

Citizens Advisory Board on Police/Community

Draft Minutes

Monday, April 19, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:07 pm / WELCOME (Chair Norma Sandoval) – 2 Minutes

II. PURPOSE OF THE CITIZENS/ ADVISORY BOARD ON POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS (CAB) (Vice Chair Samantha Jenkins) – 2 Minutes

Detailed background and history of the board's creation.

III. ROLL CALL (Secretary Bob Ilko) – 1 Minutes

Present: Chair Sandoval; Vice Chair Jenkins, Secretary Ilko, Dong, Fisher (late), Halliday, Hodges, Schaeffer and Perez. Absent Thalheimer.

IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (Fill out and submit comment using webform. Please see instructions at the end of this agenda) – 5 Minutes

None

2. SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT (SDPD) – Chief Albert Guaderrama – 5 Minutes

Assistant Chief Guaderrama retiring next month and promotions in May. The department is ready for Chauvin jury decision re protests. Officers are generally a wait and see for the verdict. No one has informed the department of any planned protests. Academy graduation just happened, and four-month phase training begins. 50 start in October. POA says officers continue hyper awareness and getting some fatigue re Chauvin verdict being announced soon. Can be taxing on the emotional well-being on the officers and their families. Chair Sandoval wants to remind the public of democratic rights and try to make whatever happens to be a teaching moment. There is work to be done and not only by the police. We need to build on the trust we currently have.

3. City of San Diego Director of Office of Boards and Commissions – Matthew Gordon – 10 Minutes

Not present

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT– Gerald Brown, Th.D. – 10 Minutes

V. COVID-19 3E Response Team - Education - Elevate - Enforcement

Mayor has recognized the department's assistance and guidance.

VI. Asian/Pacific Islanders Summit

The Executive Director attended the meeting. Spoke with city and department leadership as well as the community. Discussed how the community can reach out to work with SDPD.

VII. San Diego Police Department Use of Force Training

The Executive Director attended the training. Real life scenario training and sought advice from participants on feedback.

VIII. National Impact – Community Policing = Use of Tasers, Pepper Spray and Training

Regarding the Minnesota incident using a firearm instead of a taser as the officer thought she was using in an expired registration traffic stop. Recommended that the board training ad hoc should review the department training on taser/chemical spray.

IX. Commission on Police Practices - Brandon Hilpert, Sharmaine Mosley

Chair Hilpert is on vacation. The Executive Director Mosley is working on nearly 70 complaints currently.

4. CHAIR REPORT – Norma Sandoval – 10 Minutes

Wants to bring youth into the conversation and give them a voice.

X. Meeting with Councilmember Raul Campillo (District 7)

Chair and Executive Director met to get the council office's input as to how to better reach his constituents. He asked us to bring to his attention any nominations to fill District 7's vacancy on the board.

XI. Public Testimony on CAB Recommendation at City Council Meeting

Campaign Zero on pre-text stops. There is a push to prohibit pre-text stops and all consent searches. Chair discussed the board's recommendations from 2019.

Tasha Williams – Said it was disrespecting by those who have been brutalized when it comes to protests. The Chair was misrepresenting per Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams doesn't believe it is fair to work with SDPD and those who believe it is unfair should continue to protest. Vice Chair Jenkins talked about the board being respectful to protests for the good that comes from it. She recognizes that some of the community work to be uncomfortable for the department and so be it. Vice Chair Jenkins wants the board to be the middle ground for engagement and asked Ms. Williams to join us. CPAT will not come to this board if SDPD is present as Ms. Williams believes SDPD will work to dismantle the reform effort. Ms. Williams advocated for the Mayor to invoke emergency power to make reforms immediately. The goal is for us to all have a safer city.

Dahlia Balmir is on the SDPD African American advisory board to the Chief. She agrees with Ms. Williams. She does not see lots of crossing of the isle from SDPD but wants that to change soon. She asked this board to have a meeting with the African American advisory board. Chair Sandoval agrees that a joint meeting is a great idea.

XII. Mayor's Release of Policing Priorities

The announced reforms took the Chair by surprise. Both CAB and CPP were not consulted by the Mayor in the advance of releasing his desired reforms. The Mayor staff reiterated that the CAB is relevant and will be involved. Offered the board an oral apology to the Chair and Executive Director.

5. COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

XIII. Campaign Zero on PROTECT Initiative – 30 Minutes

Tabled to another meeting. CPAT has not yet released any proposed or finalized language of the proposed ordinance at this time. CPAT issued talking points. Supported by ACLU.

XIV. Southeastern Division Racial Connotations – 10 Minutes

Ms. Williams has been protesting for six weeks and will continue. She described the facts of the two people stopped by SDPD. One black and one white. When challenged the officer issued a citation not for jay walking but open container for the black wheelchair bound man but not the white man. The same officers made another stop of others for alleged outstanding warrants. No outstanding warrants so the black adult asked for a Sargent to come to the scene. The Southeastern Division Captain spoke with protesters that Ms. Williams said he lied and challenged his integrity. Ms. Williams alleged that one of the officers used the n-word to other officers. She said another officer made a complaint. Ms. Williams alleged that an officer used his vehicle to 'brush up' against a protester. Ms. Williams alleged that Angel Hernandez who died in custody says MTS officers got training from SDPD that she said included a knee to the back of Mr. Hernandez. Ms. Williams purposefully blocks one of three entrances to the division property challenges the department to make arrests to escalate the protests.

Chief Shilow said they are aware of the issues at the division. He asked for formal response from the Assistant Chief. Captain Del Toro has been at Southeastern for a few months.

Chair Sandoval said she will ask for the body camera footage. Ms. Williams claims that the department delays for a year on complaints to avoid disciplining officers. "The department plays games with us" said Ms. Williams.

Vice Chair Jenkins who represents District 4 asked if Captain Del Toro to have a virtual meeting with the community. Chief Shilow said that each division has a Captain's Advisory Board that should meet each month to address issues like this. Vice Chair Jenkins urges the department to arrange the meeting and Chief Shilow said he will talk with Captain Del Toro tomorrow.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION) Chair Norma Sandoval

XV. Follow up on CAB 2019/2020 (30) Recommendations Updates on Pillars One and Two – 10 Minutes

Pillar One discussion – Captain Jordan offered feedback on item by item. Placement of officers includes a wide variety of considerations such as staffing level by division, FTO evaluations of officers, where officers live to reduce travel time, languages spoken by the officers, etc. This includes placement of Captains as well but not in the board's recommendations previously issued. Chair Sandoval wants ad hoc committees to review Pillar One recommendations responses from SDPD for more focused discussion next month. SDPD agrees to put response(s) in writing for the board if we give advance notice.

7. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION) (Chair Norma Sandoval & Vice Chair Samantha Jenkins)

XVI. CAB Outreach Plan – Executive Team – 5 Minutes

No discussion.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. CAB 2021 Work Plan - 10 Minutes

Tabled.

XVII. Establish Ad Hoc Committee to develop Work Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2022

Tabled.

9. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

None.

ROUNDTABLE

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 17, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Via Zoom: Public Comment on an Action/Discussion Item: If you wish to address the Board on an item on today's agenda, please complete a speaker form (online Office of Boards and Commission Website) it will be forwarded to the staff member before the Board hears the agenda item. You will be called to express your comment at the time the item is heard. Please note, however, that you are not required to register your name or provide other information to the Board in order to attend our public session or to speak.

The Board will listen to your comments. However, California's open meeting laws do not permit the Board to take any action on the matter at today's meeting. At its discretion, the Board may refer the matter to staff, to a Board committee for discussion and/or resolution or place the matter on a future Board agenda. The Board cannot hear specific complaints against named individual officers at open meetings.