

#### THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

#### CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

#### **MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 **6:30 p.m.** – **8:00 p.m.** 

City Heights/Weingart Branch Library 3795 Fairmount Avenue San Diego, CA 92105

# **Members Present:**

Lisa Sorce, Chair	Brandon Hilpert	Pauline Theodore
William Beck, 1st Vice-Chair		Ernestine Smith
Douglas Case, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair	Larry McMinn	Kathy Vandenheuvel
Joe Craver	Joyce Mohrlock	Nancy Vaughn
Diana Dent	Charlene McAdory	Martin Workman
Taura Gentry	Pieter O'Leary	

## **Staff Present:**

Godwin Higa

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director, CRB
William Gersten, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Anastasia Smith, Captain, San Diego Police Department
Marshall White, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department
Angelica Navarro - Mora, Detective, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department
Denise Sandoval, Executive Secretary, CRB

Mary O'Tousa

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. PURPOSE OF THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES: The Chair explained the purpose of the Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices (CRB) to those in attendance.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Chair moved to approve the CRB Open Meeting Minutes of, 2015. Joe Craver moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (speaker slip required): It was noted that there were no public comments.

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

- A. Continuing Education Committee (Charlene McAdory) It was reported that the Committee has two new members, Pieter O'Leary and Taura Gentry. It was further reported that the Committee is looking for suggestions for more educational topics and is planning to hold one event every month until November.
- B. Outreach Committee (Ernestine Smith and Taura Gentry) It was reported that the Committee Chair attended the All Peoples Celebration in Balboa Park, where Board members and the Executive Director were able to answer questions about the CRB. It was also reported that a Committee Member attended a gang intervention event in the City Heights area where she was able to speak with members of Internal Affairs and the community about the CRB. It was further reported that the Committee is planning on attending community meetings as soon as dates are released by the City Council.
- C. Rules Committee (Doug Case) It was reported that the Committee is currently working on developing operational standing rules. The Committee will be meeting to discuss the further creation of the standing rules. They are also accepting suggestions for changes in the rules through a form that will be available by the next meeting.
- D. Policy Committee (Joe Craver) It was reported that the Committee had three items on its agenda for discussion. The first item on the agenda was Body Worn Cameras. It was reported that there is no further policy recommendation for Body Worn Cameras, as it is already a policy in place. The next item reported was that the Committee closed the policy recommendation for video cameras in the Volunteers of America Sobering Center, as the contract has ended and a new Sobering Center will be in use. The final item reported was on the policy of Prison Van Seat Belts. The Chair read the current policy in place. It was reported that because the policy was in line with the policy recommendation that this item would be closed as well.
- E. Recruitment & Retention Committee (William Beck) It was reported that interviews were held for Prospective Board Members. It was reported that six individuals passed background checks after the interviews and will start training soon. Executive Director Moseley reported that there was tentative training date for Prospective Board Members on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### VI. CHAIR'S REPORT (Lisa Sorce)

A. CRB Retreat – It was reported that the CRB Retreat will take place on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It was reported that the retreat would be focused on strategic planning and a plan of action for improvement.

## VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Sharmaine Moseley)

A. Executive Director Moseley began her report thanking those who attending the All Peoples Celebration and other outreach events. It was reported that the Executive Director will be attending

- the Black Women United meetings and that she has been handing out business cards to those interested in serving on the board.
- B. CRB Caseload Update It was reported that the Board has a total of eighteen (18) cases to review. In this fiscal year, the Board closed out forty-two cases.
- C. The Executive Director reminded Board Members to submit their Educational Opportunity Forms as soon as possible for the last quarter.
- D. New City Logo Executive Secretary Denise Sandoval discussed the new San Diego City logo and its meaning with the Board Members. It was reported that the new logo will be used on all further CRB materials along with the current CRB logo.
- VIII. SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Executive Assistant Chief David Ramirez)
  Captain Anastasia Smith gave the report. She began her report by thanking the Board Members for their countless hours of hard work over the last year. She also reported that on February 10<sup>th</sup>, forty-eight officers will graduate from the San Diego Police Academy.

# IX. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT (William "Bill" Gersten)

• The City Attorney had no report.

## X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws
  - Committee Chair Douglas Case read the proposed revisions to the bylaws. The Board discussed opinions on the revisions to its bylaws. The Board approved an amendment to Article III, Section 2.A. of its bylaws, to give appointees whose terms of service have expired the option to continue to serve until their successor is duly appointed and qualified, even if the total time served extends beyond the maximum permissible length of service. There was also a motion to remove hyphen from between "former Member" in the Section. The Board discussed the revisions Article V. Section 5 and Article V, Section 6 of its bylaws. There was a motion made to table voting on these last two Sections of the bylaws. The motion was approved.

## XI. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

- A. Should the names of subject officers and complainants be redacted from case reports?
  - The Board discussed their opinions on whether subject officers and complainants names should be redacted from case reports. The Board agreed that the subject officers and complainants names should be left in the case reports.
- B. Feedback on alternate method of case presentation
  - The Board discussed their opinion and gave feedback on alternate methods of case presentation.
     There was discussion about giving a summary of the report and then the Board read the case silently. No motion was made.
- C. Report on the NACOLE Conference (*Tabled*)
- D. Transportation of Females to Sally Port/Restroom (Tabled)

# XII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS (Tabled)

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

• The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## **Materials Provided**

- Minutes from CRB Open Session Meeting of December, 2015
- Suggested Revisions to CRB Bylaws