



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

College-Rolando Branch Library

6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego, CA 92115

Members Present:

Angela Alvarez	Jim Herrera, 1st Vice Chair	Pauline Theodore
William Beck	Godwin Higa	Alexis Torrey
Benetta Buell-Wilson	Jason Kaplan	Ernestine Smith
Douglas Case	Yuki Marsden, Chair	Nancy Vaughn, 2 nd Vice Chair
Ruben Garcia	Ken Martone	Dennis Vincent
Sadaf Hane	Lucy Pearson	Martin Workman

Prospective Members:

Mary Johnson
Dennis Perry

Members Excused:

Jim Hurl, Lisa Sorce Pamela White Sadaf Hane

Staff Present:

Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
David Ramirez, Executive Assistant Chief, San Diego Police Department
Bernie Colon, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department
Tim Saelens, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department
Vernon Peterson, Detective, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department
Denise Sandoval, Executive Secretary, Administration Department/CRB

- 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 September 24, 2013 / Approved Unanimously.
- IV. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** (speakers slip required)
- V. **PRESENTATION**
 - Introduction of Prospective Members

- Dennis Perry, Prospective Member
 - Ride – along at Southeastern Division – Officer Richard Barton
- Mary Johnson, Prospective Member
 - Ride – along at Mid-city Division – Officer Larson/Officer Justin

VI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Training Reports
 - Nancy Vaughn - San Diego County District Attorney's Citizens' Academy

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

- **Policy Committee – Benetta Buell-Wilson**
 - Regarding the Exception for the Miranda Admonishment. Requested City Attorney legal clarification.
 - Reviewed San Diego Police Department policy regarding seat belt rules when transporting people. No further action to be taken by Policy Committee. Review of policy satisfied request.
 - Reviewed SDPD policy regarding recording evidence from body wires. No further action to be taken by Policy Committee. Review of policy satisfied request.
 - Reviewed SDPD policy regarding audio recordings conducted in Police Substations. No further action to be taken by Policy Committee. Review of policy satisfied request.
- **Training Committee – Godwin Higa**
 - Requested that the Board email any training suggestions.
- **Outreach Committee – No Report**
- **Recruitment & Retention Committee - Jim Herrera**
 - Thanked Prospective Members that came to meeting. Announced that they are looking forward to starting a new recruitment process at the first of the year.
- **Red Binder Review Committee – Alexis Torrey**
 - Pending final version of the Bylaws and what will transfer to Section 6
- **Discipline Review Committee – Yuki Marsden** – Meeting scheduling in progress.
- **By-Laws Review Committee**
 - Comment form sent out to all electronically and handed out.
 - Input will be used as agenda in the Special Meeting (10/29/2013).
 - Review of Articles contained in draft of New CRB Bylaws.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT – Yuki Marsden, Chair

- Highlights from NACOLE Conference

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Danell Scarborough

- Tour of Las Colinas Jail – Reminder and Directions
- CRB Caseload Update – Increased numbers of cases, thanked and encouraged all Teams to continue the good work.

X. SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - None

XI. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Review of City Attorney Memorandum: Referencing Legal Sources in Team Member Reports.
 - Reminded CRB that there is no Law that prevents them from citing case law, however, they need to be careful not to conduct a legal analysis.
 - If there are any questions, feel free to call Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney.
 - Explanation of “Fruit of the Poisonous Tree” issue

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- Guidelines for Case Reports – Clarification on Use of Complainants’ Statements and Case Report Format

Motion made to table the Guidelines for Case Reports – Clarification on Use of Complainants’ Statements and Case Report Format until the Red Binder is amended and discussed. Motion Passed

XIII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XIV. ADJOURN: 8:10 PM

Materials Provided:

- Minutes from CRB Open Meeting of September 24, 2013
- Draft New CRB Bylaws and Feedback Form
- City Attorney Memo: Referencing Legal Sources in Team Member Reports