



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Art Pick Council Chambers

3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA

CASE REVIEW – 4:30 PM

Case Review Roll Call

Rotker	Hawkins	Ybarra	Huerta	Smith	Jackson	Roberts	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.

Ms. Tracie Melnick and Ms. Iesha Peay addressed the Commission regarding their respective cases.

Closed Session – Case Review

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 PM to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

	CPRC CASE NO.	RPD CASE NO.
1)	15-007	PC-15-02006
2)	15-020	PC-15-07022

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.

Paul Chavez invited Commissioners to the Casa Blanca Christmas Party on December 16th. He also said he would no longer attend CPRC meetings because he felt the Commission sided with the police.

Christina Duran invited Commissioners to the Community Settlement Association's fundraiser breakfast on December 12th.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rotker to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2015. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Adams. Unanimous approval.

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

Jimenez Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation

Continue discussion and action, if any, on the Jimenez OID Case Evaluation. The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

- E)** Stage V – Recommendation Process: In Process
- F)** Stage VI – Written Public Report: In Process

Chair Jackson opened by asking Commissioners to give their opinions on the items in the "Areas of Concern" document.

Discussion began with Commissioners commenting on the items they felt should be included in the Commission's letter to Chief Diaz. As discussion continued, a recommendation was made that it would be more appropriate to submit formal policy recommendations rather than just a letter of concern. Discussion then focused on whether a letter of concern or formal policy recommendations would be best.

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Ybarra made a motion that the Commission submit formal policy recommendations to RPD regarding the items noted in the document under discussion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Adams. Unanimous approval.

Chair Jackson, Vice-Chair Adams, and Mr. Hauptmann said they would work together to draft the policy recommendations.

Hayes Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation

Continue discussion and action, if any, on the Hayes OID Case Evaluation. The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

F) Stage VI – Written Public Report: In Process

Chair Jackson opened for discussion of the public report.

During the discussion, it was noted that there were redundancies in Section IV and Section VIII. Discussion concluded that Paragraphs 1 – 5 be deleted from Section VIII and that Paragraphs 6 and 7 be moved to the end of Section IV. Section VIII would then consist of Paragraphs 8 and 9.

It was also noted that the RPD Use of Force Policy shown in Section VII should have been Policy 4.30 rather than Policy 300 as Policy 4.30 was active at the time of the OID.

Commissioner Rotker made a motion that the Commission approve the Hayes Public Report, with the noted changes and corrections. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Adams. Unanimous approval.

Ramirez Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation

Begin discussion and action, if any, on the Ramirez OID Case Evaluation. The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

A) Stage I – Commission Member Review: In Process

B) Stage II – Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation: In Process

Chair Jackson asked Mr. Hauptmann if the Fact Sheet would be complete by early January. Mr. Hauptmann said it would be.

Chair Jackson asked Commissioners to have their rationales submitted by the January meeting.

ONGOING COMMISSION ACTIVITIES & ISSUES

CPRC Self-Assessment Project

Continuation of self-assessment project regarding the Commission's effectiveness and its potential for improvement.

Chair Jackson said this was agendized to reassure the public that the Commission was working toward improving itself. She asked that Commissioners be involved and suggest groups to meet with as part of this project.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

CPRC Ad-hoc Committees

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

A) Outreach Committee: Vice-Chair Adams, Committee Chair

B) RPD Outreach Committee: Commissioner Rotker, Committee Chair

C) Formation of 2015 Annual Report Committee

A) Outreach Committee: Vice-Chair Adams, Committee Chair

Vice-Chair Adams advised that the Committee had not met recently, but would be meeting again in the new year.

B) RPD Outreach Committee: Commissioner Rotker, Committee Chair

Commissioner Rotker advised that Capt. Larry Gonzalez attended the recent Committee meeting. RPD Outreach would consist of a two-pronged approach with 30-minute outreach presentations to existing officers and introduction briefings during new hire orientations. Both aspects of RPD Outreach would be ongoing activities.

C) Formation of 2015 Annual Report Committee

Vice-Chair Adams advised that the Committee had reviewed the 2014 Annual Report and discussed items that could be eliminated from future reports. She asked Commissioners to review the draft that was online and let Staff know if they had any suggestions or concerns.

Meetings and Training Sessions

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

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

Outreach

A) November / December 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.

Staff Report

Mr. Hauptmann had nothing to report.

NEW COMMISSION ACTIVITIES & ISSUES

Commission Goals for 2016

Discussion and action, if any, regarding the Commission's goals for 2016.

Chair Jackson noted there would be a new chair and that two Commissioners would term out in 2016. She also noted the need to create brochures and complaint process guides in Spanish and that the Commission would continue with its self-assessment.

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.

Commissioner Rotker asked Mr. Hauptmann to obtain the status of pending OIDs and advise the Commission. Vice-Chair Adams noted the Commission had always had concerns about the lengthy timeframes of complaint and OID cases and suggested that a letter be sent to Chief Diaz regarding these concerns.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant

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