commissioner DeBrier voting no.

OPEN REVIEW OF CRIMINAL CASE BOOK FOR OFFICER INVOLVED DEATH CASE #2022-00362 AND #MB22 019 0001 - J. TRACY - BEGIN STAGE ONE

Community Police Review Commission Independent Consultant Frank Hauptmann opened the review of Criminal Case Book for Officer Involved Death case #2022-00362 and #MB22 019 0001 - J. Tracy with a summary of the investigation and applicable investigative reports and informed the Commission that a Public Records Act request will need to be conducted for any videos, audios, and photographs. Independent Homicide Consultant Bill Marsh provided the Commission with a presentation regarding his review of the case.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Teichert and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to (1) open the review of the Criminal Case Book for Officer Involved Death case #2022-00362 and #MB22 019 0001 - J. Tracy and begin Stage One - Commissioner Review;



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(2) discuss any findings or recommendations for the Riverside Police Chief associated with the Criminal Case Book related to Officer Involved Death case 2022-00362 and #MB22 019 0001 - J. Tracy; and (3) requested staff submit a public records request to the Riverside County Sheriff and Hemet Police Department for any and all body worn camera videos, Closed Circuit Television videos, and photos pertaining to OID involving J. Tracy. The motion carried with Commissioner DeBrier abstaining.

CLOSED SESSIONS

At 7:05 p.m., the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) recessed from open session and at 7:17 p.m., reconvened in closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54957 the Commission will discuss issues pertaining to public employee personnel matters related to CPRC/Riverside Police Department Case Nos.: (1) PC24-06030; (2) PC24-10051; and (3) PC24-11052. The closed session adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The Community Police Review Commission returned to open session at 8:21 p.m. with Chair Berrellez presiding and all Commissioners present except Commissioner Garcia.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

There were no reportable actions from the City Attorney regarding Closed Session discussions.

BRIEF REPORTS ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CPRC

Frank Hauptman reported on a recent National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) investigators' webinar.

UPDATES FROM THE RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

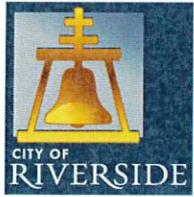
Captain Eric Detmer provided updates on (1) December Police Department promotions and department restructuring; (2) a community Redevelopment Project on the Magnolia Corridor; (3) the California Police Chiefs Conference in March at the Riverside Convention Center; (4) Police Department staffing levels; and (5) the upcoming Chief's Luncheon.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

There was no update from the City Manager's Office.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSION MEMBERS OR CPRC MANAGER

There were no future items requested at this time.



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Chair Berrellez adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


LORENA VERDUSCO
Assistant City Clerk