

CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Tuesday, November 22, 2011
Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library
5148 Market Street
San Diego, CA 92114

Members Present:

Bill Beck	Godwin Higa	Barbara Penn
David Brown	Jim Hurl	Stuart Simmons
Benetta Buell-Wilson	Jason Kaplan	Nancy Vaughn
Dan Frazee, Chair	Yuki Marsden, 2 nd Vice Chair	Anthony Wagner
Michael Freedman	Lucy Pearson	William Yee

Members Excused:

Sandra Arkin	Jim Herrera	Alexis Torrey
Dian Black	James Kaese, 1 st Vice Chair	
Harry Bonnell	Robin Kaufman	

Prospective Members Present:

Lisa Sorce
Marty Workman

Staff Present:

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, Human Relations
Denise Sandoval, Executive Secretary, Administration Department/CRB
Sharon Marshall, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
David Ramirez, Executive Assistant Chief, San Diego Police Department
Jorge Duran, Lieutenant, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department
Rich Metz, Sergeant, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dan Frazee at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of meeting on October 25, 2011 were unanimously approved.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sharon Bair – Noted the difference between the recorded message on Chula Vista's Police vs. recorded message on San Diego's Police Department non-emergency line regarding the wait time.
- Larry Baza – Expressed appreciation that the CRB is meeting in the community but questioned the diversity of the Board – we want to see more diversity represented in the board membership.
- A gentleman from the community – Expressed appreciation that the CRB is meeting in the community. He will make others in his organization aware so that there will be more attendance from this community at the next meeting.
- A question from a member of the public: What is the Statistical Breakdown of the Board? Statistical breakdown of the Board...23 citizen volunteers, made up from all over the districts, all appointed by the Mayor for a 1 year term up to 8 years total. We are at the end of recruiting members, in January we will start extensive training program. Explained the role of the Executive Director and the Intake Coordinator, as well as, the role of the City Attorney at the meetings. Explained Detective Metz role with the Board.

PRESENTATIONS: Hate Crimes in Our Region and Law Enforcement's Role

“Cancelled – the speaker could not attend the meeting. Will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

OVERVIEW: (Dan Frazee & Danell Scarborough): Brief Overview of the Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices for the members of the public.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- A. Mike Freedman: Ride along with special events at Chargers vs. Raiders game, watched prisoner processing
- B. Anthony Wagner: Ride along in Western Division
- C. Bill Beck: Ride along in Mid City, visited the Polinski Children's Center
- D. Marty Workman: Elder Abuse Class & Street Gangs Class
- E. Dan Frazee: Interviews & Interrogations Class, several CRB members attended same class

COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

- A. Policy Committee – Benetta Buell-Wilson – Meeting December 1st.
- B. Training Committee – Lucy Pearson – January presentation “Contempt of Cop”
- C. Outreach Committee – Nancy Vaughn- Committee met and decided on Outreach at line-ups, Churches & Libraries. Looking for diversity in Outreach efforts, still pursuing KPBS program on CRB.
- D. Recruitment & Retention Committee – Presented by Yuki Marsden
 - Held 2 informational meetings for 12 interested individuals
 - Will look at retention of prospective members and ways to improve

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nancy Vaughn presented a draft letter that she proposed to send Kevin Faulconer regarding funding the transcription of the interview recordings instead of relying on the in-essence interview. An In-essence interview is one where the officer listens to the tape recorded interview and goes back and types out a summary report. There was extensive discussion on the topic of transcription with the majority of members commented that they were not in favor of using a transcription service.

There was not a quorum so this item could not be voted on. The Deputy City Attorney added that a CRB member can send a letter as an individual using their title, but there cannot be a joint letter from the CRB as it was not voted on.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Dan Frazee

- December 13th Closed Session meeting needs to be a very productive one, in regards to cases to review.
- Evening hours are still available at internal affairs...remember that this is not a drop by opportunity...they will only stay if there is an appointment made.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Danell Scarborough

- A. CRB Caseload Report

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: January 24, 2012

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Materials Provided: Minutes for CRB Meeting of October 25, 2011
CRB Member Survey Monkey 2011 Results
Letter from Nancy Vaughn to Kevin Faulconer