



COMMUNITY REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

4:00–5:00 PM

Mission Valley Branch Library

2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA 92108

Committee Members Present

Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert

Chair Joe Craver

2nd Vice Chair Taura Gentry

Patrick Anderson

Doug Case

Ramon Montano

Pauline Theodore

Nancy Vaughn

Committee Members Absent

None

Board Members Present (Non-Voting)

Maxine Clark

Maria Nieto–Senour

Staff Present:

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director, CRB (arrived late)

Sonja Mack CRB Administrative Aide

Wes Morris, Captain, San Diego Police Department

Mark Bennett, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department

- I. Call to Order:** 4:08pm
- II. Public Comment:** None
- III. Approval of Minutes:** Pauline Theodore moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2018. Nancy Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6–0–1: Hilpert (yes), Gentry (abstained), Anderson (yes), Case (yes), Montano (yes), Theodore (yes), Vaughn (yes)

IV. New Business (Discussion/Action):

a. Procedure & Guideline for SDPD Complaint Intake

Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert explained the issue of Internal Affairs classifying complaints as informal rather than formal. A process is needed for IA to note when a formal complaint is changed to informal and not investigated. Hilpert stated that a policy is needed where IA clerical staff or staff would not do that. Prohibit that behavior. Open the floor to discussion:

Committee Member Anderson asked if there was an informal complaint process. There is no informal complaint process and the CRB would not review complaints that are handled informally.

Lieutenant Bennett explained that all formal complaints have to be documented when they come in. assigned a number, and memo is created. Each person who submits a complaint is video documented for signature purpose.

Committee Member Doug Case requested that IA provide statistics of how many cases are category 1 and category 2. It would be helpful knowing how many informal complaints there are.

Committee Chair Hilpert stated that he rewrite & merge both policy recommendations together.

b. Development of Third–Party Mediation (CRB Student Assistant – Research) Tabled until next meeting.

c. Review SDPD Use of Force Policy & PERF Guiding Principles on Use of Force in Relation to Persons with Mental Health Issues

Committee Member Doug Case provided the Committee with a background of this item which has two parts to it. Over a year ago, the CRB sent a letter with a request for the Mayor Faulconer's to address these issues. Based on the feedback from the Mayor, the CRB decided to draft

guidelines themselves to compare them. The CRB and Chief Nisleit agreed that there should be a de-escalation policy. At the last CRB Open Meeting, the Board requested from the Chief a chance to review what SDPD comes up with. Committee Member Case requested that the Committee read the handouts regarding SDPD's training for dealing with persons with mental illness and/or emotional disabilities and raise any questions at the next Policy Committee Meeting. It is in line with best practices, but that does not mean there aren't things that can be done better. Members are encouraged to find weaknesses and mention them and discuss them with IA.

Committee Member Case suggested that new members go through PERF training which is a massive amount of information. However, there is not enough time to practice procedures during training over the two or three days.

Second Vice Chair Gentry suggested that people going through PERF training work in an outreach capacity for homeless issues before completion of the training. Committee Member Theodore suggested incorporating new police training with scenarios to deal with people with mental health issues in that component.

Committee Member Anderson stated that at the last open public meeting a Community member asked about the Gang Suppression Unit (GSU). The person was concerned that complaints against GSU do not go to the CRB. He asked if this was true or not. The response to his question was that it is not true. The CRB receives cases to review that are against members of the GSU. Committee asked if there a model for racial discrimination in policing.

Committee Chair Hilpert ended the discussion. He will add the item to the agenda for the next Committee Meeting. Committee Member Anderson volunteered to work on this agenda item.

V. Adjourned at 4:50 pm

