

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 – 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 (arrived 7:06)
Alejandro Navarro (arrived 7:01)
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: Council Liaison –Absent

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

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 2, 2013

Upon motion by **Commissioner Bautista** and second by **Commissioner Thompson**, the minutes for the regular meeting of January 2, 2013, were approved as written.

III REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON

Chair Roberson said the mayor will be appointing a new liaison soon.

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

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

Chief Magnus reported that they will be hiring an assistant for their crime analyst. They had the first homicide of the year recently in Lucas Park. He gave an update on a homicide that occurred in 2009 where two people died in Alvarado Bar and Grill. Three people were arrested; one person was sentenced to 25 years to life and two others were tried together, recently, by one of the DA's assigned to the Richmond police department. They were sentenced to life without possibility of parole. He said it was a major case that involved a lot of work and it had a very good outcome. The chief said they got approval from the council for a contract with the Glenn-Price Group to help them with an opportunity that they are applying for. It is a grant from the Department of Justice in Washington to help areas in the city that are struggling with different challenges such as public safety and quality of life. They have decided to build their proposal around Belding Woods, a section of the north and east neighborhood near Richmond high school and an area near San Pablo. This neighborhood made the most sense for this particular proposal. He said there may be opportunities for the Police Commission to be involved in some of the community outreach that they may end up doing through that grant. The chief discussed the ordinance that they've put before the council regarding registering vacant properties. He said it is one more tool that would require property owners to register their vacant properties. If they become a problematic property, they will need to come up with a plan on how they will maintain the property which must be approved by the police department. He said they are handing out a book to all officers called "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement" by Kevin Gilmartin. He will suggest providing a copy to the police commissioners also. He reported that they're moving into a new phase of the Shotspotter program. Information will be sent to the main office in Newark. They will then send dispatch and the officers a Google map view of the location as well as other information.

Commissioner Bautista asked if there were any future plans for a gun buy back. **Chief Magnus** said they don't plan on having one. He said it is not recognized by the Department of Justice as a best practice for reducing gun violence. They require a fair amount of money to make it worthwhile for people to participate.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if the 960 officers would be eliminated once the new Shotspotter system was in place. The chief said the 960 officers are primarily involved in CCTV (the camera program) so they will not be eliminated.

Chair Roberson asked if there was a cost that RPD has to pay Shotspotter for doing what they do now and if the cost will go up when they go to the system upgrade. The chief said they currently pay a maintenance cost to maintain the system. The cost of being part of the new system is less than the maintenance cost.

Commissioner Barquet asked where the meetings for the grant will be held and if anyone can be a part them. She asked how young people can get involved in the program. **Chief Magnus** said the meetings they are having now are just to help them write the grant. If they get the grant, it will open up a series of opportunities. In terms of involving young people, it would be through Richmond High School and Crime Prevention.

Commissioner Stephenson said at the December 5th meeting he asked for a map for beat 7 crimes. **Chief Magnus** said that information can be accessed via Crime View on the city's website.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if there was an age minimum for ride-alongs for juveniles. The chief said the juvenile ride-alongs involve the young people in their Cadet or Explorer program. The Explorer program is open for young people over the age of 14. It does require parental consent. **Commissioner Stephenson** said he'd like to get involved in helping kids who may be at risk. The chief said that the Youth Services Bureau can work with him regarding that.

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 REPORTS BY:

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

Chair Roberson

- Attended NAACP Banquet
- Attended City Council meetings
- Attended RNCC meetings
- Attended faith breakfast

Commissioner Hunziker

- Requested that the Police Commission have a standing agenda item for outreach

Commissioner Thompson

- Attended City Council meetings
- Attended NAACP dinner

Commissioner Stephenson

- Attended DUI checkpoint

Commissioner Navarro

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- Two ride-alongs

Commissioner Bautista

- Attended one council meeting

VIII EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was not held.

Chair Roberson said that the police commission has received seven complaints that need to be investigated. The city council is working on hiring someone to investigate these complaints.

The commission discussed the fact that a Confidential Investigative and Appeals Officer (CIAO) is needed to investigate the complaints and that sufficient time has passed to hire one.

A motion was made by **Commission Hunziker** to have the chair draft a letter to the city council expressing dismay that the delay has gone on this long to hire a CIAO and for filling the vacant seat on the commission and then have all commissioners sign the letter. **Chair Roberson** made an amendment to the motion to have the secretary draft the letter, send it to all commissioners for approval and then all commissioners can come to the police commission office to sign the letter. The letter will be delivered at the next city council meeting. **Commissioner Hunziker** accepted the amendment. **Commissioner Stephenson** seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Hunziker suggested having an agenda item for Public Outreach added to each month's agenda. **Chair Roberson** agreed.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Bea Roberson, Chair