

# **RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2013 – 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 Felix Hunziker**

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Nemy Bautista  
Therese Barquet  
Felix Hunziker  
Scott Gillespie  
Alejandro Navarro (arrived 7:07)  
Bea Roberson  
Glenn Stephenson  
Eleanor Thompson  
Yenny Velazquez

**Absent:** None

**Vacancies:** None

#### **Administrative**

**Staff:** Terry Simpson, Investigator – Present  
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I – Present

**Council Liaison:** Jael Myrick, Council Liaison – Absent

#### **City Attorney's**

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

**Chair Hunziker** introduced and welcomed the newly appointed police commissioner, **Yenny Velazquez**.

### **II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5, 2013**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Roberson** and second by **Commissioner Bautista**, the minutes for the regular meeting of June 5, 2013, were approved as written.

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

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

**Deputy Chief Allwyn Brown** reported for **Chief Magnus**. He said that crime is down from May to June. He said that they are about to start their predictive policing program.

**Commissioner Barquet** asked if the unit that deals with prostitution is still being used. **D/C Brown** said they have a coordinated district approach where detectives will work with officers to focus on prostitution. They also work with Community Violence Solutions.

**Commissioner Stephenson** asked when predictive policing will start. **D/C Brown** said it will start in a couple weeks.

**Commissioner Navarro** asked if there was going to be a citizens' police academy soon. **D/C Brown** said they plan on having one but don't have any solidified plans at this time.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked for an overview of National Night Out. **D/C Brown** said it will start and end at civic center plaza. Different neighborhoods throughout the city will be hosting block parties. There will be three police caravans for each district.

#### B. Report on citizen privacy rights, data collection and data lifespan related to License-Plate Readers (LPRs), CCTV, Field Interview cards, and any other data sources.

**D/C Brown** said they've have approximately 40 cameras throughout the city. Originally, they were used to assist with illegal dumping in the city. They now assist with other crimes as well. He said a good way to explain the value of the camera is that they are an extension of the eyes of the patrol officers on the street. The cameras are actively monitored between 18 and 24 hours a day by retired police officers. They are directly connected to their primary police radio channel. **D/C Brown** handed out a copy of their CCTV policy. He said that the lifetime of the video footage depends on the lifespan of the case. When the case is adjudicated, evidence can be destroyed.

**Chair Hunziker** said he placed this on the agenda because there have been numerous articles in the paper recently about the collection of data by the government. He wanted to get an update on what happens to this data that is collected.

**D/C** said they won't store video that's not used for another purpose for more than 45 days, if it's not connected to a criminal incident.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked if the wind affects CCTV. **D/C Brown** said that if the cameras do go out of service because of the weather, they make every effort to get it repaired and back on line as soon as possible. Recently the council approved a position for a technician that will deal with camera repairs.

**Commissioner Barquet** asked if the cameras had assisted in solving any crimes. **D/C Brown** said they have captured a number of cases of illegal dumping. One captured a severe beating incident on the south side. He said they are very valuable tool.

**Commissioner Stephenson** asked how often they are monitored and if there was a spike in vandalism of the cameras. **D/C Brown** said they are monitored about 18 hours per day. He said there has been no vandalism.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked if they will have expansion of the CCTV to freeway on-ramps. **D/C Brown** said that would be the CHP's jurisdiction.

**Commissioner Velazquez** asked how and who decides where cameras are placed. **D/C Brown** said the original placement was based on dumping hotspots and high crime areas. **Commissioner Velazquez** asked where the high crime areas were. **D/C Brown** said they don't publicize the locations.

**Commissioner Navarro** asked if the cameras could read license plates. **D/C Brown** said the ones with zoom capability can read them.

**D/C Brown** said the council recently approved a contract for license plate readers. The cameras will be mounted on the police cars. They will process information much faster than the officers. The cameras are scanning all the time. They check plates against several data bases.

**Chair Hunziker** asked how many were recently approved by the city council. **D/C Brown** said they don't currently have any but they will be buying them. They did test a few. They will be getting four, one for a vehicle in each of the districts and one for an investigations car. There is a 60-90 day retention of the data base.

**Commissioner Roberson** asked if it actually takes a picture of the license plate. **D/C Brown** said it takes a picture of the actual plate, time, date and location. **Commissioner Roberson** asked if it looked for expired license plates. **D/C Brown** said no, it doesn't.

**Chair Hunziker** asked if it was a photo of the whole car including people getting in and out of their cars. **D/C Brown** said it does, but only the license plate is checked against data bases. **Chair Hunziker** asked if the photograph was shared with any other agency. **D/C Brown** said the license plate is checked against data bases. The data that is collected stays local.

**Commissioner Navarro** asked if they've considered having an officer work the camera. **D/C Brown** said they have but they don't have the funds right now.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked if the ACLU or any other agencies have challenged the legality of the cameras. **D/C Brown** said there has been some spirited debate. He said the pictures are taken in public so there is no expectation of privacy while you're in the public. There has not been a legal challenge that has been upheld.

**Commissioner Barquet** asked what triggers capturing a license plate. **D/C Brown** said that the cameras on the car are constantly scanning. As the car moves, technology just drills down on license plates.

**Commissioner Velazquez** asked what happens if there are two or more hits at a time. How will the officer handle that? **D/C Brown** the officers will just have to use their own judgment and figure out what the priority is.

**Chair Hunziker** asked what the timeline was for getting the cameras and the policy. **D/C Brown** said it might be approximately 60 days. He said they have a policy but it needs to be updated.

- C. Report and recommendations on procedures used to verify addresses for search warrants.

**Chair Hunziker** said this item is related to a complaint that was filed where a search warrant team entered the wrong address. He wanted to know how addresses are verified prior to search warrants being executed and if they had any recommendations that might reduce the odds of this happening in the future.

**Investigator Terry Simpson** clarified that the address information was correct; the information that led them to the address was incorrect.

**D/C Brown** said it is pretty rare that this type of error is made where they wind up at the wrong place. The address location is connected to the person or people related to the crime. There are typically a number of background checks on the individuals and their address records. There is a series of checks and cross checks that take place, as well as visual confirmation.

**Chair Hunziker** asked if they would serve a search warrant without actual visual confirmation. **D/C Brown** said probably not.

**Commissioner Velazquez** asked if officers go to a residence to serve a search warrant and that person is not there, do the residents still have to let them in. **D/C Brown** said the search warrant document gives the police the right to search the home.

**Chair Hunziker** asked if they could do an anonymous exit survey for the gun buy back on 8/3/13. **D/C Brown** said the premise is to get crime guns off the street, anonymously, with no questions asked. He said it might be challenging to have an anonymous survey.

**Commissioner Navarro** asked if they could also do a toy gun exchange for a gift. **D/C Brown** said that this buy back was the DA's effort that will happen in 5 locations. He does not know if the DA would be open to that at this event.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked the location of the buy back. **D/C Brown** said it will be at civic center plaza from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on 8/3/13.

**IV REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JAELE MYRICK**

Not present.

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

No representatives present.

**VI PUBLIC FORUM**

No public speakers.

**VII POLICE COMMISSION CONTINUING EDUCATION**

A. Discussion of planned or proposed educational and training opportunities for members of the Police Commission

**Chair Hunziker** said he created a Google calendar that can be shared with the commissioners with upcoming education opportunities.

- 07/11/13 RPD Monthly Compstat Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 08/14/13 RPD Monthly Compstat Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 07/18/13 Bi-monthly K-9 training, Nicholl, Park 4:00 p.m.
- 08/03/13 Gun Buy Back, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Civic Center Plaza
- September RPD emergency vehicle operator course
- TBA 2 commissioners can attend next CeaseFire Call In
- Schedule Ride-along with homicide detective (Det. Eric Smith)
- August Mobile Field Force Training

**Commissioner Bautista** suggested booking procedure observation for new commissioners.

**Commissioner Gillespie** said that he has a book that he is willing to share with the commission called California Search and Seizure by Gregory Caskey.

**Commissioner Stephenson** suggested having Code Enforcement come and speak to the commission at a future meeting.

**VIII POLICE COMMISSION OUTREACH**

**Chair Hunziker** thanked **Commissioners Barquet, Bautista, Stephenson and Roberson** for staffing the Juneteenth booth with a special thanks to **Commissioner Barquet** for the book giveaway. He thanked **Capt. French** for putting police commission complaint forms and brochures in the RPD lobby. He reported that National Night Out will be on 8/6/13 at civic center plaza.

**Chair Hunziker** asked the commissioners if they wanted to change to a tri-fold brochure. **Commissioner Bautista** suggested that this be included on the agenda for the September meeting.

**Commissioner Velazquez** asked if the commission attended any other Latino events besides Cinco de Mayo. **Chair Hunziker** said they normally attend Juneteenth and the Homefront Festival. **Commissioner Barquet** said they are allowed to attend any event that they choose. **Commissioner Roberson** said they aren't just limited to Juneteenth and Homefront; the commission can set up a booth/table at any event that they choose to.

## **IX POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

**Commissioner Roberson** said they will do Coffee with a Cop on the Southside. After discussion, it was decided that it should be held at the park across from Kennedy High on Sunday, 7/28/13, from 11:00 to 2:00. **Commissioner Roberson** said she will set it up with the southern district captain.

## **X POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY REVIEW**

No policies were reviewed.

## **XI REPORTS BY:**

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

### **Chair Hunziker**

- Attended the swearing in ceremony on 6/10/13
- Worked at Juneteenth on 6/22/13
- Attended COR commission workshop
- Attended tree trimming project for neighbor

### **Commissioner Roberson**

- Attended swearing in ceremony
- Worked at Juneteenth
- Attended Shields-Reid day at the park
- Attended Bay Area Rescue Mission luncheon
- Attended July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks
- Attended PAL events

### **Commissioner Bautista**

- Worked at Juneteenth

### **Commissioner Barquet**

- Worked at Juneteenth
- Attended July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks

**Commissioner Stephenson**

- Worked at Juneteenth
- Attended July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks on Red Oak Victory
- Did Ride-along with San Pablo PD

**Commissioner Velazquez**

- Attended RPC Orientation on 6/19/13

**Chair Hunziker** reminded the commission that there will be no meeting in August.

**XII ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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Felix Hunziker, Chair