

# **RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Community Services Building**  
**330 - 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
Scott Gillespie  
Dolores Hembree  
Jim Jenkins  
Roberto Reyes  
Bea Roberson  
Glenn Stephenson  
Cora J. Ward  
Naomi Williams

**Absent:** None

**Vacancies:** None

#### **Administrative**

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

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Jeff Ritterman – Present

#### **City Attorney's**

**Office Representative:** Mary Renfro, Assistant City Attorney – Present

### **II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 4, 2009**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Hembree** and second by **Commissioner Bautista** the minutes for the regular meeting of March 4, 2009, were approved as written.

#### **IV COMMENTS BY CHAIR CORA WARD**

**Chair Ward** welcomed and congratulated the new and reappointed commissioners. She said she would like to increase outreach to the community to inform them of the purpose and authority of the Commission. Chair Ward reported that comments regarding the Commission's review of RPD Policies 302 and 432 were forwarded to the chief.

#### **V INTRODUCTION OF/COMMENTS BY NEW AND REAPPOINTED COMMISSIONERS**

Each of the new commissioners introduced themselves and gave a brief background about themselves. Each expressed enthusiasm about being on the Commission.

#### **VI COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN**

**Councilmember Ritterman** said the tragedy with the police officers in Oakland highlights the seriousness of the work. He is happy the Commission is operating at full strength. He had the opportunity to view the new camera system that the police department has implemented. He also heard Devone Boggan's presentation at the last Public Safety Committee Meeting and was very impressed with the creativity of some of the approaches of the Office of Neighborhood Safety such as starting a recording studio.

#### **VII COMMENTS BY CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

**Asst. City Attorney Mary Renfro** welcomed the new commissioners. She distributed a handout explaining the Brown Act. She said City Attorney Randy Riddle will be contacting each new commissioner to give them a briefing on being a public official. She reminded everyone to file their Conflict of Interest forms.

#### **VIII REPORT BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)**

##### **A. Current Topics**

**Chief Magnus** handed out copies of RPD's annual report. It is the first that has been put out by RPD in many years. He invited the commissioners to attend the 100 year anniversary of the RPD to be held at the marina on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Many retired chiefs will be in attendance. D/C Medina will be representing the department in Washington, DC to place Brad Moody's name on the police memorial there. The Chief said he will attend the state police memorial event in Sacramento where Off. Moody's name will also be honored. He said they will be working with Attorney Kay Coldwell in revising their policy manual. The Chief said he has been in contact with Booker Neal who works in the Reconciliation Services Division of the Department of Justice. He will be assisting them with their hate crime task force. They anticipate the first meeting to be later this month. **D/C Medina** briefed the commission on Advanced Officer Training that is going on now through October. He distributed a hand out that gives an

overview of the training. He said that the orientation for new commissioners will be on 4/17/09, at 10:00 a.m. **Chief Magnus** reported that they are taking full advantage of what the federal stimulus package has to offer the department. They are currently working with the Glen-Price Group on grant writing issues. The Chief handed out an internal report prepared by **Crime Analyst Lori Hill**. He handed out a map of prostitution activities that shows where officers need to focus their efforts. He said they have been using wanted posters internally and out in the community to make people aware of when they may be looking for murder suspects or armed robbery suspects.

**Commissioners Reyes** asked if there was a way they could utilize the grants to help the young girls who are working on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The chief said yes. He asked the chief to comment on day workers at the U-Haul on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. **Chief Magnus** said day laborers are at high risk for street robberies and other assaults. They are doing a lot of outreach and developing good partnerships with several local banks so that the day laborers can use their consulate cards to open accounts and get ATM cards.

**Commissioner Williams** asked when they will select a place for the Southside Substation. **Chief Magnus** said it has not been squared away yet. The City Council will have to make the decision. He said the City Manager wants a full report from the architect who has looked at several different sites. Money is a huge issue also. **Commissioner Williams** said that at the last Public Safety Committee meeting they unanimously agreed to place the substation on City property rather than leasing. She asked **Councilmember Ritterman** to place this item on the Council agenda. He said he would like to see where the manager is on this issue first.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked if failed policies were the cause of the officer shootings in Oakland. **Chief Magnus** said that will be under investigation for a long time. He has no direct knowledge of the cause.

**Chief Magnus** acknowledged that **Off. Tan** was at the meeting tonight. He plays a major role in the marine patrol efforts. There was a recent incident at the marina involving a gentleman that drowned. **Off. Tan** and the marine patrol did a rescue and recovery process the following day. They received high praise from many individuals.

## **IX REPORT BY POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

**Off. Felix Tan**, Treasurer of the RPOA, congratulated the new and reappointed commissioners. He reported that approximately 75 officers from RPD attended the funeral for the Oakland PD officers. The RPOA donated money to the trust funds for the families. They also donated to the trip to the National Police Memorial in Washington, DC. Last week they had a PAL Luncheon that was well attended. **Off. Tan** introduced one of his trainees, **Off. Rasheed**. He is a lateral officer from Cal State East Bay and was with BART PD for 5 years. Currently, there are six officers in training, four in the academy, four new lateral officers coming on in May, and five new recruits will start the

academy in June or July. They visit the police academy to make sure their trainees get what they need and to remind them that they are here to help them succeed. **CIAO Casimere** thanked **Off. Tan** for speaking to the Commission. He encouraged them to continue talking to their recruits about complacency. He welcomed **Off. Rasheed** to the City.

**X REPORT BY GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

No representative present.

**XI REPORT BY LATINO POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

No representative present.

**XII PUBLIC FORUM**

No public speakers.

**XIII ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

**Commissioner Bautista** nominated **Chair Ward**. **Commissioner Jenkins** nominated **Commissioner Williams**. **Commissioner Reyes** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Hembree**, to close the nominations. **Chair Ward** was elected with a 5 to 3 vote, with one abstention.

**Asst. City Attorney Mary Renfro** will check with the City Clerk to verify the date that the Chair's term will end.

There was discussion regarding the agenda. It was decided that this subject will be agendaized and discussed at the next meeting.

**XIV REPORT BY CONFIDENTIAL IAO (Don Casimere)**

**CIAO Casimere** said the commissioners received a copy of the staff Daily Activity Log. He welcomed the new commissioners and told them to contact him if they had any questions, comments, or suggestions. He met with each new commissioner. He met with BART District Board of Directors Public Safety Committee. They are in the process of creating some sort of civilian oversight agency. He gave BART representatives information on civilian oversight and some suggestions as to what might work for BART. He encouraged the commissioners to look at [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov) if they are interested in BART issues. He also encouraged the new commissioners to do ride-alongs here with RPD.

**XV COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

A. Community Outreach, Community Events and Training Attended

**Commissioner Reyes**

- Attended Mayor's Women's Conference
- Attended 2 Council Meetings

**Commissioner Reyes (cont.)**

- Organizer for foreclosure meeting at St. Mark's Church on 3/12
- Attended Community Mixer of Opportunity West at Nevin Center
- Attended GRIP Social Justice Committee Meeting

**Commissioner Scott Gillespie**

- Attended PAL Luncheon
- 4 hour Ride-Along with Off. Lucas

**Commissioner Roberson**

- Attended City Council Meetings
- Attended REACT Breakfast

**Commissioner Stephenson**

- Attended LPOA Crab Feed
- Ride-Along with Off. Martin
- Attended REACT Breakfast

**Commissioner Williams**

- Attended City Council Meeting
- Attended GRIP Core Festival in Pinole
- Will have Day Feed at Easter Hill Church for Day Workers
- Attended RNCC Meeting
- Attended National Brotherhood Alliance Meeting
- Attended West County Alcohol Policy Working Group Meeting
- Attended Public Safety Committee Meeting
- Attended Planning Meeting
- Attended John Gioia's Breakfast
- Attended PAL Luncheon
- Attended Funeral for Oakland PD Officers
- Attended 2 Line-Ups
- Ride-Along with Sgt. Williams
- Attended Two Line-Ups

**Commissioner Bautista**

- 03/03/09 Attended City Council Meeting
- 03/26/09 4 hour Ride-Along with Off. B. Zeidan
- 03/26/09 Attended May Valley NC Meeting
- 03/31/09 Attended Community Meeting on Crime & Safety at the Boys & Girls Club of El Sobrante

**Chair Ward**

- Attended Reception for Gavin Newsom
- Attended City Council Meeting
- Attended Open House and Spring Celebration for Senator Loni Hancock, Assembly Member Sandre Swanson and Assembly Member Nancy Skinner
- Attended Ebony Sister Speak Luncheon
- Attended Reception for Nat Bates
- Attended Christian Women's Luncheon
- Attended Hilltop Green HOA Meeting
- Attended North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church Services
- Attended CCC Democratic Central Committee
- Attended Town Hall Meeting with George Miller

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

- A. Discussion Regarding Complaints Received in the Past Month and Past Complaints

Executive Session not held

**XVII ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Reyes** and second by **Commissioner Williams** the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

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**Don Casimere**  
**Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer**