

# **RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2014 – 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 Scott Gillespie**

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Therese Barquet  
Nemy Bautista  
Scott Gillespie  
Felix Hunziker  
Alejandro Navarro  
Bea Roberson  
Yenny Velazquez (Arrived 7:13)

**Absent:** Glenn Stephenson

**Vacancies:** One

#### **Administrative**

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

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

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

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

### **II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 2, 2014**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Roberson** and second by **Commissioner Bautista**, the minutes for the regular meeting of April 2, 2014, were approved as written.

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

A. Report of recent crime statistics with monthly/annual comparisons

**Lt. Pickett** reported on updated crime stats for March 2013. Homicides 23%, rape 19%, robberies 5%, aggravated assault -25%, arson 33%, burglaries down 16%, theft 2%, vehicle theft is down 27%. Total violent crimes are down 13% and total

property crimes are down 13%. Projected stats for April – Homicides down 28%, rape 3%, robbery down 1%, aggravated assault down 35%, arson is at 44%, burglary is down 21%, vehicle theft down 26%. Total violent crime is down 23%, total property crime is down 16%.

B. Report of recent ShotSpotter statistics with monthly/annual comparisons

**Lt. Pickett** said he encourages people to call 911 when they hear shots fired. The Shotspotter will give them the location but they need people to actually look out their windows, if they can, to get a description. He said that from 3/1 through 3/31 there were 105 shots recorded; from 4/1 – 4/30 there were 88, which is -16%. In 2013 there were 682 total shots recorded; in 2014 there were 397 which is - 42%.

C. Report of other recent activities, events, incidents, and related matters

**Lt. Pickett** gave an update on recent shootings in the city, one on I-580 and one at an apartment complex. The victim of the I-580 shooting was a San Francisco resident who was involved in gang activity. There were some individuals looking for him regarding an incident that occurred in San Francisco. They saw him on I-580 that afternoon and that's when he was shot. They are working with San Francisco PD on this case and they have some good leads. There was another shooting at an apartment complex on Sunday. There was an argument; two people were shot and one died in that incident.

The Cinco de Mayo festival went well and was very successful. Only one or two arrests were made.

**Commissioner Roberson** asked if RPD investigated the incident where a man was hit by a train. **Lt. Pickett** said that RPD initially responds, then it's turned over to the railroad police.

**Lt. Pickett** said that some drug dealers are now recruiting younger individuals to go into the high schools and junior high schools and forcing young girls into prostitution. That's why there's been a significant increase of young girls on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**Commissioner Hunziker** asked how often they encounter defensive use of firearms in the city. **Lt. Pickett** said they used to see it a lot in the past but now more people are breaking into homes because they think they have money, jewelry or marijuana. Now individuals are arming themselves to protect their property.

**Commissioner Barquet** asked if they have programs in the high schools to educate the students about prostitution. **Lt. Pickett** said that their school resource officers have a good relationship with the students. Since they've learned about this new phase they are addressing it. They met with school resource officers and special investigations division and have started a part-time prostitution abatement unit. They are making it their number one priority.

**Commissioner Velazquez** asked if they were working with business owners on the prostitution. **Lt. Pickett** said they are talking to business owners and hotels and letting them know what's going on and what's expected of them.

**Commissioner Roberson** asked if the Family Justice Center, PAL and ONS are involved. **Lt. Pickett** said they are starting to incorporate them into the prevention/enforcement process.

**Commissioner Navarro** said when they did the walk down 23<sup>rd</sup> Street with the chief they suggested that the business owners hand out some type of flyers to their customers to let them know what's going on. **Lt. Pickett** said they do have flyers that they've handed out on Ohio. He will do the same on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

#### IV POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

- A. Chief's response to Policy 300.4.1 proposed revisions

**Lt. Pickett** reported that Chief Magnus is in agreement with the Police Commission's revision.

#### V REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JAEL MYRICK

- A. Report on recent activities, events, incidents and related matters

**Councilmember Myrick** said that the council unanimously voted to raise the minimum wage, including the amendments made by **Councilmembers Butt** and **Rogers**. It will come back for a second reading in a couple weeks. They also changed the rules of the council in order to have shorter meetings.

