

**CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION  
(CPRC)**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM  
Employment & Training Building  
330 – 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Conference Room 1**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Chair David Brown**

**Present:** David Brown (Chair), Carol Hegstrom (Vice-chair), Oscar Garcia, Yenny Garcia, Bea Roberson

**Absent:** Diego Garcia (excused), Demnlus Johnson III (excused)

**Vacancies:** 2 Vacancies

**Administrative**

**Staff:** Lucky Narain, Confidential Investigative and Appeals Officer (CIAO) – Present; Shané Johnson, Staff Liaison – Present;

**Council Liaison:** Jael Myrick, Council Liaison – Present

**City Attorney's**

**Office Representative:** Bruce Soublet, Senior Assistant City Attorney – Absent

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 5, 2018)**

Upon motion by Commissioner B. Roberson and seconded by Commissioner O. Garcia, the minutes for the regular meeting of September 5, 2018, were approved by all as written.

**III. AGENDA REVIEW – No change**

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Rick Perez** – Mr. Perez shared his feelings about the Chicago case regarding Laquan McDonald. He also spoke about supporting transparency within in police departments. Mr. Perez concluded with a personal story of his own involving recent community policing in Richmond.

**Patricia Perez** – Mrs. Perez expressed her happiness about Senate Bill 1421 being passed into law.

- V. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JAELE MYRICK** – Councilmember Myrick notified the CPRC that the City Council will discuss more support for the police department during mid-year budget in December. He also notified the Commission that he placed an item on the October 16<sup>th</sup> Council agenda concerning SB 1421 in an effort to initiate a discussion in order to get ahead of the law going into effect in 2019. Councilmember Myrick will work with Vice-Chair C. Hegstrom and Commissioner Y. Garcia to shape the discussion concerning the bill. Commissioner O. Garcia had questions concerning the availability of funds to implement the recommendations arising from the CPRC's August retreat. The councilmember will revisit the recommendations and connect with the Chief of Police.
- VI. COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Allwyn Brown or his designate)** – Captain Walle gave the report for this month's meeting on behalf of Chief Brown who was attending an annual meeting in Florida. Commissioner O. Garcia had questions concerning the draft Personal Appearance Standards emailed by Chief Brown and Captain Walle provided answers and background information about policy. Commissioner O. Garcia shared his desire to see officers that relate to and look like the community members. The K9 policy was discussed in length (refer to **IX. New Business** below).
- VII. REPORTS BY RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (Ben Therriault, President)** – Officer Therriault announced the upcoming toy drive on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and RPOA's involvement in the recent Clean Slate program. He gave his support on behalf of the RPOA to both the Berkeley law student group and the CPRC's attendance at more trainings. The RPOA will be involved in the upcoming Meet and Confer to discuss the Professional Appearance Standards. The RPOA's position is that the current proposed grooming policy as written is a step in the wrong direction.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS, DISCUSSION ITEMS**
- A. NACOLE (Report from Commissioner Yenny Garcia and CIO Lucky Narain)**– The annual conference was held in St. Petersburg, FL. and consisted of 4 days of opportunities to speak and collaborate with other police commissions. CIO Lucky Narain gave a report about his experience at the conference and spoke of his top four takeaways. Among those, Lucky noted the importance of working with Eddie Aubrey in Richmond's Office of Professional Accountability (OPA) for which he [Lucky] is working to create an annual report that will help to bridge the information gap between the CPRC and OPA. Commissioner Y. Garcia reported on her experience at the conference and said that her takeaway was that her client is the community. She spoke about personal commitment to the commission and what that meant to her. She raised questions about the current effectiveness of the CPRC and how it could improve. She also shared a printed report that she received at the conference.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Policy 318 - Revised K9 policy: Review and discussion (Captain Walle) –** Captain Walle gave examples of situations where a dog would be used. Discussion ensued between the captain and commissioners regarding specific language and events contained in the K9 policy. Captain Walle and Sergeant Jovio provided stats to the commission regarding K9 bites and deployments in recent months. Sergeant Jovio explained how the dogs are trained and how commands are used by the handler. Captain Walle extended an invitation to the CPRC for the commissioners to observe the K9 trainings. Captain Walle will provide information to the CPRC on upcoming K9 trainings.
- B. Proposal from UC Berkeley School of Law: Students aiding complainants (Danielle & Julie) –** The student group is currently working successfully with the Berkeley Police Review Commission and met with Chair Brown at his office last week. The group is proposing that they serve as a liaison for the community and help guide complainants to complete a more comprehensible complaint. Commissioner Roberson raised concerns about the solicitation of complaints and the truthfulness of such. The student group reassured the commission that their intent is not to falsify any information or to insert themselves into any investigatory matters. The group proposed to place flyers near the complaint forms for the public. CIAO Lucky Narain suggested that an agreement be made with the school's law professor if the CPRC decides to form a relationship with the group. Commissioner Y. Garcia inquired about Spanish language access.
- C. (Informational only) CPRC Officers election next month**
- D. No executive session this meeting.**

**X. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS, CIAO AND STAFF**

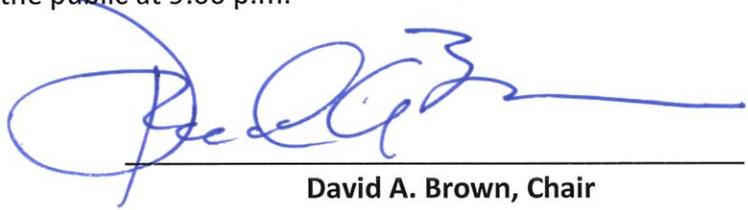
- Chair D. Brown – Spent 6 hours on a ride-a-long in the northern district with Officer Ellison on a Friday from 3pm-9pm. He's aiming to complete 20 hours by the end of the year and encouraged other commissioners to do the same.
- Commissioner Y. Garcia – Thanked the City of Richmond for the opportunity to go to Florida and thanked staff Shane Johnson for the coordination.
- CIAO Lucky Narain – Echoed Y. Garcia's comments and mentioned the Crisis Intervention training requirement for officers. He suggested a discussion at the next meeting regarding moving forward with mediation and also a discussion about filing a complaint on behalf of someone else.
- Commissioner B. Roberson – Announced the breakfast for the Toy Drive on Friday, November 3, 2018 at 7:30am at the Marriott. The cost of the breakfast is \$20 and will ensure one child a Christmas present. Families who register by October 27, 2018, receive gifts and food for their families. The Rotary Club has committed to a donation for this program.

- Commissioner C. Hegstrom – Made a presentation to the Community Safety Academy utilizing the CPRC’s presentation to City Council as a guide. She also reminded everyone of the vacancies that currently exist and those that may exist if the commissioners who are running for office are elected.

A subcommittee consisting of C. Hegstrom, O. Garcia, and Y. Garcia was formed to discuss Community Outreach.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned to the public at 9:00 p.m.



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**David A. Brown, Chair**