

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, February 2, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Community Services Building
440 Civic Center Plaza
Multi-Purpose Room (Basement)**

MINUTES

I CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Nemy Bautista
Scott Gillespie
Dolores Hembree
Felix Hunziker
Roberto Reyes
Bea Roberson
Glenn Stephenson
Cora J. Ward

Absent: None

Vacancies: One

Administrative

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

Council Liaison: Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison – Absent

City Attorney's

Office Representative: Scott Dickey, Chief Deputy City Attorney – Present

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 5, 2011

Upon motion by **Commissioner Roberson** and second by **Commissioner Bautista**, the minutes for the regular meeting of January 5, 2011, were approved as written.

III COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN

Not present

IV COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)

Chief Magnus distributed three handouts: Officer Contact Information, an article called The View from Academia (re: the economic crisis by Dr. George Kelling) and RPD Professionalism and Customer Service Expectations. He commented on all three handouts. The Chief reported that they had a very positive meeting with the new juvenile court judge. The judge is very supportive of the daytime curfew program. He also gave an update on the Family Justice Center. The Chief announced that Sgt. Bisa French was promoted to lieutenant today. He also talked about the realignment of the Department of Corrections under the new budget and the impact it will have on cities.

Commissioner Hembree asked the Chief about recent seminars he had attended. The Chief said he attended a meeting in Boston regarding drug control policies and another seminar regarding the national agenda on policing for the coming years. He said they were very worthwhile.

Commissioner Bautista asked about having a website where citizens could report crime. **Chief Magnus** said they are looking into a system where certain crimes can be reported on line, such as crimes where there is no suspect or evidence to be collected and only need to be reported for insurance purposes. That would save officers from having to go out and take a report for those types of incidents.

Commissioner Roberson said she is pleased to see that the department is working toward more customer satisfaction. She said that some of the younger officers are already providing extra customer service.

Commissioner Reyes asked if the Police Commission could get a copy of the proposal regarding the Family Justice Center when it goes to the Finance Committee. The Chief said it will be available on the SIRE system on the city's website.

Commissioner Reyes commented on the future economic situation and the possibility of increased crime. He asked if ONS will be getting more involved. The Chief suggested that the Commission invite the director of ONS to give a briefing at a future Police Commission meeting.

Commissioner Bautista asked if bike and foot patrols would be increased in certain areas. Chief Magnus said they have officers out on bike/foot patrols in all three districts. Some of the areas that they give special attention to are the 23rd Street corridor and the Greenway on the south side.

Chair Ward congratulated the Chief on doing an excellent job. She was in the Sacramento area and received good comments about Richmond Police Department.

V PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers

VI DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RPD POLICIES ON MARIJUANA POSSESSION (Commissioner Gillespie)

Commissioner Gillespie said he was open to comments regarding the draft policy.

Jim Hausken, Secretary to Medical Cannabis Association, commented on this item.

After discussion, a motion was made by **Commissioner Roberson**, seconded by **Commissioner Bautista**, that the Police Commission Chair send a letter to the Chief requesting that, in light of the new laws, that Marijuana Policy 518 be revised next and should be forwarded to the Police Commission for review. After further discussion, a vote was taken. All were in favor.

VII DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTING POSITIVE POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE POLICE COMMISSION (Commissioner Hunziker)

Commissioner Hunziker said that he and **Commissioners Stephenson and Roberson** met to discuss a few different projects. The first is to work with other agencies in the city to try and make them more aware of the resources available to them. They decided that RNCC, Crime Prevention and the Police Commission should share a joint table at as many community events as possible. They also discussed meeting with the RPOA to educate them about what the Police Commission does. They also discussed doing outreach at the One Block at a Time Project. They will be creating a small flyer/postcard with Police Commission information (English on one side/Spanish on the other).

Commissioner Hunziker made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Bautista**, that the Police Commission work to operate a joint table with Crime Prevention and RNCC at as many future events as feasible and that RNCC notify the Commission of the upcoming events. A commissioner will then coordinate the Police Commission staffing of that table. All were in favor.

VIII DISCUSSION REGARDING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was decided that the election will take place at the next Police Commission meeting.

IX REPORTS BY:

Commissioner Reyes

- Attended Council Swearing-In Ceremony
- Attended Council Meetings
- Attended Meeting on Collectives in Richmond
- Attended Municipal ID Card Meeting
- Attended Richmond Fields Meeting (lighted football/soccer fields)
- Attended RPA Steering Committee Meetings

Commissioner Stephenson

- Attended Council Swearing-In Ceremony
- Attended Special Council Meeting
- 4-hour Ride-along with Off. Nath

Commissioner Bautista

- Attended Council Meeting
- Attended Council Swearing-In Ceremony
- 4-hour Ride-along with Off. Shanks

Commissioner Roberson

- Attended Council Swearing-In Ceremony
- Attended Crime Prevention Meeting
- Attended Crime Prevention Retreat
- Attended City Council Meetings
- Ride-along with Off. Fonseca

Commissioner Hembree

- Attended Swearing-In Ceremonies for Richmond and San Pablo Councils

Chair Ward

- Attended Council Swearing-In Ceremony
- Attended State Meetings

CIAO Casimere

- Submitted Daily Activity Log

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

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

There were two complaints received in the past month.

Upon motion and second, the verbal report for RPC Complaint #01-2011 and findings of **Unfounded** were accepted.

The Complainant and Chief of Police will be notified in writing of the findings regarding this complaint.

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XI ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by **Commissioner Reyes** and second by **Commissioner Gillespie**, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Don Casimere
Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer