



Community Police Review Commission Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION DATE: APRIL 28, 2021

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: WORKSHOP TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM PUBLIC ON COMMUNITY POLICE
REVIEW COMMISSION ACTIVITIES, PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND
CONSTITUTION**

ISSUES:

Receive input from the public on Community Police Review Commission activities, proposed activities and constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Community Police Review Commission receive public input on Commission activities, proposed activities and constitution.

BACKGROUND:

At the request of City Council, the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) was tasked with seeking input from current and past CPRC commissioners to determine if members of the Commission had the resources and tools needed to achieve CPRC objectives.

In August 2020, a survey including 14 questions was developed and distributed to current commissioners and CPRC commissioners that had served on the Commission within the last two to three years. The survey contained ten questions rating commissioners' opinion on a scale of 1 – Strongly Disagree to 5 Strong Agree, three affirmative/opposed questions, and one open-ended question inviting additional feedback. All questions provided an open space for additional commissioner comments.

At the October 28, 2020, staff provided survey participation feedback. At the direction of the Commission, staff expanded the survey pool to include any and all commissioners with current contact information on file.

On February 24, 2021, survey results received were presented to the Commission with predominantly favorable responses from commissioners. Several Public Comments were

made at the February 24, 2021 CPRC meeting and resulted in the Commission scheduling a public workshop to receive comment on CPRC activities, proposed activities and constitution.

DISCUSSION:

The public workshop session will focus on three discussion topics including review of the Commission Role, review of survey results, and public input on commission activities, proposed activities and constitution.

Review of Commission Role

The Community Police Review Commission was created in order to promote public confidence in the professionalism and accountability of the sworn staff of the Riverside Police Department through:

- Independently reviewing citizen complaint investigations
- Recommending changes in departmental policy
- Complete on-going public outreach; and
- When deemed appropriate by the Commission or Manager, conduct an independent investigation of citizen complaints.

Commissioner Survey Results

Question	Average Level of Agreement	Low Level of Agreement	High Level of Agreement	Commonly Ranked as
The CPRC Advises the Mayor and City Council on all police and community relations issued.	3.75	2	5	4
The CPRC conducts public outreach to educate the community on the purpose of the Commission.	4.63	4	5	5
The Community Police Review Commission receives, reviews and investigates citizen complaints against officers of the Riverside Police Department filed in writing within six months of the date of the alleged misconduct.	4.5	4	5	4&5
The Community Police Review Commission reviews and investigates the deaths of any individuals arising out of or in connection with actions of a police officer, regardless of whether a complaint regarding such deaths had been filed.	4.75	4	5	5
The Community Police Review Commission has the ability to conduct hearings on filed complaints or commission-initiated investigations when such hearings, in the discretion of the commission, facilitated the fact-finding process.	4.13	1	5	5

The Community Police Review Commission has the ability to exercise the power of subpoena to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers pertinent to the investigation and to administer oaths to such witnesses and take testimony to the extent permissible by law.	4.63	3	5	5
The Community Police Review Commission makes findings concerning allegations contained in the filed complaints to the City Manager and Police Chief.	4.75	4	5	5
The Community Police Review Commission reviews and advises the Riverside Police Department in matters pertaining to police policies and practices.	4.25	3	5	4
The Community Police Review Commission promotes effective, efficient, trustworthy and just law enforcement in the City of Riverside and brings to the attention of the City its findings and recommendations regarding law enforcement policies and practices.	4.25	3	5	4
The Community Police Review Commission ensures good relations between those who enforce the laws and the diverse populace whom they serve.	4.25	3	5	4
Does the Community Police Review Commission have access to the resources needed to carry out its powers, duties and functions as described in the City of Riverside Charter Section 810 and the Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.76 during your time serving on the Commission?				Yes
Are there any additional powers, duties or functions that should be added to the mission of the Community Police Review Commission?				No

Public Input on CPRC Activities and Constitution

During this portion of the workshop, the Commission will receive feedback and suggestions on CPRC activities and constitution of the Commission to ensure CPRC objectives are being met.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations associated with this report. If new programs are recommended and implemented, the fiscal impact, if any, will be defined during City Council approval for those programs.

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