



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 2012
College-Rolando Branch Library
Community Room
6600 Montezuma Road
San Diego, CA 92115

Members Present:

Sandra Arkin	Jason Kaplan	Pauline Theodore
William Beck	Robin Kaufman	Alexis Torrey
Benetta Buell-Wilson	Yuki Marsden, 1st Vice Chair	Nancy Vaughn, 2 nd Vice Chair
Joe Craver	Ken Martone	William Yee
Jim Hurl	Barbara Penn	
James Kaese, Chair	Lisa Sorce	

Members Excused:

Harry Bonnell	Godwin Higa	Anthony Wagner
Jim Herrera	Lucy Pearson	Martin Workman

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
Tim Saelens, Lieutenant, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department
Robert Casillas, Sergeant, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department
Richard Metz, Detective, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department
Denise Sandoval, Executive Secretary, Administration Department/CRB

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. on October 23, 2012.
- II. PURPOSE OF THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES
- III. MINUTES APPROVAL: CRB Open Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2012
(15 – Approved, 1 - Abstain)
- IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (speakers slip required) NONE

V. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- A. Training Reports – No reports
- B. National Association of Civilian Oversight for Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference Wrap-up – Sandra Arkin
 - Received positive feedback from all. There were 278 attendees.
 - Danell Scarborough thanked Sandra Arkin and Patrick Hunter (*the local host committee*) on behalf of the Mayor and CRB for a fantastic job in hosting NACOLE.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

- Policy Committee – Benetta Buell-Wilson – a Policy Committee Request Form was handed in by Robin Kaufman.
- Training Committee – Lucy Pearson – Next training will be January, 2013.
- Outreach Committee – Jason Kaplan – First Committee meeting in 2 weeks. Currently posting flyers and visiting local Community Council meetings and local Colleges.
- Recruitment & Retention Committee – Yuki Marsden – Meeting this Thursday to go over goals for next group of prospective member recruits. Recruitment is looking at partnering with the Outreach Committee to discuss strategies.
- Red Binder Review – Alexis Torrey – No report
- By-Laws Review – Nancy Vaughn – Currently working on the *Trifurcation Table*...will report back at the next meeting for review.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT – Jim Kaese

- CRB Quarterly Report – FY13 1st quarter report distributed. Positive feedback has been received ...Chief Lansdowne referenced it in his speech at the NACOLE event.
 1. Changes on the cases are now being recorded, for the purpose of tracking with the Internal Affairs Finding's.
 2. Chief Ramirez mentioned that he would like the report to mention the status of the recommendations that are given to the Police Department.
- Meetings with Mayoral candidates
 1. Both Mayoral Candidates were contacted regarding the CRB.
 2. A Meeting was scheduled with Mr. Filner to discuss the CRB
 3. A request for a meeting with Mr. Carl DeMaio was made and a meeting will be scheduled at a later time.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Danell Scarborough

- A. Introduction of new CRB/HRC staff person – Darrin Schwabe
- B. Congratulated the Board for the great job of significantly reducing the number of "cases in the drawer".

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Possible Actions from CRB Special Meeting of May 5, 2012 - Addressing Diversity
 1. All ideas raised at the meeting are currently being addressed.
 2. The recommendation to re-examine requirements to serve on the CRB was briefly discussed.
 3. A recommendation was made to create a "FACEBOOK page" for the CRB.
 - B. Reconsider zip code on case report – need 10 votes to pass
 1. Tabled for next meeting.
 - C. Procedure for reporting on discipline resulting from a sustained finding.
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1. Pending clarification response from the City Attorney's Office.
- D. Process for requesting information in not sustained complaints, shootings and in-custody deaths.

*** Motion: Alexis Torrey made a motion regarding previous not-sustained findings related to subject officer in current case review (including shootings and in custody deaths) that the Police Department be prepared to provide information to questioning board members and that it not be incumbent upon the reviewing team to find out that information prior to presentation of the case.**

***Suggested Amendment to Motion: Jim Hurl requested that the current motion (above) be amended to make it required that the Police Department report that information after case is voted on.**

***Amendment not accepted.**

Vote: (9 Agree / 7 Opposed) carried to the next meeting for a re-vote.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adding vote count to complainant letters and closed-session meeting minutes

***Motion: Nancy Vaughn motioned that the vote count information be added to the complainant letters and that this information be included in minutes to be published from closed – session meetings.**

Vote: (1 Agree / 15 Opposed) Motion does not pass

- B. Requirements for confidential contact information
 1. Karen Li gave a brief description of the California Code covering this
 2. Karen is still researching the law for a clarification response from the City Attorney's Office.
- C. Open Session seating arrangements – feedback has been received and implemented

XI. ADJOURN

Materials Provided:

- I. Minutes from CRB Open Meeting of September 25, 2012
 - II. Notes from Special Meeting of May 5, 2012 on Diversity
 - III. Memorandum of Record dated December 6, 1999 regarding Process for requesting information in not sustained complaints, shootings, and in-custody deaths
 - IV. Page 5 from CRB Accomplishments – Discipline procedure
 - V. Example of current CRB letter to complainant at completion of case review
 - VI. Example of possible CRB Closed Session Minutes
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