

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, September 3, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Community Services Building
330 - 25th Street
Conference Room 1**

MINUTES

I CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call) (Chair Cora Ward)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Cora Ward

ROLL CALL

Present: Nemy Bautista
Dolores Hembree
Cochise Potts
Roberto Reyes
Glenn Stephenson
Chris Tallerico
Cora J. Ward
Naomi Williams

Absent: None

Vacancies: One

Administrative

Staff Present: Don Casimere, Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer
Malia Glover, Administrative Secretary

Council Liaison: Councilmember Harpreet Sandhu – Present

City Attorney's

Office Representative: Shannon Moore, Deputy City Attorney – Present

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 2, 2008

Upon motion by **Commissioner Williams** and second by **Commissioner Hembree** the minutes for the regular meeting of July 2, 2008, were approved as written.

Comments by Council Liaison moved to item VII.

IV COMMENTS BY CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Shannon Moore, Deputy City Attorney, represented the City Attorney's office. She had no comments.

V REPORT BY RPC COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS

CIAO Casimere said the committee met on 8/6/08. Committee members Ward, Tallerico, Reyes and Stephenson attended the meeting. Staff support was provided by the CIAO. The focus of the committee was to look at where/when to conduct a Police Commission meeting on a site other than where the Commission normally meets. The purpose of that meeting would be for community outreach. It was decided by the committee that the Commission would hold the first of these meetings on Wednesday, 10/8/08, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Mall Community Room. The Commission will also hold its regular meeting on 10/1/08. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Tallerico made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Reyes**, to have the meeting on 10/8/08, at the Hilltop Mall Community Room. Ayes-3; Noes-3

A substitute motion was made by **Commissioner Hembree** that outreach Commission meetings be held on the regular date of the month that the Commission meets to conduct all regular business. **Commissioner Williams** seconded the motion. Ayes-7

There was more discussion on a location. A substitute motion was made by **Commissioner Tallerico**, seconded by **Commissioner Stephenson**, to cancel the date that was booked and that the Chair appoint a new subcommittee, with commissioners who were not on the first subcommittee, to decide on a new location.

Councilmember Sandhu said all the City Council suggested was for the Commission to hold a few of the regular meetings, full sessions, at any site in a different community and to make that community aware of the meeting.

It was decided to place this item on the agenda for the Police Commission Meeting on 10/01/08. A list of available places and dates will be provided for discussion.

VI REPORT BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)

A. **Sgt. Brian Dickerson** reported that the Police Department is looking for more effective ways of handling calls for service involving the mentally ill. He went through a 36 hour crisis intervention training program in July with Contra Costa County. The goal in sending him to this training was to help with the development of a way that RPD can better deal with those suffering from mental illnesses. RPD will be taking a multi-faceted approach to this project. They will have training for all officers that will include a four to eight hour certified course in the Advanced Officer Training in early 2009. Within the next month they will be setting up 30 minute in-service training that will be conducted at line ups. There will also be collaboration between Contra Costa County agencies. The RPD will ultimately develop a policy on dealing with the mentally ill.

B. Current Topics

Capt. Allwyn Brown was there to represent Chief Magnus. He distributed a handout that included an Officer's Daily Activity Log and a Weekly Report for Sergeants. These have been recently implemented within the department. They are used as performance measure tools and to prioritize work on a given shift.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if the weekly reports are available to the commissioners. Capt. Brown said that would be the Chief's decision.

Commissioner Reyes said he's noticed several driver license checkpoints on 23rd Street and asked if they would be having them in other areas of the City also.

Capt. Brown said they do have them throughout the City within each district.

Capt. Brown handed out a flyer about a new program called One Block at a Time. It is a cooperative initiative to identify problematic blocks within neighborhoods where they go in and do some code enforcement neighborhood cleanup. There will be one on 9/13/08, in the Iron Triangle near 4th Street Park. Capt. Brown reported that the West Contra Costa County Gang Task Force is up and running. They are working with the State and other cities to identify some of the active gang members that are involved in ongoing criminal activity. He said they will be having Advanced Officer Training soon. Beginning in 2009 they will also have diversity training, mental health training and driver training.

VII COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON HARPREET SANDHU

Councilmember Sandhu reported that police officer salaries and wages were approved at last night's council meeting. He commented on the One Block at a Time effort. He stated that he has been on the Developmental Disability Board for the past six to seven years and that 60% of mental disabilities include autism in children.

VIII REPORT BY POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

No report.

IX REPORT BY GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

No report.

X REPORT BY LATINO POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

No report.

XI PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public speakers.

XII REPORT BY CONFIDENTIAL IAO

CIAO Don Casimere distributed the office daily activity log for July and August 2008.

XIII COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

A. Church and Neighborhood Council Outreach

No report

B. Reports on Community Events/Training Attended

Commissioner Bautista

- 8/05/08 – National Night Out
- 8/21/08 – Richard Griffin's quiet hour
- 8/21/08 – Citizen's Academy/Taser Gun demo by Off. Tirona
- 8/28/08 – RPD Line up
- 8/28/08 – 4-hour Ride Along w/Off. Zeidan
- 8/30/08 – Family Togetherness, Health and Deter Violence at Nicholl Park

Commissioner Stephenson

- 8/05/08 – National Night Out
- 8/06/08 – Subcommittee meeting for PC meetings in other locations
- 8/14/08 – CCTV Meeting

Commissioner Reyes

- 8/05/08 – National Night Out
- 8/05/08 – Met w/Mayor McLaughlin
- Attended two Brookside Community Health Center Meetings
- Attended two CC Violence Prevention Team Meetings
- Attended City Council Meeting
- Attended Subcommittee meeting for PC meetings in other locations

Commissioner Potts

- 8/30/08 – Block party with his church and Office of Neighborhood Safety

Commission Hembree

- 8/16 – Moose Lodge presentation of Tommy Moose bears to Richmond Police and Fire Departments, San Pablo Police and CCC Fire Station #70 in San Pablo

Commissioner Tallerico

- Ride-along in July w/Off. Soto
- Ride-along in August w/Off. Hauschild
- Attended RPD K-9 Training
- Attended Driver's License checkpoint on 23rd Street
- Attended National Night Out
- Attended Citizen's Academy
- Attended Subcommittee meeting for PC meetings in other locations

XIV EXECUTIVE SESSION: Public Employee Performance and Discipline/Release (Police Officers)

A. Discussion and Action Regarding RPC Complaint #03-2008

Upon motion and second, the report and findings of Unfounded for the allegation of Unnecessary Force in RPC #03-2008 were accepted.

B. Discussion Regarding Complaints Received in the Past Month and Past Complaints

There was one new complaint in the past month.

XV ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by **Commissioner Stephenson** and second by **Commissioner Bautista**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Don Casimere
Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer