

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, July 11, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Employment & Training Building
330 – 25th Street
Conference Room 1**

MINUTES

I CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Bea Roberson

ROLL CALL

Present: Therese Barquet
Nemy Bautista
Scott Gillespie
Felix Hunziker
Alejandro Navarro
Bea Roberson

Absent: Glenn Stephenson
Eleanor Thompson

Vacancies: One

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

Council Liaison: Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison – Absent

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

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2012

Upon motion by **Commissioner Bautista** and second by **Commissioner Hunziker**, the minutes for the regular meeting of June 6, 2012, were approved as written.

III REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN

Not present.

IV REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)

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

Chief Magnus distributed two handouts. One was an article from the National Institute of Justice/Harvard Kennedy School about prisoner re-entry. The other was a list of reading materials for the RPD promotional process. He explained how the re-entry program will work in Contra Costa County. He said that he represents Contra Costa County police chiefs, as well as the City of Richmond, on a community advisory board on re-entry called the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). He said that instead of getting 9 million per year, they will now be getting 19 million per year. They are currently working on a budget to determine how they will spend the money.

Commissioner Barquet asked where the money goes. **Chief Magnus** said that it goes through the CCP to allocate the funding. The board of supervisors at the county level can accept or reject the budget.

Commissioner Bautista asked if juveniles were included in the re-entry program. **Chief Magnus** said re-entry does not involve juveniles unless they've been tried as adults.

Commissioner Hunziker asked the Chief to clarify the difference between parole and probation. **Chief Magnus** explained that parole involves people who have been charged with felonies who are coming out of state prison. Probation involves people who have been charged with misdemeanors and/or less serious felonies that are coming out of county jail. **Commissioner Hunziker** asked how they will audit and evaluate how effectively the organizations assisting in the re-entry program will deliver their services. **Chief Magnus** said there will be a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, but they first need to decide what types of services they will accept the RFP's on. The RFP's will go out late summer or early fall.

Chair Roberson asked how they know, when someone commits several crimes but are only sentenced for one because they plead down, if the charges that were dropped are something they should have been kept in jail for. **Chief Magnus** said it will be difficult to determine. He said the Probation Department is looking into using some well-regarded tools to evaluate peoples' risk.

Chief Magnus said they will be doing an RFP for a vendor to conduct an upcoming promotion process. The handout he provided is a list of materials that they want people to study and read before the promotional process. The chief reported on personnel movement within the department including retirements, a new full time accountant and a new superintendent for Code Enforcement. He said they will soon have an expired pharmaceutical receptacle at their building. He reminded the commission about National Night Out on 8/7/12 and invited them to take part.

Commissioner Bautista asked if there were any incidents on July 4th. **Chief Magnus** said it was a very low key week. The fireworks on July 3rd went very well. Celebratory gunfire was down considerably.

Commissioner Hunziker asked how much an officer's off duty conduct plays into the promotion process. **Chief Magnus** said he looks at work records, on duty performance, as well as off duty performance.

Commissioner Hunziker asked what the impact of the new budget will be on police services in the city. The chief said he is very concerned because the city is taking any salary savings back. In the past they would be able to use that money for overtime costs.

Commissioner Bautista asked how many homicides there have been this summer. **Chief Magnus** said there has been one so far.

Chair Roberson commented that several surrounding cities have recently had officer involved shootings and it gives her a sense of pride knowing that Richmond officers are so well-trained with a good policing program. **Chief Magnus** said that Richmond has an unparalleled firearms program where officers learn discipline in their shooting and they get practice in real world situations which results in record low officer involved shootings.

Commissioner Navarro told the chief about an incident that occurred with a police officer at a graduation ceremony in June. **Chief Magnus** said that he is welcome to bring anything that concerns him to their attention as soon as possible after he sees it so that they can look into it.

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)

A. Report on Public Service Announcement (PSA) (Commissioner Hunziker)

Commissioner Hunziker reported that the PSA has been edited and they will send out the newest version soon. He will get the PSA in various formats from RYSE so that they can provide copies to KCRT, to publish on the web and to show to the council

and other community groups. It needs to be translated so that Spanish subtitles can be added. He will send the final version to the commissioners for review. If there are no objections, they will go ahead with it. He suggested that they do a presentation to the council regarding what the commission has been doing and show the video also.

B. Report on Coffee with a Cop (Chair Roberson)

Chair Roberson reported that they had a fairly good attendance. Three commissioners attended. They will try to have the next one on the south side. It was suggested that they distribute information about the event to churches in the neighborhood and also the neighborhood councils. Eventually, they will have one on the north side. The RPOA paid for refreshments.

VIII REPORTS BY:

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

Chair Roberson

- Attended Juneteenth
- Attended Pow Wow
- Attended Jail and Bail fundraiser for PAL
- Attended several Crime Prevention activities
- Attended Music on the Main
- Worked for COR Ambassador volunteer program

Commissioner Hunziker

- Attended Juneteenth

Commissioner Gillespie

- Reported that the 9th Circuit issued an interesting case today regarding use of force with the City of Davis and UC Davis. He said if anyone is interested he can send them the link via e-mail.

Commissioner Barquet

- Commented on what could or could not be discussed at Police Commission meetings
- Book drive was a big success

Commissioner Navarro

- Attended City Council meeting
- Attended Juneteenth
- Attended Early Release Program meeting

Commissioner Navarro (cont.)

- Commented on building relationships between the police and the public and changing the PC ordinance to include reviewing cases investigated by the Professional Standards Unit that don't include excessive or unnecessary force.

Commissioner Bautista

- Congratulated **Commissioner Barquet** on the book drive
- Served as a service clerk at the June 5th election
- Attended July 4th Ceremony at the pavilion
- Attended DUI checkpoint

IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Bea Roberson, Chair