

**CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
(CPRC)**

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Employment & Training Building

330 – 25th Street

Conference Room 1

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by **Chair David Brown**

Present: David Brown (Chair), Diego Garcia, Oscar Garcia, Carol Hegstrom, Bea Roberson

Absent: Felix Hunziker (Vice-chair), Yenny Garcia, Demnlus Johnson III

Vacancies: 1 Vacancy

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 – Present

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 7, 2018)

Upon motion by Commissioner Roberson and seconded by Commissioner O. Garcia, the minutes for the regular meeting of March 7, 2018, were approved as written.

III. AGENDA REVIEW – No change

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Patricia Perez – Mrs. Perez shared information from the Washington Post and commented on the Perez case.

Rick Perez – Mr. Perez commented on the Stephon Clark case (Sacramento shooting) and shared his feelings regarding how law enforcement handled the situation.

Gerald Smith – Mr. Smith shared information from an East Bay Times article before commenting on the Stephon Clark case. He invited the CPRC to join him in lobbying against the Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights.

V. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JAELE MYRICK – Councilmember Myrick stated that the City of Richmond remains a “Safe City”. He also said that during the last City Council meeting, the Council confirmed their role in not using city resources to assist ICE. Commissioner O. Garcia suggested that the City take advantage of the Cinco de Mayo activities to share that information with the Latino community. Chair Brown suggested that RPD create a flyer or something similar to give to residents and Commissioner Roberson echoed the sentiment and offered additional suggestions. Commissioner D. Garcia asked how the community is made aware of ICE’s presence and whether ICE’s actions are known to RPD prior to ICE’s arrival. Councilmember Myrick replied that the City has not received any advance notice.

VI. COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Allwyn Brown or his designate) – Chief Brown distributed multiple handouts to the commissioners before giving the following crime stats: Violent crime in 2018 is slightly trending up due to aggravated assault and strong armed robberies used in snatch and grabs; Property crimes are trending downward overall, but within the classification, grand theft is significantly increasing; Homicides are down with the last homicide occurring in November 2017; and the shot spotter report also showed a decrease in activity. In addition to crime stats, the Chief reported that general training was given to RPD officers for impromptu and planned sideshow activities. Recruitment for new officers is ongoing and a wellness program to help prevent work-related injuries is being developed. The budget process for FY 18-19 is underway and RPD requested that consideration is given to maintaining the current staffing levels and restoring positions. RPD is in the process of updating their outreach to the immigrant community and now have Spanish translations on their Facebook page. CIAO Lucky Narain inquired about how RPD handles the recommendations from the CPRC and Chief Brown responded that it’s advisory at this time. ICE’s recent activity was discussed and information was provided to the commission on how RPD responds to the agency. Discussion took place regarding driving under the influence of marijuana, and RPD’s timely response to reports of abandoned vehicles.

Derrick Morris – Mr. Morris asked the commission about the policy regarding the use of force by police officers. Chair Brown responded that the commission was not in a position to address his inquiry.

VII. REPORTS BY RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION (Jason Wentz, VP) – Jason shared community outreach that the RPOA has done including donated \$5,000 to the Richmond Police Activities League, \$1,000 to Richmond Little League, \$450 to Cinco de Mayo Parade for t-shirts and \$1,000 to the festival itself. An assembly bill was proposed and members of the RPOA, and the Police Officers Research Association of California, will engage in discussion with legislators regarding law enforcement and the use of force.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS, DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Cinco de Mayo, Sunday, May 6, 2018: materials, booth set-up & tear down, scheduling** – Chair Brown requested that City staff provide the CPRC with materials necessary to successfully table at the event. Commissioners will volunteer at the event as follows: Felix Hunziker (8am-10am), Oscar Garcia (10am-noon), David Brown (12pm -2pm), Carol Hegstrom (2pm-4pm), and Bea Roberson (3pm-5pm).

Rick Perez – Announced that the Longshoreman union will have a parade against police brutality in Oakland.

- B. **Move closed-session to prior to the regular meeting?** – Chair Brown surveyed the commissioners about moving the closed session to lessen the inconvenience for the public. Discussion ensued about the timing of the meetings, and suggestions were offered on how to move forth with adopting the new practice. After a failed motion, the end result was to continue with the meetings as is.

Cordell Hindler – Shared information regarding the absence of a closed session during the police commission meetings for the City of Berkeley. He also expressed his feelings about the length of time that residents wait during the closed sessions.

- C. **CPRC Public Reporting on Investigations** - Commissioners Hegstrom, Hunziker, and Officer Therriault formed a subcommittee to research what might constitute a more detailed report to the public. The committee looked at the Open Data Portal and researched what other commissions are doing. Their suggestion was that the CIAO prepare a limited one-page report and submit it to the City Attorney and the head of the RPOA for approval at least 72hrs before the meeting. The report would then be read after the meeting along with CPRC's decision and recommendation. Discussion followed about the format of the report and the City Attorney expressed concern about what information would be included. Furthermore, Officer Therriault's participation would need to be confirmed by the Human Resources Department. The City Attorney will follow-up on this item and it will be included on next month's agenda under "Old Business".

X. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS, CIAO AND STAFF

- Commissioner O. Garcia – He will be giving a presentation on Saturday, April 7th, as part of the Citizens Academy to inform people about the role and goals of the CPRC .
- Commissioner Roberson – She is working on the Juneteenth event and also attended the International Women's Day event.
- Commissioner Hegstrom – She attended the International Women's Day event.
- City Attorney Bruce Soublet – He announced that the City is in its budget season. The CPRC has money in the budget to employ the investigator for another year and

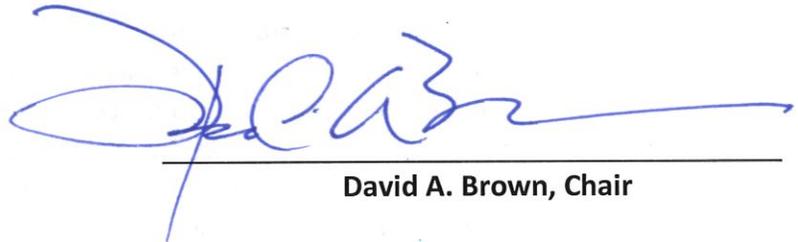
to send three commissioners to the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) conference in September.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the public at 8:38 p.m.

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A. Receipt of CIAO investigative update in case #091414. No action taken.



David A. Brown, Chair