

**CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
(CPRC)**

**Wednesday, September 5, 2018 – 7:00 PM
Employment & Training Building
330 – 25th Street
Conference Room 1**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by **Chair David Brown**

Present: David Brown (Chair), Diego Garcia, Yenny Garcia, Carol Hegstrom,
Demnlus Johnson III, Bea Roberson

Absent: Oscar Garcia (excused)

Vacancies: 2 Vacancies

Administrative

Staff: Lucky Narain, Confidential Investigative and Appeals Officer (CIAO) –
Present; Shané Johnson, Staff Liaison – Present;

Council Liaison: Jael Myrick, Council Liaison – Present

City Attorney's

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 4, 2018 and June 6, 2018)

Upon motion by Commissioner B. Roberson and seconded by Commissioner C. Hegstrom, the minutes for the regular meeting of April 4, 2018, were approved by all as written. Upon motion by Commissioner B. Roberson and seconded by Commissioner D. Johnson III, the minutes for the regular meeting of June 6, 2018, were approved by all as written.

III. AGENDA REVIEW – No change

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Julietta Rose of the Berkeley Police Review Project – Worked with Berkeley Police Review Commission to represent complainants through the hearing or mediation process. The Berkeley Police Review Project is a small group of Berkeley Law students who would like to help with the citizen oversight of policing. Students are trained in basic advocacy and supervised by Berkeley Law faculty. The group inquired if the CPRC would be interested in working with their group.

Rick Perez – Mr. Perez shared his feelings about the name change for the commission and the public release of case information to the citizens. He also expressed his support for Senate Bill 1421 before commending RPD for their work in solving the Kishana Harley murder case.

Patricia Perez – Expressed her feelings about the Kishana Harley and Pedie Perez cases.

- V. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JAELE MYRICK** – City Council was in recess for the month of August and will return Tuesday, September 11th. Planning Director, Richard Mitchell, is the current Acting City Manager until further notice with the new City Manager, Carlos Martinez, due to start in November, if not earlier. Commissioner Y. Garcia raised questions regarding the relationship between the community's satisfaction with RPD's policing efforts and the lack of funding for the department. Councilmember Myrick confirmed that a lack of money continues to be a challenge for the council. Two new tax items will appear on the November ballot: (1) Measure T – requires a 2/3 vote and will support illegal dumping and homelessness; and (2) Measure H – real estate transfer fee tax that will go towards the Kids First Initiative. Commissioner D. Johnson asked if the City Council has any plans to partner with RPD to address violence in the community and Councilmember Myrick invited a conversation to discuss ideas at a future date.
- VI. COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Allwyn Brown or his designate)** – Chief Brown distributed the shot spotter report and spoke about its contents. He reported that through July 2018, overall crime is down 5% with property crimes down 5% and violent crimes down approximately 7%. He also reported that to date, the homicide count is at 13 compared to 15 for all of 2017. Car break-ins remain a continuous and growing problem and street robberies are down, but still pose a problem as does side show activity. Chief Brown spoke about homelessness problems and RPD's efforts to partner with neighboring cities and the county to combat the issue. In addition to the items above, the Chief reported that RPD is continuously working to fill vacancies and recently promoted Schlemmer to Captain from Lieutenant, Stonebraker to Lieutenant as Chief of Staff in the Chief's office, and Stonebraker to Sergeant assigned to patrol duties. Chair D. Brown noted that the shot spotter activity in July 2018 significantly decreased compared to the two years prior during the same activity. Chief Brown confirmed that a comprehensive approach, including an information campaign, was responsible for the decrease. The Chief went on to comment on the Harley murder case after receiving a question from Chair D. Brown. Lastly, the Chief heard and responded to the commissioners' concerns regarding recent street racing and the request for the presence of RPD park rangers at certain locations during specified times.
- VII. REPORTS BY RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (Ben Therriault, President)** – Officer Therriault provided RPOA's charity update reporting that the RPOA participated in RPAL's carnival, a few golf charity events, and the upcoming Richmond Police and Fire Toy program. Officer Therriault also offered some comments on the Kishana Harley murder case before providing feedback on the RPD policy recommendations submitted by the commission. He reiterated that additional funding is needed to fully staff RPD. Commissioner Roberson pointed out that the recommendations included some items

that RPD already has in practice, but that the recommendations were written during a time when the items were not in place.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS, DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **NACOLE attendance** – Chair D. Brown will not be able to attend. Commissioners Y. Garcia and D. Garcia will attend along with CIAO Lucky Narain. Chair Brown designated Y. Garcia as the Designated Voter for NACOLE. Staff S. Johnson will notify NACOLE of the designee and work with commissioners to coordinate all travel/hotel accommodations for those attending.
- B. **Finalize and vote on recommendations to Chief Brown arising out of Perez case** – Commissioner B. Roberson motioned to adopt the statement of recommendations and Commissioner Y. Garcia seconded. All were in favor leading to a unanimous approval.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

*****Executive Session – Closed to the public – Gov. Code §54957(b) *****

- A. **Reports and Recommendations on cases 168213 (Lemus) and 021016 (Zouhair)**

*****Return to open session *****

- B. **Report of final action taken in executive session**
1. 168213 (Lemus) – Commission found that what was alleged does not fall within the purview of the CPRC. Case dismissed.
 2. 021016 (Zouhair) – Commission found that the complaint was unsubstantiated.

X. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS, CIAO AND STAFF

- Chair D. Brown – Suggested that all commissioners commit to doing some ride along hours with RPD. Commissioners should contact the Watch Commander at least a day in advance to schedule.
- Staff S. Johnson/Attorney B. Souplet – More pens, candy, and supplies will be ordered.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on October 10, 2018. The meeting was adjourned to the public at 8:24 p.m.



David A. Brown, Chair