- B. Report, discussion and action on the joint Celebratory Gunfire Prevention Project

**Councilmember Myrick** said that he and **Commissioner Bautista** had a meeting with some of the young people at RYSE and Raw Talent about whether or not they can be a part of this project. They are interested and they said they have ideas for videos and music to promote the message. They were not comfortable with the idea of working with the police department because they were worried that that would impact their credibility with other young people of color in the community. They did explain to them the differences between the police department and the police commission which made them more comfortable. They explained to them that this was a community effort to help people understand the problems with celebratory gunfire. They will follow-up with them to see what they want to do. He said that since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is so close, they will work with crime prevention and the regulatory unit to put out flyers or posters at liquor stores. Hopefully they will have it ready by the first week of June.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked what will happen to Doctors' Hospital since Measure C did not pass. **Councilmember Myrick** said that he thinks it will close. They will try to work with Kaiser to see if they can get an urgent care facility in Richmond or San Pablo. There will be a big effort to try to get the county to send in more resources.

**Commissioner Hunziker** asked about the status of the Hacienda. **Councilmember Myrick** said the council voted to go through the State process and HUD official process which will allow them to start moving people out in August.

**Commissioner Roberson** said that nothing has been done for the residents. Some of the residents don't want to move or get out of section 8. HUD has not provided any money to make repairs to the Hacienda.

**Commissioner Roberson** asked if the vacancy on the police commission would be filled soon. **Councilmember Myrick** said that he would look into it.

## 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 Gillespie** asked if there was a subcommittee handling this item.

**Commissioner Hunziker** said that he included this item on the agenda as a place holder in case something came up that the commission wanted to discuss. **Asst. City Attorney Soublet** said it would be better to have a specific topic listed for discussion rather than a generic category.

## VIII POLICE COMMISSION OUTREACH

- A. Discussion and action on planned or proposed outreach projects to educate the community about the Police Commission

**Commissioner Velazquez** said she spoke with John Marquez and Ray Hernandez, the school resource officer, regarding the survey for high school students. She said the reason for the survey would be to get an idea of what students think about police officers and forward the information to the police chief. **Commissioner Barquet** said it would be good to have questions on the survey as well as an area where they could write suggestions on how to improve relations between youth and police. **Commissioner Hunziker** volunteered to work with **Commissioners Velazquez** and **Barquet** on the survey. They will give an update at the next police commission meeting.

## IX POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- A. Discussion of planned or proposed outreach projects to strengthen partnerships between the community and the Police Department

**Commissioner Barquet** inquired about Coffee with a Cop. **Commissioner Roberson** said that the police department would handle it but the commission would be included also.

**X REPORTS BY:**

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

**Commissioner Hunziker**

- Helped set up and staff the Cinco de Mayo booth
- Requested that hard copies of the crime stats and ShotSpotter stats be provided to the commissioners

**Commissioner Velazquez**

- Helped set up and staff the Cinco de Mayo booth

**Commissioner Navarro**

- Staffed Cinco de Mayo booth

**Commissioner Bautista**

- Attended meeting for Celebratory Gunfire
- Requested that copies of the police commission office contact log be provided to the commissioners

**Commissioner Roberson**

- Attended Cinco de Mayo Festival
- Attended Crime Prevention Easter Egg Hunt
- Attended Richmond Community Foundation Fifth Seminar on Children
- Attended Council Meetings

**XI CLOSED SESSION**

A. Discussion and Action regarding RPC Complaint #02-2013

A motion and a second were made to discuss and take action on this complaint at the next police commission meeting.

**XII ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Scott Gillespie, Chair