



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mountain View Community Center

641 South Boundary Street, San Diego, CA 92113

Members Present:

Angela Alvarez	Godwin Higa	Pauline Theodore
William Beck	Jim Hurl	Alexis Torrey
Benetta Buell-Wilson	James Kaese, Chair	Lisa Sorce
Douglas Case	Jason Kaplan	Nancy Vaughn, 2 nd Vice Chair
Joe Craver	Yuki Marsden, 1st Vice Chair	Anthony Wagner
Jim Herrera	Ken Martone	Martin Workman
	Barbara Penn	

Members Excused:

Harry Bonnell	Robin Kaufman
Amari Garcia	Lucy Pearson

Staff Present:

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, CRB
Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
David Ramirez, Executive Assistant Chief, San Diego Police Department
Bernie Colon, Lieutenant, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department
Vernon Peterson, Detective, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department
Denise Sandoval, Executive Secretary, Administration Department/CRB
Darrin Schwabe, Senior Manager, CRB

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 P.M.
 - II. **PURPOSE OF THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES**
 - III. **MINUTES APPROVAL:** CRB Open Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2013. Approval of minutes approved as amended.
 - IV. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - Sharon Bair
 - David Beck Brown

V. RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION:

- Anthony Wagner – thank you for two years of service
- Barbara Penn – thank you for 8 years of dedicated service
- Chair Jim Kaese – thank you for 8 years of dedicated service and for being chair of the board during a challenging year

VI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Training Reports
 - Doug Case went on a ride-a-long in Pacific Beach with Beach Patrol
 - Pamela White attended the City Heights Curfew Sweep from 9:30pm to 1:30 am

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

- Policy Committee – Benetta Buell-Wilson
 - Compiled achievements for the fiscal year
- Training Committee – Danell Scarborough for Lucy Pearson
 - July Training: Social Host Ordinance Training Presentation
- Outreach Committee – Jason Kaplan - None
- Recruitment & Retention Committee – Yuki Marsden
 - 16 Interviews conducted and a diverse group of candidates recommended for approval by the Mayor.
- By-Laws Review – Nancy Vaughn
 - Working on last Article and it should be ready to present at the next meeting.
- Red Binder Review – Alexis Torrey
 - Met with the Executive Director and Chair

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT – Jim Kaese

- Annual Report - draft in process, a total of 73 cases reviewed. The report will include board achievements and committee achievements as well.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Danell Scarborough

- Appointment process is pending the Mayor's action.
- New team assignments will come with the Mayor's approval of appointments.
- City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office at the next meeting.

X. SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief David Ramirez

- Thanked the Board for all of the time and effort that is given by the members.
- Collaboration and communication is important and appreciated by the Police Department.
- Special thanks to the Members that are completing their terms.
- Reminder of Police Identification expiration dates, please contact Det. Vernon Peterson, if you need to renew your identification.

XI. OLD BUSINESS - None

XII. ELECTIONS of 2013-2014 CRB OFFICERS - By Unanimous Decision:

- Chair: Yuki Marsden
- 1st Vice Chair: Jim Herrera
- 2nd Vice Chair: Nancy Vaughn

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Pattern of questions put to officers and witnesses in interviews
 - The Board informed the Police Department that they felt that some of the questions during the interview process are perceived as leading.
 - The Police Department noted they have been discussing the way that Internal Affairs interviews are conducted and training on IA interview style has occurred. The Police Officers Bill of Rights directs how some questions are posed.
 - The Board advised the Police Department that there is a difference and progress on this has been observed.
 - The Police Lieutenants were happy to hear positive feedback and ask that they are notified by Board Members when they have concerns.

XIV. ADJOURN: 8:00 PM

Materials Provided:

- Minutes from CRB Open Meeting of June 25, 2013