

City of Arts & Innovation

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Norma Berrellez, Vice Chair Eileen Teichert, and Commissioners Violet Gutierrez, Phil Debrier, Isaac Hiraes, and David Prince

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Megan Stoye, Rahman Gerren, Lorena Verduco, Ruby Castillo, Frank Hauptmann, and Lt. Eric Detmer

Chair Berrellez convened the meeting at 5:36 p.m. and welcomed new Community Police Review Commissioner David Prince.

Commissioner DeBrier led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OFFICERS

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hiraes and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez to nominate Commissioner Norma Berrellez to continue as Chair of the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) and she accepted the nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

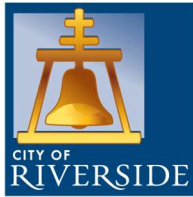
Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hiraes and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez to nominate Commissioner Eileen Teichert to continue as Vice Chair of the CPRC and she accepted the nomination. It was noted that during the CPRC meeting of February 28, 2024, Commissioner Phil DeBrier was nominated as Vice Chair of the CPRC and he accepted. Following a roll call vote, Commissioners Berrellez, Teichert, Gutierrez, and Hiraes voted for Commissioner Teichert, Commissioner DeBrier voted for himself, and Commissioner Prince abstained. Following a majority vote, Commissioner Eileen Teichert accepted to continue as Vice Chair of the 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 DeBrier and seconded by Commissioner Hiraes to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item.



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The motion carried with Commissioners Berrellez, Teichert, Gutierrez, DeBrier, and Hiraes voting aye, and Commissioner Prince abstaining.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on February 28, 2024, were approved as presented.

ABSENCE

The Community Police Review Commission excused the absence of Vice Chair Teichert from the Commission meeting held on February 28, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The Community Police Review Commission received and ordered filed the Communications reports of February through May 2024.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

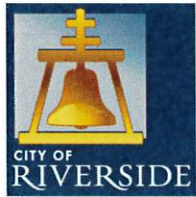
CONCLUDE REVIEW STAGE TWO OF THE CRIMINAL CASE BOOK FOR OFFICER INVOLVED DEATH (OID) CASE # 2106980 - J. BLACK

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Community Police Review Commission (1) concluded review of Stage Two of the review process for the Jehlani Black OID, Case #210006980; (2) moved forward through Stage Three - Policies and Procedures with no recommendations or request for further information and Stage Four - Deliberations and Findings Process with no further questions or recommendations; and (3) agreed to submit Rationale Work Sheets to the Independent Consultant selecting a finding and rationale for the first draft of the Public Report.

CLOSED SESSIONS

At 6:25 p.m., the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) recessed from open session and at 6:35 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) PC23-09041; (2) PC23-12058; (3) PC23-10050; (4) PC24-01001; and (5) PC24-03011. The closed session adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The Community Police Review Commission returned to open session at 8:27 p.m. with Chair Berrellez presiding and all Commissioners present.



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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

Commissioner DeBrier reported on (1) a recent "Ride Along" with the Riverside Police Department; (2) the new police officer swearing in ceremony; (3) the Interfaith Peace Walk; (4) potential participation opportunities for the Commission with Riverside Pride and the Civil Rights Institute; and (5) visits to community centers. Vice Chair Teichert reported on the boards and commissions annual recognition reception. Chair Berrellez reported on the Chief's Luncheon.

UPDATES FROM THE RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lt. Detmer provided updates including (1) graduation of sixteen new police officers from the academy in March; (2) announcement of thirteen individuals entering the police academy; (3) the status of the new Strategic Plan with a rough draft to be released in a few months; (4) the hiring of twelve new dispatchers for the Dispatch Center for both Fire and Police; (5) announcement that Captain Payne will graduate soon from the FBI Leadership Academy; and (6) a recent Officer Involved Death.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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

The Community Police Review Commission thanked Megan Stoye for her work with the Commission.

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

Chair Berrellez requested information on the new poodle member of the Police Department. Commissioner DeBrier requested an update on PSET activities.

Chair Berrellez adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENA VERDUSCO
Assistant City Clerk