



**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**
for
Wednesday, April 22, 2009
5th Floor Large Conference Room
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA

CASE REVIEW – 4:00 PM

Case Review Roll Call

Rotker	Slawsby	Hubbard	Brandriff	VACANT	Pearcy	Corral	Santore	Beeman
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STAFF: Kevin Rogan, CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Closed Session – Case Reviews

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:03 p.m. to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

CPRC CASE NO.	RPD CASE NO.	CPRC CASE NO.	RPD CASE NO.
1) 06-059	P06-087-041	4) 07-065	PC-07-10077
2) 07-058	PC-07-09066	5) 08-023	PC-08-07041
3) 08-038	PC-08-09060	6) 08-039	PC-08-09061

The Commission recessed at 5:30 P.M. to reconvene in the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 PM

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Regular Meeting Roll Call

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Presentations

Chairwoman Corral presented a plaque to Commissioner Percy, thanking him for his service as Chair.

Public Comments

Mary Shelton spoke regarding the City Council's decision regarding officer-involved death (OID) protocol and comments made by councilmembers.

Salvador Santana spoke regarding Jim Ward's resignation and Commissioner Percy's time as CPRC Chair.

Michael Dunn invited Commission members to a meeting on May 2 regarding the City Council's decision on the Commission's OID protocol.

Linda Dunn spoke regarding the City Council's decision on the Commission's OID protocol.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
A) February 25 Regular / Policies, Procedures, & By-Laws Committee Meetings	Rotker	Hubbard	7	0	Santore
B) March 11 Case Review / Special Meeting	Rotker	Hubbard	7	0	Santore

Modification of Public Comment Time

Discussion and action, if any, to modify time allotted for public comment during CPRC meetings:

A) Regular Meetings: time under “Public Comment” and for each item

Commissioner Santore presented his rationale for change of time and recommended the following change:

- Complainants – 5 minutes;
- Family members or spokesperson regarding officer-involved deaths – 5 minutes;
- All other public comment – 3 minutes.

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
To change allotted public comment time from 5 minutes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complainants – 5 minutes; Family members or spokesperson regarding officer-involved deaths – 5 minutes; All other public comment – 3 minutes. 	Santore	Rotker	Rotker Slawsby Hubbard Corral Santore	Brandriff Pearcy Beeman	0

Mary Shelton spoke regarding the reasons she feels are behind the change in public speaking time.

Michael Dunn spoke regarding his opposition to the time change.

James Martin voiced his opposition to the time change and spoke regarding the Commission's purpose.

B) All other CPRC meetings: whether to provide a separate “Public Comment” agenda item

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
To provide a separate “Public Comment” agenda item for all meetings	Brandriff	Beeman	Rotker Slawsby Brandriff Pearcy Beeman	Hubbard Corral Santore	0

Hill Officer-Involved Death (OID) Evaluation Process

Discussion and further action, if any, of the Commission's public report regarding the officer-involved death of Joseph Hill on October 19, 2006:

- A) Discussion of Stage III, Policy & Procedure Certification Process
- B) Discussion of Stage IV
- C) Discussion of Stage V

Leslie Braden spoke regarding various items in the draft public report.

Michael Dunn spoke regarding pretext stops.

Mr. Rogan spoke regarding an information requests regarding Taser take-away tactics, reporting that RPD has no training specific to Tasers because they are similar to guns.

After minimal discussion, commissioners were advised to finish any additional review of the case as a vote to approve the public report could take place at the next meeting.

Staff Report

Brief report of finding of City Council regarding officer-involved death (OID) protocol

Mary Shelton spoke regarding the drafting of the Commission's Policies, Procedures, & By-Laws section in question and City Council's vote regarding the OID protocol.

Robert Smith spoke regarding his unhappiness on the Council's decision regarding OID protocol.

Mr. Rogan reported on the Council meeting and Council's decision regarding the OID protocol.

Commissioner Beeman asked that discussion for usual protocol of CPRC officers speaking on behalf of CPRC be agendized.

Amendments to CPRC Policies, Procedures, & By-Laws

1) Second reading, vote to approve the following amendments to the CPRC By-Laws, Article VII, Meetings:

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
A) Modify Section 13 to read: It is recommended that Commissioners attend at least one training day every other year as needed.	Rotker	Santore	Rotker Slawsby Hubbard Brandriff Pearcy Corral Santore	Beeman	0

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
B) Add Section 15: Newly appointed commissioners are strongly urged to schedule one ride-along with the RPD during their first 90 days following their initial appointment to the Commission. Additionally, all commissioners are urged and encouraged to participate in additional ride-alongs and sit-alongs throughout their tenure on the Commission as their time and circumstances allow.	Rotker	Santore	Rotker Slawsby Hubbard Brandriff Pearcy Corral Santore	Beeman	0

2) First reading, without action, to make the following amendments to the CPRC By-Laws:

- A) Change “Executive Director” to “Manager” throughout
- B) Amend Article VIII, Section 1, to read as follows by adding “officer-involved deaths (OIDs)”:
“Investigations and hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the Policies and Procedures for processing officer-involved deaths (OIDs) and complaints against police officers adopted by the Commission.”
- C) Add Section 16 to Article VII, Meetings as follows:
“Newly appointed commissioners are strongly urged to schedule attendance and participate in community and neighborhood meetings.”

3) Discuss and vote to approve the following amendments to the CPRC Policies & Procedures:

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
A) Change “Executive Director” to “Manager” throughout	Rotker	Santore	Unanimous	0	0

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
A) Section VIII – Change section title “Investigation” to “Investigations”	Rotker	Santore	Rotker Slawsby Hubbard Brandriff Pearcy Corral Santore	Beeman	0

Annual Report

Discussion of the report covering the Commission’s activities in 2007 and 2008

CPRC Public Reports

Discuss the process for drafting the Commission’s public reports

After minimal discussion, Commissioner Beeman moved to table to a future meeting, with a second by Commissioner Brandriff. The Commission agreed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, commissioners may use this time to make brief announcements or a brief report on his or her own activities.

Commissioner Santore asked if commissioners could get a city e-mail address.

Commissioner Beeman asked about several items:

- the status of Commissioner Pearcy's March 11 request for the drafting of a letter refuting the Commission having discussed getting its investigator immediately on-scene after an officer-involved death
- status of February 25 request regarding RPD & ICE
- status of the January 14 and February 11 requests regarding credibility assessments
- status of outreach posters going out to community centers
- make offer to provide outreach presentations to local clergy

Commissioner Brandriff asked if Baker Street Group is still willing to work for CPRC.

Items for Future Commission Consideration

Commissioner Beeman reiterated her request that discussion for usual protocol of CPRC officers speaking on behalf of CPRC be agendized.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Phoebe Sherron". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

PHOEBE SHERRON
Sr. Office Specialist