



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Logan Heights Branch Library

567 South 28th Street, San Diego, CA 92113

Members Present:

Angela Alvarez

William Beck

Douglas Case

Ruben Garcia

Jim Herrera, 1st Vice Chair

Godwin Higa

Jim Hurl

Jason Kaplan

Yuki Marsden, Chair

Ken Martone

Lucy Pearson

Pauline Theodore

Alexis Torrey

Ernestine Smith

Lisa Sorce

Nancy Vaughn, 2nd Vice Chair

Dennis Vincent

Pamela White

Martin Workman

Prospective Members Present:

Rickie Brown

Bryon Garner

Christina Griffin

Dennis Perry

Staff Present:

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, CRB

William Gersten, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

Gregory Halsey, 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, CRB

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- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME TO BOARD MEMBERS
 - II. PURPOSE OF THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES – was announced
 - III. MINUTES APPROVAL: CRB Open Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2014 – were approved unanimously with amendments.

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IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Kellen Russoniello, ACLU - Requesting the CRB's support to revise police practices - "Are you on Probation or Parole" and sitting detainees on the curb; Requesting the CRB's support for the independent audit and; Requesting the CRB's support for community input on the Police Chief hiring process

Requests were referred to the CRB Police Committee for review.

V. TRAINING PRESENTATION – Perspectives from the African-American Community regarding Policing in San Diego were shared by these panel members:

- Lei-Chala Wilson, President, NAACP San Diego Chapter
- Benjamin Kelso, Sergeant, President, Black Police Officers Association
- Christopher Wilson, Director, Alliance San Diego

VI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Training Reports
 - Doug Case reported on his ride along with the Gang Suppression Team

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

- By-Laws Review Committee – Distributed Proposed CRB Special Rule of Order #2 for review/comment. Asked the Board to review in preparation for the vote
- Policy Committee – Next meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library
- Training Committee - None
- Outreach Committee - Requested more brochures for board members to distribute
- Recruitment & Retention Committee – Currently identifying community events for recruiting presentations

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT – Yuki Marsden, Chair

Chair requested additional time be added to the upcoming Closed Session meeting in order to hear more cases.

Motion: To add one hour to the end of the next closed session meeting. Motion Passes: 12-6

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Danell Scarborough - None

X. SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Update on Chief's Call for Audit of Department – decisions regarding this are in process and will be shared with CRB as this unfolds.
- Chief Lansdowne announced his retirement from the department

XI. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Memorandum of Law on Criminal Profiling to be provided to the CRB Members- This is still in the process of being finalized by the City Attorney's Office and should be ready to present at the next meeting
- Review of law regarding signatures on infractions – provided an overview of *Penal Code 853.5 and Police Vehicle Code 40500 (b)*
 - The Board requests the explanation in writing and DCA agreed

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – *TABLED ITEMS*

- Legitimacy of questions and opinions during case discussion
- Delineation of specific changes made at teams' request when reporting findings
- Responsibility of asking/providing Prior Not-Sustained Findings

XIV. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:00 p.m.

Materials Provided:

- Minutes from CRB Open Meeting of January 28, 2014
- Proposed CRB Special Rule of Order #2