

**COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
(CPRC)**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2019 – 7:00 PM
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804
Basement - Employee Lunch Room**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by **Chair David Brown**

Present: David Brown (Chair), Porschea Brown-Walton, Yenny Garcia (Vice-chair), Diego Garcia, Oscar Garcia Carol Hegstrom, Randy Joseph, Christopher Whitmore

Absent: None

Vacancies: None

Administrative

Staff: 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 6, 2019)

Upon motion by Commissioner C. Hegstrom and seconded by Vice Chair Y. Garcia, the minutes for the regular meeting of June 5, 2019, were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Hegstrom, Joseph, Brown-Walton, Chair Brown, and Vice Chair Garcia. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Commissioner O.Garcia and D. Garcia. **Abstained:** Commissioner Whitmore.

III. AGENDA REVIEW – No change

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Patricia Perez – Shared comments about the Pedie Perez case and SB 1421.

Rick Perez – Informed the CPRC that his family never received any letters from the Mayor or Chief of Police, as written in the CPRC's bylaws, regarding the Pedie Perez case.

Gerald Smith – Shared comments about SB 1421 and its legal challenges. He highlighted certain areas of the CPRC ordinance that is not being followed.

Donald Casimere – Introduced himself as the first investigative officer of the CPRC and extended an invitation for the commissioners to attend the upcoming 2019 NACOLE conference.

- V. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JAELE MYRICK** – Councilmember Myrick welcomed and thanked the new commissioners before providing an update on Council. During recent meetings, the City Council did the following: (1) Approved the CPRC amended ordinance which has a greater focus on transparency and now allows a floating quorum, (2) Passed the City’s budget, and (3) Discussed and took action on the City’s contract with Vigilant Solutions based on recent ICE actions.
- VI. COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Allwyn Brown or his designate)** – Chief Brown gave the report on crime statistics through June 2019: Overall crime is down 6% with both violent and property crime down 6%. He reported that there have been 8 homicides to date before providing stats for firearm assaults, armed robberies, and car thefts. The Chief reported that the 4th of July holiday was a success and that RPD will work to improve the event next year. He provided updates about RPD’s contract statuses, the upcoming National Night Out event, RPD’s meeting with the RPOA, and RPD’s readiness to carry out departmental planning for the next year. Lastly, the Chief answered questions from the commissioners about RPD orientations, RPD staffing, the Community Safety Academy program, and the availability RPD information online.
- VII. REPORTS BY RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION (Ben Therriault, President)** – A representative was not present to provide a report.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS, DISCUSSION ITEMS**
- A. Review status of statutory changes and adoption by the City Council (Commissioner Hegstrom, Mr. Myrick, & Mr. Soublet)** – The ordinance changes were adopted by the City Council and will go into effect July 25, 2019.
- B. Review pending cases (Mr. Soublet)** – Mr. Soublet reported that Investigative Officer John Alden is currently working on the I-80 Emeryville shooting case. Vice Chair Garcia requested that any and all reported complaints (new and old) be forwarded to the commissioners for review if not already distributed before. The CPRC’s review process and RPD’s disciplinary timeline were discussed.
- Rick Perez** – Spoke about the Pedie Perez case and mentioned another case that he felt the CPRC should be investigating.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
- A. Introduction of new/current commissioners and staff (Chair Brown)** – All commissioners introduced themselves.
- Rick Perez** – He welcomed the new commissioners and introduced himself to the commission.
- B. Discuss agenda for retreat 08/17/2019 - CPRC history and structure; Review the ordinance; Establish permanent subcommittees (outreach, rules and procedures, liaison with RPD); Brown Act limitations (Chair Brown)** – Chair Brown summarized the purpose of the retreat and discussed the agenda items. Topics included Brown

Act training, subcommittees, NACOLE, Don Casimere's time as the CIAO, backlog of complaints, etc.

Rick Perez – Provided brief comments on what he hopes to see at the retreat.

- C. Discuss and/or vote on proposed statement, press release or other communication in light of RPD's Community Briefing video on the Perez case (Commissioner Hegstrom)** – Discussion ensued between the commissioners about what should or should not be included in the report. Chair Brown and Commissioners Hegstrom, Whitmore, and Diego Garcia will meet at the Starbucks in Point Richmond on August 4, 2019 at 10 a.m. to discuss further.

Rick Perez – Shared comments about SB 1421 and its relevance to him receiving the report for the Pedie Perez case.

Gerald Smith – He thanked Carol Hegstrom for her work and encouraged the new commissioners to watch the Perez video and read the report.

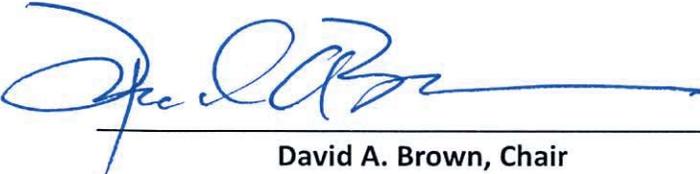
Ben Therriault – Introduced himself to the CPRC and said that he would be present at the retreat.

X. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS, CIAO AND STAFF

- Vice Chair Y. Garcia – Attended Urban Tilth's 14-year celebration, the Juneteenth Festival, Main Street's Healthy Village Festival, and gave a speak at the Women's Health & Leadership event. She also went on a ride-along with RPD.
- Commissioner D. Garcia – Invited all to participate in the 5th Annual Indigenous Sobriety Walk on July 20th.
- Commissioner C. Hegstrom – Worked on the CPRC slide show, created and revised the report, and attended the Main Street Healthy Village Festival.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the public at 9:15 p.m.



David A. Brown, Chair