



COMMUNITY REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

4:00-5:00 PM

Mission Valley Branch Library

2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA 92108

Committee Members Present

Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert (Arrived 4:30 p.m.)

Chair Joe Craver

2nd Vice Chair Taura Gentry (Arrived 4:30 p.m.)

Patrick Anderson

Douglas Case

Poppy Fitch

Maria Nieto-Senour

Nancy Vaughn

Committee Members Absent

Ramon Montano

Pauline Theodore

Staff Present

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director

Sonja Mack, Executive Assistant

SDPD Staff Present

Wes Morris, Captain, San Diego Police Department

Mark Bennett, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department

Charles Lara, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department

- I. Call to Order:** Policy Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.
- II. Purpose of the Policy Committee:** Committee Chair Hilpert waived the reading of the purpose of the Policy Committee.
- III. Non-Agenda Public Comment:** None

- IV. Approval of June 11, 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 June 11, 2019. Member Nancy Vaughn seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 7-0-1.

Yays: Hilpert, Case, Fitch, Vaughn, Craver, Nieto-Senour, Taura Gentry

Nays: None

Abstention(s): Patrick Anderson

Absent: Ramon Montano, Pauline Theodore

V. Unfinished Business (Discussion/Action)

a. Procedure & Guideline for SDPD Complaint Intake

Committee Chair Hilpert stated the edits to the policy recommendation on informal/formal handling of complaints. He will edit the version of the procedure that he previously handed out and send it to the Committee. The new complaint form outlines the difference between the informal and formal complaint procedure.

Internal Affairs Captain Morris states IA is in the process of rewriting the language in procedure 1.10 however, IA is unable to commit to a timeframe when it will be completed. Captain Morris encouraged the CRB Policy Committee to provide additional inputs and they will make the appropriate adjustments to accommodate the concerns regarding this process. Committee Chair Hilpert explained that the Committee does not want a complainant to feel pressured into having his/her complaint investigated informally.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

- b. Modify SDPD Procedure 1.49: Axon Body Worn Cameras – Section Q 7(N)-** Committee Chair Hilpert stated the Committee discussed this item at its last meeting but did not vote to close the item. A citizen generated a policy recommendation which the Committee does not have the ability to accept. The citizen's concern was a complainant was not allowed to bring a person of choice for support as the BWC footage is reviewed. The Committee is looking into addressing a procedure for

citizens to file recommendations with the Committee. Committee Chair Hilpert further reported that 2nd Vice Chair Taura Gentry agreed to discuss this with the Community member and ask her to resubmit her recommendations to 2nd Vice Chair Gentry. Ms. Gentry stated she contacted the community member and discussed her concerns. The community member would like IA to come up with a reasonable solution which allows someone to view BWC as a support person to a complainant. 2nd Vice Chair Gentry stated she would discuss in more detail with the community member as to what types of changes he or she would recommend being added or removed from the current policy.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

c. Development of Third-Party Mediation

Policy Committee Member Nancy Vaughn asked Internal Affairs if they were interested in instituting a mediation program. Captain Wes Morris of Internal affairs stated he is not opposed to having discussions. He recalled IA utilizing a mediation program, however, he did not remember the details of it is. He is not certain as to why Internal Affairs no longer have the program. Captain Morris believed it may be due to the underutilization of the mediation program. Committee member Nancy Vaughn stated many other agencies have effective mediation programs that are often used. Committee member Nancy Vaughn also inquired to Internal Affairs, if SDPD's informal process allows interaction between the officer and the complainant, which is what mediation programs currently provides for the citizen. The cost to implement a mediation program was discussed. Committee member Douglas Case asked Committee member Nancy Vaughn to include the cost information in her proposal for the next CRB Policy Committee meeting. Committee member Nancy Vaughn agreed to include it. Captain Morris agreed to get information on what happened to the last mediation program.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

d. Best Practices Research for Law Enforcement Investigations Involving Discrimination Allegations

Member Patrick Anderson stated he will provide information regarding his research on how other agencies and institutions investigate claims involving discrimination and what are the best practices at the next Policy Committee meeting.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

e. Complaint Process Guide Card Issued to All Sworn Personnel

Committee Chair Hilpert reported that the new joint complaint form was released on July 1st. He explained that the Committee is now looking at how to shorten it and put it on a card. CRB 2nd Vice Chair Taura Gentry stated the card formatting and information has been shortened to be placed onto the card and she will email it to CRB Executive Director, Sharmaine Moseley, who will forward it to the Policy Committee to provide feedback during the next scheduled policy Committee meeting. She explained that the card is designed to be used by Sergeants in the field.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

f. Require that SDPD officers provide and/or call for medical assistance in all situations where a person shows signs that they might be in medical distress

Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert stated there is an existing SDPD policy in place therefore, he suggested to close out this item.

CRB 2nd Vice Chair Taura Gentry stated the community member stated that the Chief addressed this issue. She will follow up with Community member and will finalize this item's status during the next Policy Committee meeting. CRB Executive Director Sharmaine Moseley stated this topic must be voted on by the Policy Committee to close it out. Policy Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert made a recommendation stating if the community member does not provide a response by next meeting the Policy Committee will vote to close out the item and remove it from the next meeting agenda.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

VI. Adjourned: 4:50 p.m.