

# **RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, May 2, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.  
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 Bea Roberson

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Therese Barquet  
Nemy Bautista  
Scott Gillespie  
Felix Hunziker  
Alejandro Navarro  
Bea Roberson  
Glenn Stephenson  
Eleanor Thompson

**Absent:** None

**Vacancies:** One

**Administrative Staff:** Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer - Vacant  
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I – Present

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

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

### **II APPROVAL OF MINUTES –April 4, 2012**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Stephenson** and second by **Commissioner Bautista**, the minutes for the regular meeting of April 4, 2012, were approved as written.

Item IV was moved to Item III

### III REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)

#### A. Report of recent activities, events, incidents, and related matters

**Deputy Chief Brown** said they are in the process of preparing for promotional exams for the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant and captain. The lists will be good for two years. He reported that there has been a decline in gunfire incidents. December 2011 had 324 gunfire incidents; there were 220 in January 2012, 170 in February, 118 in March, and 108 in April. **D/C Brown** provided information about the Cinco de Mayo festival. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. at 24<sup>th</sup> & Barrett. The festival will be on Sunday starting at 10:00 a.m. He said that they will soon publish a completed policy manual, including policies that the police commission has already reviewed.

#### B. Briefing on Connecting Cops and Kids by Lt. Booker and Sgt. Dickerson (Commissioner Stephenson)

**Lt. Booker** stated that he was the lieutenant for the Youth Services Division. He said that one of his tasks is to bridge the gap between youth and to forge relationships that they could build upon. One way to do this is to give training to officers, as well as community based organizations and citizens, so that they can have a better relationship. He said that they put in for a nationwide grant for the Connecting Cops and Kids program. Out of hundreds of agencies, they were one of twelve to receive the grant. **Sgt. Dickerson** said they trained 25 officers from different divisions within the department. Other groups that took part in the training process were the RYSE Center, RPAL, Juvenile Probation, Children and Family Services, Contra Costa County Child Abuse Prevention Council, and La Heim School. The four training topics that were focused on are 1) Kids and How They See Police, 2) Weighing Options, 3) Partners in Crisis, and 4) Children and Trauma. A handout that explained the training was distributed.

**Commissioner Stephenson** asked what the timeline was to get feedback from children. **Sgt. Dickerson** said they've seen results right away.

**Commissioner Stephenson** asked Sgt. Dickerson if he still trained officers in dealing with the mentally handicapped. **Sgt. Dickerson** said he is still working on that. **D/C Brown** added that they will be training more officers in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

**Commissioner Hunziker** asked how the training given to the 25 officers will be disseminated to the other officers in the department. **Sgt. Dickerson** said those officers will train officers within their own working groups. **Lt. Booker** said that they will do line up training and they will be teaching it in Advanced Officer School as well.

**Commissioner Hunziker** asked if RPD was asked to take part in the most recent occupy event. **D/C Brown** said they received an alert to be on standby but didn't go.

**Commissioner Thompson** asked if the Cops and Kids program was something that connects with youth and children. **Sgt. Dickerson** said it is and defined it as best practices for the police officers and detectives to communicate with youth.

**Commissioner Thompson** asked how they can get kids involved in the program.

**Lt. Booker** said to call Youth Services Division or send them to RPAL. Their vision is to have all sworn officers involved with the youth of the community.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked how many sergeants, lieutenants and captains will be promoted. **D/C Brown** said they are just testing now to get a list in place.

**Commissioner Barquet** asked how much the grant was for. **Sgt. Dickerson** explained that it was not a monetary grant; a day's worth of training was provided on the program.

**Commissioner Navarro** asked when the program will be implemented. **Sgt. Dickerson** said that the officers that have been trained should be implementing it right now. Eventually, they will be giving more training in Advanced Officer School. **Lt. Booker** added that the day they got the training is when it started.

**Commissioner Hunziker** said that the Police Commission is kicking off Coffee with a Cop and said that it would be a great opportunity for RPD to practice everything they've learned about the Connecting Cops and Kids program. **Chair Roberson** added that it was being funded by the RPOA and that the first one will be in Capt. Sappal's district.

**Lt. Booker** said that anytime the commissioners want to get information in regards to Youth Services Division, call him, Sgt. Dickerson, Sgt. Russell or Larry Lewis. He said they would be happy to give tours of the Youth Services Division or the PAL facility.

#### **IV REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN**

**Councilmember Ritterman** reported that the general plan and the municipal ID were adopted last night. He said that he and the city manager met with a reporter from *Berkeley Monthly* regarding LBNL. He and the manager also met with the lab and Oakland Children's Hospital. They want to set up outpatient services in Richmond.

**Chair Roberson** asked about the vacancy on the police commission and the Confidential Investigative and Appeals Officer (CIAO) position. **Councilmember Ritterman** said that they want to do more research before appointing anyone to the CIAO position.

**Commissioner Navarro** asked for more information regarding the Children's Hospital outpatient facility. **Councilmember Ritterman** said they provide specialty outpatient care and they want to send doctors to Richmond once a week to see patients here.

**V REPORTS BY RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, LATINO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE**

No representatives present.

**VI PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no public speakers.

**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** gave the commissioners their scheduled times to man the police commission outreach table at the Cinco de Mayo festival on Sunday. He said that RYSE filmed part of the police commission meeting tonight for the public service announcement. He reported that they will have the first Coffee with a Cop on Sunday, 5/20/12, in Beat 7. **Chair Roberson** said they will have flyers to pass out regarding the event.

**Commissioner Stephenson** congratulated **Chair Roberson** and **Commissioner Hunziker** on the recent volunteer awards that they received.

**VIII REPORTS BY:**

- **CHAIRPERSON**
- **COMMISSIONERS**
- **STAFF**

**Chair Roberson**

- Ride-along
- Taught REACT classes
- Attended Public Safety Awards Dinner
- Worked at Police Volunteer Easter Egg Hunt
- Worked at Save a Life Saturday

**Commissioner Hunziker**

- Attended Public Safety Awards Dinner

**Commissioner Thompson**

- Attended Public Safety Awards Dinner

**Commissioner Stephenson**

- Went to Puerto Rico and met with new Office of Community Police Commission
- Attended Latino Crab Feed
- Attended Public Safety Awards Dinner

**Commissioner Barquet**

- Suggested having a kids outreach book drive

**Commissioner Navarro**

- Attended City Council meetings
- Attended Public Safety Awards Dinner

**Commissioner Bautista**

- Attended Golden Rose Festival 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Richmond/Shimada Friendship Association

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Bea Roberson, Chair