



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

MINUTES

Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library
4275 Cass Street
San Diego, CA 92109
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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| Lisa Sorce, Chair | Godwin Higa | Pauline Theodore |
| William Beck, 1st Vice-Chair | Thomas Lincoln | Nancy Vaughn |
| Douglas Case, 2nd Vice-Chair | Charlene McAdory | Martin Workman |
| Joe Craver | Larry McMinn | Kathy Vandenheuvel |
| Diana Dent | Pieter O'Leary | |
| Taura Gentry | Mary O'Tousa | |

Members Absent:

Brandon Hilpert
Ernestine Smith

Prospective Members

Present:

Dr. Rey Galindo
Sheila Holtrop
John Sieger
Dick Stanford

Prospective Members

Absent:

Dr. Maria Nieto-Senour
Rebecca Williams

Staff Present:

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director, CRB
Noah Brazier, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
David Ramirez, Executive Assistant Chief, San Diego Police Department
Chris McGrath, Captain, San Diego Police Department
Marshall White, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department

Mike Holden, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department
Angelica Navarro-Moran, Detective, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department
Denise Sandoval, Executive Secretary, CRB

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. PURPOSE OF THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES: Chair Lisa Sorce explained the purpose of the Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices to those in attendance.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The CRB Open Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2016 were reviewed. William Beck moved to approve the minutes. Joe Craver seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (speaker slip required): It was noted that there were no speaker slips.
- V. TOPIC: "Building Trust with the SDPD" – Introduced by Charlene McAdory
Educational Committee Chair Charlene McAdory introduced guest speaker Bardis Vakili. Mr. Vakili is a Senior Staff Attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Mr. Vakili thanked the Board for volunteering their time and services in the oversight effort. He gave an overview of the purpose of the ACLU. Mr. Vikili explained the community's perception and lack of trust of the police. He also stated that not all police are bad and have a difficult job. Building community trust is an important way to protect officers. The CRB is playing a role in this. Mr. Vikili mentioned three complaints as examples of the types of complaints that the ACLU receives. He used curfew sweeps in certain parts of San Diego as an example of what creates distrust in communities. Mr. Vikili stated that he is sharing this information as a means to make things better. The use of conflict management and de-escalation techniques can be used in certain situations. People do not file complaints because they feel as if nothing can be done. Mr. Vikili acknowledged the CRB's website and forms being revised, but further suggested that more outreach efforts are needed. There are so many different ways to file a complaint other than the police department.

Questions and answers followed Mr. Vikili's presentation.

- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):
 - A. Continuing Education Committee (Charlene McAdory) – Committee Chair McAdory reported that she is working on scheduling future trainings on arrest; 4th waiver; and prisoner transportation vehicles. She requested that the Board forward training topics to her.

Chair Sorce mentioned that the Board is also working its strategic initiatives to provide to the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee and Charter Review Committee. She acknowledges that the CRB Committees are working hard on getting these things accomplished. Chair Sorce recommended that the Board keep the educational trainings to about 20-25 minutes. If there is a specific topic that the Board feel strongly about, a special meeting be scheduled for that topic.

B. Outreach Committee (Ernestine Smith/Taura Gentry) – Committee Chair Taura Gentry reported that the Committee has been actively attending meetings in the community. She further reported that the committee is working on its strategic plan. Committee Chair Gentry mentioned that the CRB will have a booth at the North Park Festival. She asked that members sign up to participate at the table.

C. Rules Committee (Doug Case)

Motion made by Doug Case (Bylaws Change) regarding Article IV (Officers), Section 2.B (Succession) to clarify the urgency of filling a vacancy for the office of Second Vice Chair. Current Language: “as soon as practical”

Proposed Language: “at the next Open Meeting of the Board”

Second by Kathy Vandeneuvel. Vote 14/0 Motion Passes

Motion made by Doug Case (Bylaws Change) regarding Clarification in Article III (Membership), Section 2 (Selection and Appointment), Subsection D (Alternate Members).

Proposed Language Additions: “ and temporarily assigned” and “ When entering the duties of the office, alternate members must subscribe to the Oath of Office prescribed by law”.

