

**CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

**Tierrasanta Branch Library**

34985 La Cuenta Drive

San Diego, CA 92124

**Members Present:**

William Beck	Godwin Higa	Stuart Simmons
Dian Black	Jim Hurl	Alexis Torrey
David Brown	James Kaese, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Anthony Wagner
Benetta Buell-Wilson	Robin Kaufman	William Yee
Joe Craver	Yuki Marsden, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Nancy Vaughn
Dan Frazee, Chair	Lucy Pearson	Jim Herrera
Michael Freedman	Barbara Penn	

**Members Excused:**

Sandra Arkin  
Harry Bonnell  
Jason Kaplan

**Prospective Members Present:**

Ken Martone                      Pauline Theodore  
Lisa Sorce

**Staff Present:**

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, CRB  
Denise Sandoval, Executive Secretary, Administration Department/CRB  
Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office  
David Ramirez, Executive Assistant Chief, San Diego Police Department  
Dan Christman, Lieutenant, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department  
Jorge Duran, Lieutenant, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department  
Rich Metz, Sergeant, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department  
Angelica Navarro – Moran, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department

- I.        **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dan Frazee at 6:30 p.m.
- II.      **PURPOSE OF THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES**
- III.     **MINUTES APPROVAL:** Minutes of meeting on May 22, 2012 approved unanimously with amendments.

#### IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lucy Pearson – Expressed views of being on the CRB
- Anna Renee Walker – Warned about influences on Police to make arrests
- Sharon Bair – Expressed views on getting copy of Police Procedures
- David Beck-Brown – Requested that his case be re-opened
- Shawn Huston – Expressed concern regarding re-offending officers

Board Members asked the Media present in the room to identify their affiliation

- Channel 17/ Univision
- Channel 10/ KGTV

#### V. RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF SERVICE

Dian Black – for 8 years of service to the CRB

Stuart Simmons – for 4 years of service to the CRB

Dan Frazee – for 2 years of service as Chair of the CRB

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED  
TO NEXT MEETING DUE TO BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

#### VI. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. By laws Review update

- Survey Results (*handout*)

B. Election of CRB Officers for Fiscal Year 2013

- Slate for Chair: Jim Kease  
/ No other Nominations / Unanimous Vote
- Slate for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Yuki Marsden  
/ No other Nominations / Unanimous Vote
- Slate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Nancy Vaughn  
/ No other Nominations / Unanimous Vote

Officers will take their posts on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

C. Issues and Possible Actions from CRB Special Meeting of May 5, 2012 (*handout*)

Possible Actions to Address Public Perception: Find a way to make certain that the Public attends our open meetings, do outreach.

Discussion:

- Nancy – Lack of time for outreach.
- Lucy – Conduct meetings near public transportation and in communities most affected
- Anthony – Recruit at 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> district Church locations
- Alexis – City staff help, invitations to large city events already planned
- Robin – CRB members should volunteer to promote our group at Street fairs, Town Councils..etc.
- Barbara – Requested that the Local Media print the CRB rebuttal to the negative Channel 10 News report.

- Jim Herrera – Requested the use of Prospective Members to serve on committees.

**Motion made by Yuki Marsden to forward communication go to the Mayor and request that the Executive Director position with the CRB be made a full-time position (again) for better outreach and diverse recruitment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Beck**

**Discussion:**

- Lucy - Change meeting times to pull in a younger demographic
- Benetta - Hire an independent recruiter as suggested by the Grand Jury.
- Jim Kaese –Budget was already approved and that it would be difficult to get them to the CRB is getting a full-time Admin Aide position.

**Public Comment: Ms. Anna Renee Walker mentioned that our Community Cultural Leaders be contacted because they are the ones that the Community go to.**

**Motion Passes (18-1)**

- Robin – Amend the motion to include adding 30 minutes CRB Members time to attend community council meetings and giving a short presentation on the CRB.
- Yuki – Request that each City Council Members put forth members of their community for potential recruitment.
- Jim Hurl –Most minorities can't make the time commitment.
- David – How are the meeting times established?
- Jim Kaese replied that the By Laws state that our meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month and would take 2/3 of the CRB vote to change.

