

COMMUNITY REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

4:00-5:00 PM

Mission Valley Branch Library

2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA 92108

Committee Members Present

Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert

Chair Joe Craver

Patrick Anderson

Doug Case

Greg Daunoras

Pauline Theodore

Nancy Vaughn

Committee Members Absent

2nd Vice Chair Taura Gentry

Poppy Fitch

Staff Present

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director, CRB on Police Practices

SDPD Staff Present

Charles Lara, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department

Steve Shebloski, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department

- I. Call to Order:** Policy Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.
- II. Purpose of the Policy Committee:** Committee Chair Hilpert waived the reading of the purpose of the Policy Committee since no one from the public was in attendance.
- III. Non-Agenda Public Comment:** None
- IV. Approval of December 10, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes**
Community Review Board on Police Practices (CRB) Chair Joe Craver moved for the Policy Committee to approve the meeting minutes of December 10, 2019. Committee Member Pauline Theodore seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0-2.

Yays: Hilpert, Case, Craver, Theodore, and Vaughn

Nays: None

Abstention(s): Anderson and Daunoras

Absent: 2nd Vice Chair Taura Gentry and Poppy Fitch

V. Unfinished Business (Discussion/Action)

a. Procedure & Guideline for SDPD Complaint Intake of Informal/Formal Complaints (Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert)

Lieutenant Charles Lara reported that the revision of SDPD Procedure 1.10, which encompasses the complete intake process which includes informal and formal complaints is working its way through the Municipal Employee Association (MEA), as well as the Police Officer's Association (POA). Lieutenant Lara will follow up on this item.

This item was tabled.

b. Modify SDPD Procedure 1.49: Axon Body Worn Cameras (BWC) – Section Q 7(N) (Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert)

Committee Chair Hilpert reported that 2nd Vice Chair Taura Gentry agreed to draft language for a policy recommendation to be added to SDPD Procedure 1.49 and then reviewed by the Committee. He will see if Ms. Gentry drafted the language.

This item was tabled.

c. Development of Third-Party Mediation (Nancy Vaughn)

This item is tabled until after the November 2020 elections.

d. Best Practices Research for Law Enforcement Investigations Involving Discrimination Allegations (Patrick Anderson)

Member Patrick Anderson reported that he conducted research on how do other agencies investigate discrimination allegations. He mentioned the 2019 Campaign Zero study on racial disparities in stops and the statistics for that study.

Member Anderson mentioned that he researched the posed questions of “what models exist for investigating discrimination claims?” and “how do other bodies determine if implicit bias racial profiling and or other modes of discrimination have occurred?”

Member Anderson explained two factors that need to be considered in these investigations: discrete instances in discrimination, like slurs, and the differential effect that a policy, action, or procedure have in different communities. Member Anderson went into detail of a study conducted about the San Diego Police Department’s stops and arrests. Member Anderson also explained that when officers give statements like “I felt like my life was in danger” the investigation closes. Member Anderson finished off by suggesting that the complainant and police officer should be treated equally during the investigation

The Committee discussed the determinations of “unfounded” and “not sustained” and the mission of the CRB.

Executive Director Sharmaine Moseley agreed to gather research on how various agencies investigate discrimination allegations to narrow down the best practices in order to make a recommendation to SDPD.

This item was tabled.

e. Complaint Process Guide Card Issued to All Sworn Personnel (Taura Gentry)

Committee Chair Hilpert reported that 2nd Vice Chair Taura Gentry was going to revise the card to include formal, informal, and miscellaneous complaints. He will ask Ms. Gentry to send him the file so he can make the edits and clear up Category I and Category II. The title will also be updated to include the CRB’s name. The Committee discussed having a card that would have a summary and include a link to the CRB website to get more information.

This item was tabled.

f. Prohibit Officers from Viewing Body Worn Camera Video of Other Officers (Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert) – This item was tabled.

g. Require a defined SDPD Policy and Procedure and possibly a guide card to provide hearing impaired individuals and SDPD officers for officers to use in the field (Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert) – This item was tabled.

h. Revise SDPD Procedure 1.49 1.b to require that officers do not turn off his/her body worn cameras until all officers exit an individual's residence (Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert) – This item was tabled.

VI. New Business (Discussion/Action): None

VII. Adjourned: 4:55 p.m.