Second by Kathy Vandeneuvel. Vote 14/0 Motion Passes

Committee Chair Case reported that he attended the Charter Review Committee Meeting and the Public Safety Committee Meeting on April 20, 2016. He further reported that a work plan was created for the Rules Committee to list what the Committee is working on. The Board was reminded that there are forms also for submitting a recommendation to the Rules Committee.

D. Policy Committee (Joe Craver)

Committee Chair Joe Craver reported that the Policy Committee has 3 topics that it is currently working on. Those topics are as follows:

- Van Policy – this recommendation has now gone to the Police Department for review and implementation
- Mental Health – the Committee is still gathering data and should have a report at our next meeting.
- Independent Attorney & Council – the Committee is still gathering data and will also report on this topic at our next meeting.
- Kathy Vandeneuvel reminded the Committee that she submitted a request regarding checking on subjects in custody and held in police vehicles.

E. Recruitment & Retention Committee (William Beck)

Candidate Update – Committee Chair Beck reported that the 6 prospective members were all assigned a case to work on with the Teams. He reminded the Board to send any interested individuals to the Committee. Chair Lisa Sorce, informed the Board that she will be reaching out to all committee chairs to discuss a meeting to develop work plans for the committees and possibly for the entire board.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT (Lisa Sorce)

- A. Selection of the Nomination Committee – It was explained that this committee is an Ad Hoc Committee which determines nominees for CRB officer positions.

*Motion made by William Beck to elect the Nomination Committee.
Second by Joe Craver. Motion passes by unanimous consent.*

Nominations are as follows:

- Larry McMinn nominated **Kathy Vandenneuval**.
- Taura Gentry nominated **Brandon Hilpert**. It was noted that although Member Hilpert was not present, he was aware of Taura Gentry's nomination.
- Pauline Theodore nominated **Pieter O'Leary**. Mr. O'Leary stated that he will check his schedule and respond.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Sharmaine Moseley)

CRB Caseload Update

As of yesterday, the CRB teams had a total of 11 cases currently assigned. Out of the 11 cases that were assigned, two cases were on tonight's agenda for review. One of which was reviewed and closed. Now the Board has ten cases in its queue to review.

For FY 2016, the CRB reviewed and closed out a total of 73 cases.

Educational Opportunity Forms – Reminder that Educational Forms for this quarter were due on April 1st. This information will be included in the Semi-Annual Report.

Annual Report Feedback – Last Wednesday, Vice Chair William Beck and Executive Director Moseley reported to the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee on the FY 2015 Annual Report statistics.

PERT Academy – Reminder that there are several dates for the Pert Academy.

CRB Website – Status of Online Complaint Form Submittal and CRB Calendar

Community Events/Forums – Reminder to the Board of the importance of talking about what the CRB does and all the work that it takes to ensure that those who file

complaints are given a fair and thorough review. List of Community Events which the Executive Director attended or presented to community members are as follows:

Captain's Advisory Board Meeting (Northern Division)

Presentation at Cal Western School of Law for Law Students

Upcoming Presentation to Navajo Community on Thursday

SDSU Criminal Justice Orientation

Refugee Forum Advocacy Taskforce

Restore Respect Conference

Town Hall Meeting Hosted by Dr. Warren –Voice and Viewpoint

NAACP General Meeting & CAST Meeting

FBI Academy

Panelist on Investigation/Training Session NACOLE Annual Conference

IX. SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

X. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT (William Gersten) – Mr. Gersten stated that he had nothing new to report.

XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Pieter O'Leary reported that he attended a movie called "Peace Officer" at the Malcom X library on May 9th on KPBS.

Chair Lisa Sorce reported that there is an Open House an the Juvenile hall on May 14th, 2016 starting at 9 AM

Taura Gentry reported that she attended a ride along with the Gang Suppression Team.

Dr. Rey Galindo reported that he attended a ride along in the Pacific Beach area, graveyard shift, the officer was very well mannered and polite.

Larry McMinn attended a ride along with the duty Lieutenant in the Mid City area.

Charlene McAdory reported that she attended an event on “Restoring Civility”

Doug Case reported that he attended a ride along with the Mid-City Division and was involved in PERT call and visited Mesa Vista Psychiatric facility for minors.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Materials Provided

- Minutes from CRB Open Session Meeting of March 22, 2016
- CRB Strategic Planning Analysis – March 19, 2016