**Motion made by David Brown to adjust future open/closed forums from 4pm -8pm to 5pm-9pm. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Beck.**

**Discussion:**

- Michael Freedman- Create a survey for the meeting times and discuss at next month's meeting.
- Benetta – suggested various times and meeting places to meet be surveyed as well.
- Robin – suggested that the motion be modified to change the first meeting in the month and leave the second meeting as is.
- William Beck- Concurred with conducting a survey.
- Anthony- Current meeting times cater to a specific socioeconomic background, we need to become more flexible for the rest of the community so that our group reflects the faces of the community.
- Jim Herrera- Reminded the Board that we are in the process of creating a new flyer and we need to keep in mind that we are dealing with a short time frame to decide meeting times.
- Jim Kaese – Would our meeting locations be reduced by changing our meeting time?
- Staff responded - Yes, our meeting locations would be reduced.
- William Beck- Suggests motion be withdrawn until survey conducted.

**Motion Withdrawn by David Brown until all information is taken into consideration and a survey be done for meeting times and locations.**

- Benetta- Expressed concern that not enough being done in the LGBT and Disabled Community and that the current recruiting committee is not effective.
- William Yee – Not necessary to be a part of the recruiting committee to recruit...and suggested that we all take the initiative to recruit.

**Motion made by William Yee to change the Bylaws to allow Prospective Members to serve on a Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Craver**

**Discussion:**

- Benetta – Expressed that she had already brought that request forward and that she was told that because Prospective Members do not vote they would not contribute to the committee.
- Staff informed that the status of the Prospective Members is non-voting...they can only help do the work.
- Lucy – Concurred with Benetta’s statement, she was also given the same information.
- Lisa Sorce – Leveraging all of the resources we can including, the media, to focus on the positive and not what is not working.
- Lucy – Allow Prospective Members to serve on committee.
- Jim Kaese –If we choose to change the Bylaws, the Mayor will have to approve it and we don’t know how long that will take, I recommend that it be an addition to our policy and procedure manual instead of a change to the Bylaws.

**Motion Amended by William Yee: The Motion is to amend the CRB Policy and Procedures Binder to allow Prospective Members to serve on a committee instead of changing the Bylaws. 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Craver Agrees**

**Discussion:**

- Benetta - Is this covered in Roberts Rules?
- Response - No.
- Anthony informs that Roberts Rules specifically discusses that the Prospective Members cannot out-number the voting members on the committee

**C) Vote: Motion passes unanimously**

**There was discussion regarding the responsibility to recruiting and diversity.**

Jim Kaese –Stated that it is much easier to identify problems, and much more difficult to find solutions. We have done a great job in identifying problems that need solutions. Jim Invites CRB to think out of the box and be more creative when coming to our meetings in identifying solutions. In regards to leveraging the media, the media will be helpful to us to identify people and methods of contacting people that we have yet to tap into.

**Public Comment: Mr.Shawn Huston – Board of Directors of the LGBT law association**

- Expressed concern with the CRB receiving tainted information by internal affairs

- Concerned that there is information being omitted
- Expressed concern that the Internal Affairs Department doesn't make enough intent to reach the Victims.
- Is requesting that a change be made to the current process to allow the Complainant to review and rebut the final IA report
- Make changes in the model review the IA report before a decision is made to agree with IA.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Non-reappointment process and authority – continued to next meeting

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**IX. CHAIR'S REPORT – Dan Frazee**

- A. Meeting with Chiefs Lansdowne and Ramirez
- B. Police Foundation Luncheon

**X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Danell Scarborough**

- A. Status of appointment memos
- B. Status of Mayor's Response to the Grand Jury Report
- C. City Clerk will attend July CRB Open meeting to administer Oath of Office

**XI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8PM**

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 24, 2012 at the **City Heights / Weingart Branch Library****

**\*\*Materials Provided:**

- I. Minutes: May 22, 2012
- II. Survey Results
- III. Notes for CRB Special Meeting of 5/5/2012