



COMMUNITY REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Cherokee Point Elementary School
3735 38th Street
San Diego, CA 92105**

Members Present:

Douglas Case, Chair
Joe Craver, 1st Vice Chair
Thomas Lincoln
Mary O'Tousa
Diana Dent

Sheila Holtrop
Ernestine Smith
Richard Stanford
Martin Workman
Nancy Vaughn

Members Absent:

John Sieger (LOA)
Pieter O'Leary
Brandon Hilpert, 2nd Vice-Chair
Taura Gentry
Pauline Theodore
Maria Nieto-Senour
Reinaldo Galindo

Prospective Members Present:

Darwin Fishman (Alt)
Gregory Daunoras (Alt)

Staff Present:

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director, CRB
Jason Weeden, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Chair Doug Case called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - II. **PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES:** Chair Doug Case explained the purpose of the Community Review Board on Police Practices to those in attendance.

- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Chair Douglas Case to approve the CRB minutes of August 22nd, 2017. Motion passed unanimously. Vote: 10-0-1. Board member Mary O'Tousa abstained because she didn't attend the August 22nd meeting.
- IV. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Speaker Slip Required)
A. Kate Yavendetti – Women Occupy
- V. **GUEST SPEAKER: Jonathan Herrera**
City of San Diego Senior Advisor on Homeless Coordination
“Homelessness Initiatives”
- A. Jonathan Herrera discussed the social issue of homelessness that the City of San Diego has been facing. With an annual point count of 5,600 individuals that are homeless, an effective and cost efficient solution is a high priority.
- i. Housing First Initiative was discussed which is an approach to the administration of existing homeless service program along with the approach to develop new homeless services.
 - ii. There has been an alignment with political leaders including Mayor Faulconer and others to start implementing best practices and aligning funding with tenants that the Housing and Urban Development Department has pushed forward.
 - iii. The long term goal is to work on building a regional crisis response system that has adequate funding, resources and adequate administrative oversight.
 - iv. Short term solutions that will provide those San Diegans with immediate relief include the addition of new shelter beds, increasing capacity of existing shelters and lowering barriers to entries to ensure these resources are easily accessible.
- VI. **GUEST SPEAKER: Michael McConnell**
Homeless Advocate
“Criminalization of Homeless”
- A. Michael McConnell discussed the criminalization of homeless as being one of the strategies used in San Diego. The number of arrests for the homeless population has increased dramatically from 2008 to 2016.
- i. The primary tool to address and criminalize homelessness is encroachment. Other reasons that they are being targeted based on the quality of life include illegal lodging and public urination.
 - ii. The long process of criminalization was explained which includes warnings, citations that often times can't be paid, warrants for those individuals and then eventually arrest. Once they make it out back out to the streets, the same cycle is repeated often too many times.

- iii. The San Diego Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is intended to provide these individuals with the resources they need. Unfortunately there is a confusion about what county workers assigned to this team are supposed to do for their clients. The number one objective to convince any homeless individual to take these resources is trust, which has been eroded because HOT teams are also in charge of impounding a person's belongings if they are arrested as well as HOT encounters being documented and used against people in court.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

A. Outcome of CRB Letter to Mayor Regarding Persons with Mental Health Issues

- i. It was clarified that the statement made by Jennifer Lebron, Policy Advisor to the Mayor on Public Safety, during the previous meeting was intended to be the mayor's response to the letter written by the CRB. The response mainly stated that best practices were already being implemented and the city was very interested in continuing to do so. However, there was no response to the recommendations that were made in the letter by the CRB.
- ii. A recommendation was made to ask the policy committee to come up with specific policies that the board would like the San Diego Police Department to implement.
- iii. A motion was made by board member Ernestine Smith to refer the issue to the policy committee to request them to develop specific policies to send to the San Diego Police Department.
- iv. A motion was made by board member Nancy Vaughn to have a press release accompany the recommendations of the policy committee.
- v. Motion to have a press release failed. Vote: 4-6-0. The vote on the main motion to refer the issue to the policy committee passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION/ ACTION):

A. Update on Implementation of Measure G Ordinance

Speaker: David Graham

City of San Diego Deputy Chief Operating Officer

- i. The framework for the Draft Ordinance Outline was discussed. The ordinance was created with an attempt to mirror approved documents from the board along with those of the voters for Measure G.
- ii. Outstanding issues remaining include the scope of the bylaws and what they can or cannot cover, approval of the operational standing rule, complaint review and categories, board member qualifications and members

serving terms.

