



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Art Pick Council Chambers

3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA

CASE REVIEW – 4:30 PM

Case Review Roll Call

Evans	Kurkoske	Ybarra	Huerta	Smith	Jackson	Ortiz	Andres	Adams
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STAFF: Frank Hauptmann, CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

Public Comment

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on closed session items.

There were no public comments.

Closed Session – Case Review

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 PM to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

	CPRC CASE NO.	RPD CASE NO.
1)	16-006	PC-16-07026

The Commission recessed at 5:30 PM to reconvene in the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Regular Meeting Roll Call

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Public Comments

Public comment on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction.

Carolyn Brodeur spoke about why rape victims delay reporting the crime and the problems that can cause with the police and others.

Commission Meeting Absences

A) December 14 Regular Meeting – Commissioner Jackson

Chair Adams noted that Commissioner Jackson was absent due to illness. Commissioner Ortiz made a motion to excuse Commissioner Jackson's absence, and this was seconded by Commissioner Evans. 8 excused the absence; Commissioner Jackson abstained.

Approval of Minutes

A) December 14 Regular Meeting

Chair Adams asked for a motion to approve the December 14th minutes. Commissioner Ortiz asked that language be changed to note that when reporting on the Policies, Procedures, and By-Laws Committee's activities, he had said there was no effective meeting on December 1st. A motion was made by Commissioner Ortiz to approve the amended minutes and seconded by Commissioner Ybarra. 8 approvals; Commissioner Jackson abstained.

RPD Briefing

Preliminary briefing on the officer-involved death of Dominick W. Smith on December 29, 2016.

Carolyn Brodeur spoke about the effect that officer-involved deaths have on the officers involved in those incidents. She said the press should report on this more often.

Captain Larry Gonzalez briefed the Commission on the Smith incident. Commissioner Jackson asked if there was any communication between Mr. Smith and the officers; Capt. Gonzalez said he didn't believe there was. Chair Adams asked why no press release was issued about this incident. Capt. Gonzalez said press releases aren't always done, but that there should have been in this instance because of it being an in-custody death.

Chair Adams also asked Capt. Gonzalez if family contact information could be sent to the Commission in the future so that the family could be told of the Commission's involvement with the case and when the meeting during which RPD's briefing would be held. Capt. Gonzalez said that that could be done.

Bernadette Lenning, Mr. Smith's sister, spoke about her brother. She noted that while he did have addiction problems and suffered from mental illness, there was another side to him and that he was a much-loved son, grandson, brother, and nephew. She also expressed concern that her family was unaware of the Commission's involvement with the case until reading of it in a newspaper article.

OFFICER INVOLVED DEATH (OID) CASE EVALUATIONS

Discussion and action, if any, on the following OID Case Evaluations. While the stages noted with each case are the current points of focus, the Commission may move on to new stages or return to discussion of completed stages, if needed.

- A) Stage I – Commission Member Review
- B) Stage II – Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation
- C) Stage III – Policy and Procedure Process
- D) Stage IV – Deliberation and Finding Process
- E) Stage V – Recommendation Process
- F) Stage VI – Written Public Report

Lewis Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation

- A) Stage I – Commission Member Review
- B) Stage II – Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation
- C) Stage III – Policy and Procedure Process

Chair Adams asked Mr. Hauptmann if the Fact Sheet was ready. He reported that it was; Ms. Sherron said it would be available by week's end. Chair Adams asked if Commissioners were ready to proceed with rationales. Commissioner Huerta said he would like to have the Fact Sheet available before proceeding with that. Chair Adams noted that rationales would be discussed at the next meeting. Commissioner Jackson asked where the DA letters were. Ms. Sherron noted that they hadn't been included initially, but that the letters had eventually been sent over from Records and that they would be uploaded to the website by the end of the week.

ONGOING COMMISSION ACTIVITIES & ISSUES

CPRC Ad-hoc Committees

Reports from Committee Chairs, with Commission discussion and action, if any, regarding respective Committee activities and / or recommendations:

- A) 2016 Outreach Committee
 - 1) CPRC Self-Assessment Project
 - 2) Community Footprint Project
- B) Policies, Procedures, and By-Laws Committee

A) 2016 Outreach Committee

Vice-Chair Smith reviewed the Committee's discussion topics: the researching of Facebook sites for other oversight bodies; the CPRC Utilities bill insert, and a similar inclusion in City Council newsletters. He also asked that Commissioners attend Ward community meetings, as well as any larger City events.

Chair Adams also asked that Commissioners commit to doing at least one Outreach presentation a year.

B) Policies, Procedures, and By-Laws Committee

Commissioner Ortiz said there would be proposed amendments to the Policies, Procedures, and By-Laws for discussion and approval during the February meeting.

Outreach

A) December / January Community Outreach

Reports from Commissioners regarding community meetings or events which they attended.

B) Scheduled Outreach Events

C) Future Outreach Opportunities

- 1) Input from Outreach Coordinator on potential outreach events
- 2) Input from Commission Members on potential outreach events

Commissioners reported on the various community meetings or events they attended.

Meetings and Training Sessions

Reports from Commissioners regarding CPRC-based meetings, non-Outreach meetings, and / or training sessions attended in December / January.

Commissioners reported on the various meetings and training sessions they attended.

Annual Goals

Updates regarding the following 2016 goals:

A) 2016

- 1) Analysis to be completed upon receipt of complaint and OID cases occurring since meetings with RPD and the DA's Office

B) Discussion of potential goals for 2017

- 1) Review of totality of circumstances for Officer-Involved Death (OID) case evaluations.
- 2) Youth Outreach

Chair Adams said that an analysis regarding OID and complaint investigations could only be done after a reasonable amount of time had passed since their meetings with RPD and the DA.

Chair Adams said a couple 2017 goals she would like to see take place is the Commission discussion of "totality of circumstances" for OID evaluations and work toward helping RPD implement a program to help police and young people understand each other better.

Commissioner Kurkoske suggested a self-assessment report and Commissioner Ortiz suggested a survey for police officers that is similar to the one prepared for the community. Commissioner Jackson said that RPD roll call follow-up presentations could be done and survey forms could be distributed at that time. Chair Adams said it would be good to have surveys from 1% of the population and the RPD.

Staff Report

Mr. Hauptmann advised that the CPRC office was now on the 2nd Floor. He also noted that the Annual Report would be agendized for February.

NEW COMMISSION ACTIVITIES & ISSUES

Annual CPRC Officer Elections – March 2017

This is a notification to advise Commissioners of the Chair and Vice-Chair elections that will take place during the first meeting in March and the process that will be followed until the elections occur. There will be no nominations during the January meeting.

Chair Adams spoke on the March elections. She noted that Commissioners could not campaign for the seat(s) because doing so would be a violation of the Brown Act.

OTHER MATTERS

Commissioner Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members may use this time to make brief announcements or a brief report on their own activities.

There were none.

Items for Future Commission Consideration


Items for future Commission consideration can be agendaized by any Commissioner. Discussion and action, if any, will occur only during the meeting for which that item has been agendaized.

There were none.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant

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