

CITIZENS' POLICE REVIEW BOARD
MEETING OF THURSDAY, January 15, 2009 – 6:15 P.M.
City Hall, City Hearing Room #1

ATTACHMENT 1

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON CARA KOPOWSKI at 6:18 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairperson Cara Kopowski
Vice Chairperson Tina Allen
Commissioner Donna Duhe
Commissioner Matthew Hudson
Commissioner Risha Jamison
Commissioner Susan Shawl

Sean Quinlan, CPRB Interim Executive Director
Patrick Caceres, CPRB Policy Analyst/Outreach Coordinator
Audrey Montana, CPRB Investigator
Karen Tom, CPRB Investigator
Delores Pontiflet, Executive Assistant (Note Taker)

Excused: Tony Lawson, Board Counsel

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 11, 2008 MEETING

Commissioner Hudson moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2008 meeting. Vice Chairperson Allen seconded. **The motion carried. The Board voted unanimously.**

IV. OPEN FORUM

Rashidah Grinage, PUEBLO proposed that the CPRB place on the agenda a discussion on the proposal to civilianize a substantial portion of Internal Affairs. This was a proposal that Interim Executive Director Sean Quinlan alluded to at the Public Safety Committee Meeting. It seeks to transfer the intake of all citizens' complaints to the CPRB and allow ten higher paid sworn officers to be redeployed to the patrol division.

Ms Grinage informed the Board that this is an opportunity for all to become advocates and try to get the City Council to vote on it so it can be included in the Mayor's 2009-2011 Budget.

Sanjiv Handa, East Bay News Service informed the Board on three issues:

- 1) The Budget process has begun
- 2) Each department has been asked to cut 20% from their Budget
- 3) Mayor Dellums held a press conference regarding the BART protests and intends to hire a private security company using Redevelopment funds.

V. AGENDA DISCUSSION

Interim Executive Sean Quinlan thanked Board members for meeting one on one with the Investigators who explained the Investigation and Hearing Process to them.

Mr. Quinlan informed the Board that the City has asked the CPRB to cut 15% from its Budget even though the CPRB has lost one investigator and one administrative assistant. The CPRB is working with the bare minimum staff at present.

Mr. Quinlan explained that the CPRB is trying to triage the cases by concentrating on the most serious allegations, problem officers, outdated polices and cut out redundancy.

Mr. Quinlan also informed the Board that some cases may be mediated, others may expire due to the 3304 date and the lack of staff.

Commissioner Jamison asked if Board members could participate in mediations. Mr. Quinlan replied that he would check the Ordinance and that Assistant to the City Administrator, Barbara Killey does the mediation for our department. Mr. Quinlan also stated that he would consult with Vicki Laden from the City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Shawl asked if most of the people who agree to mediate are looking for an apology.

Mr. Quinlan replied that quite often they are.

Investigator Tom informed the Board that having them participate in mediations may cause problems with having enough bodies to make a quorum.

Investigator Montana responded to the mediation question by saying that most people want to know why the officer did what he or she did.

Mr. Quinlan added that a supervisor can step in and mediated for the officer.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Pending Cases as of 1/9/09: Interim Executive Director Quinlan informed the Board that there were 66 pending complaints, 52 complaints are active CPRB complaints and 15 tolled complaints. Since the last report five new complaints have been filed.

CPRB Annual Meeting Schedule – Interim Executive Director Sean Quinlan informed the Board that the CPRB has provided them with a new meeting schedule that includes the upcoming hearings through the month of June.

Commissioner Janelle Green's Resignation – Interim Executive Director Sean Quinlan informed the Board that Commissioner Green had moved to the City of Alameda and therefore could no longer be a member of the Board. According to the Ordinance Board members must be Oakland residents.

VII. BART SHOOTING INCIDENT

Mr. Quinlan informed the Board that he and Policy Analyst, Patrick Caceres have both received inquiries whether or not the CPRB would be involved in the investigation. It was explained that the CPRB only has jurisdiction over complaints against Oakland police officers and park rangers.

Mr. Quinlan further explained that the CPRB would be monitoring OPD's response and looking to see if the CPRB will be receiving any complaints to OPD's response to the demonstrations.

Also he added that had this been an OPD incident because of the CPRB staffing situation it would have really put the CPRB in a bind. The BART investigation would have been a labor intensive investigation without required resources available. The CPRB needs to be prepared with funds and resources to do the job it has been entrusted to do properly.

Rashidah Grinage, PUEBLO asked if anyone knew if IAD had received any complaints and she believes that a lot of people do not know that the CPRB exist. Ms Grinage stated that this is a great opportunity to outreach the community at large and make them aware of the CPRB's presence and encourage the protestors to bring their complaints to the CPRB because the CPRB are not sworn police officers.

Ms Grinage further informed the Board that she hopes BART would consult with the CPRB about its history it may bring up the *Copley* ruling which could be revisited.

VIII. SIDE SHOW TRAINING

The officer(s) that were to provide the Side Show training were a "No Show" or "No Call."

Ms Grinage informed the Board that someone should file a complaint against the officer (s) for not calling or providing a replacement. Ms Grinage stated it was disrespectful, unprofessional and insulting.

Interim Executive Director informed the Board that he would contact the officer(s) supervisor.

The Board took a short break before Closed Session

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened open session at 7:04 p.m.

IX. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL CLOSED SESSION MATTERS.

(None.)

BY MOTION AND VOTE IN OPEN SESSION BOARD ELECTS EITHER TO DISCLOSE NONCONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OR TO DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WHICH THE MAJORITY DEEM TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

(None.)

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:33 p.m.