- iii. The next step will be sending the ordinance to the City Council Rules Committee, scheduled on November.
- B. SDPD Police Chief Search- Open and Transparent Process; Selection Criteria (Action Item)
 - i. A concern with the open and transparent process regarding the search for the new SDPD Police Chief has been brought up. The names of the members of the selection committee and the name of the final applicants not being made public until one finalist is proposed to the mayor is the main concern of other board and the community.
 - ii. A draft of a list of the criteria for the selection process has been made by Chair Doug Case (See attachment). A vote to write a letter to the mayor on behalf of the board with this selection criteria passed unanimously.
 - iii. A motion was made by CRB member Darwin to endorse and join in on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Police- Community Relations recommendation that includes adding two members each from the CAB, CRB, and Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention as well as two dedicated youth seats on the voting selection committee. It also includes having members of the selection committee be identified and made public before the process begins. Motion passed unanimously. Recommendations will be added to the letter being written to mayor.
- C. CRB Follow-up on Appointments
 - i. There is a concern with prospective members losing interest in joining CRB through the process of their appointment. It was suggested that there be more follow up throughout the process to reassure prospective members. Executive director Sharmaine Moseley said she will draft an email to send out to these individuals.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

- A. Continuing Education Committee (Pieter O'Leary)
- Report provided by Chair Doug Case**
- i. Coordinating with Marshall White for the possibility of having a follow up presentation from the Gang Suppression Team for the October meeting.
 - ii. Medical Examiner's Office tour is scheduled for October 11th at 10:30 am to 12 p.m.
 - iii. Menu training- still coordinating about new policies and procedures for the CRB to have access.
 - iv. CRB open meeting in October will include a presentation from SDSU professors Katherine Turner and Sara Roldan regarding policing from the Hispanic community perspective.

B. Outreach Committee (Taura Gentry)

Report provided by Executive Director

- i. Two CAB meetings- Meeting with coalition with ACLU mid-city CAN. CRB educational presentation to them.
- ii. Search for the police chief community forum scheduled.
- iii. Inside SDPD postponed to November.

C. Rules Committee (Brandon Hilpert)

- i. Three new rule changes that will be sent out. One is a new rule regarding describing educational opportunities and outreach activities clarifying what is in the bylaws. Another is changing an existing administrative rule on agendas and the last is a change in the bylaws to insert a paragraph that allows motions to be passed without ten votes if they are not critical.

D. Policy Committee (Joe Craver)

- i. There was no meeting the previous month. Weren't able to get a quorum.

E. Recruitment & Retention Committee (Joe Craver)

- i. Currently, there are 15 prospective members. Three more will be interviewed.

X. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (Doug Case)

A. Outside Counsel Update

- i. CRB now has outside council. Firm is Devaney, Pate, Morris and Cameron. Information on two people assigned, Christina M. Cameron and Randy J. Risner, will be sent to all CRB members.
- ii. Motion made by board member Ernestine Smith to send out press release announcing outside council. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Debriefing on NACOLE Annual Conference

- i. Chair Doug Case and Executive Director Sharmaine Moseley along with board members Nancy Vaughn and Pieter O'Leary attended the NACOLE conference.
- ii. Link for the program was sent out to all board members.

XI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Sharmaine Moseley)

A. CRB Caseload Update: Tabled

B. Annual Report FY 17 (Discussion Item)

- i. The annual report has been completed. It is now in the communications department undergoing final touches and corrections.
- ii. Discussion item about the possibility of sending annual report to all CRB members in the future and not just to the Committee Chair, to have all members provide feedback.

C. Scheduled to go before PSLN following week on October 4th. Changed to November 1st. Attending joint PS&LN meeting with Commission on Gang Suppression and Intervention.

D. Better Management Software

- i. Executive director and Chair met with volunteer department with the city. Software that will be implemented to include board to make it easier to track volunteer time.
- ii. For the next open meeting a possibility of having someone attend to teach all members how easy it is to use the software was mentioned.

XII. SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPOR

(Chief Jarvis)

- A. Lt. Weeden discussed border protesting.

XIII. Board Member Ride-Along Report: Tabled for next meeting

XIV. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

- A. Board member Darwin suggested finding time for a possible retreat for all board members.
- B. Planning to have next retreat on January. Part of the retreat will be focused on investigations and what a good investigation looks like.

XV. ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday October 24, 2017
Cherokee Point Elementary School 3735 38th Street
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