



**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF ACTIONS
Wednesday, December 12, 2012
Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA**

REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 PM (OPEN SESSION)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call

Rotker	Smith	Johnson	Sawyer	Ortiz	Jackson	Roberts	Santore	Adams
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ = Present **B** = Absent / Business **S** = Absent / Sick **V** = Absent / Vacation **O** = Absent / Other
UE = Absent / Unexcused **L** = Late **LE** = Left Early **■** = Vacant

STAFF: Frank Hauptmann, CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

Public Comments

Vivian Stancil thanked the Commission for its support of CIONO (Christian Intercessors of the Nations Organization). She said that CIONO was able to give 175 turkeys to needy families for Thanksgiving. She also noted that CIONO's "Free Shop Day" is on January 25th.

Christina Duran said that while at youth center at Bobby Bonds Park, an autistic teen was accused of stealing cell phone. Three officers went into the youth center and took the young man, greatly traumatizing him. The cell phone was never found. She said that the officers' actions have worked against getting the youth in the area to come to the youth center.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
A) November Regular Meeting Minutes	Johnson	Smith	Rotker Smith Johnson Sawyer Ortiz Jackson Roberts	0	Santore Adams

Outreach

A) December Outreach

Commissioner Adams:

- November 10 – Presentation to the Community Hospital Auxiliary

Commissioner Johnson:

- Met with the Stancils' regarding CIONO's Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution
- Festival of Lights opening night celebration
- Sevilla's for Inland Empire Cigar Night Business Mixer
- 1-on-1 with an employee associate while getting tires changed on wife's car

Commissioner Smith:

- Three 1-on-1's while at the Mental Health Family Advocate's Office
- RPD ride-along

Commissioner Santore:

- Police Safety event at Castle Park in October

Commissioner Rotker:

- Scheduled for a ride-along on December 22nd

Vice-Chair Jackson:

- Festival of Lights
- Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) meeting
- Riverside Neighborhood Partnership – Area 1 Holiday Celebration & Toy Drive
- December 11 – Mayor Bailey's Swearing-In Reception; spoke with citizens from Pachappa Hills who are trying to form a neighborhood group and gave them a CPRC business card; 1-on-1s with members of NOWS (Neighbors of Woods Streets)

Commissioner Ortiz:

- Festival of Lights
- Christmas Extravaganza at Grove Community Church
- Group Q & A's about CPRC while at United Way Seminar for Grant Writing

Chairwoman Roberts:

- Festival of Lights
- Now serving on the NACOLE Finance Committee

B) Scheduled Outreach Events

C) Future Outreach Opportunities

- 1) Input from Outreach Coordinator on upcoming outreach events
- 2) Input from Commission Members on potential outreach events

Commissioner Johnson:

- January 12 – Citrus Heritage 5 / 10 K Run / Walk
- January 16 – RPD's Community Outreach Lecture Series at Norte Vista High School
- January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk-a-Thon
- January 24 – Mayor's State of the City Address
- January 25 – CIONO's Free Shop Day

CPRC Ad-hoc Committees

A) Policies, Procedures, & By-Laws (PPBL)

Committee Chair Rotker said that the Committee would not meet in December, but would resume its meetings in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation

A) Continue Millon OID Case Evaluation

Discussion began on the Millon OID public report. As a result, three items were addressed and resolved, resulting in the Commission's approval of the report.

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
That the Millon OID Public Report be approved as amended: 1) Pg. 2, Paragraph 4: eliminate size of the object the officer hid behind 2) Pg. 2, Paragraph 5: remove "did not have time to" 3) Pg. 5, Section X – Closing, Paragraph 1: remove "fearlessly"	Jackson	Ortiz	Unanimous	0	0

B) Continue Pablo OID Case Evaluation

Mr. Hauptmann said that Mr. Steve Bellino, a traffic accident reconstruction expert, had been retained by the Commission to review RPD's report. He noted that Mr. Bellino had finished his review and analysis and was in the process of writing his report, which should be done by the end of December. Mr. Hauptmann asked the Commission to consider a 2nd Wednesday meeting in January for Mr. Bellino's report presentation and also asked that any areas of training be submitted to staff so that this information could then be given to Mr. Bellino.

Commissioner Rotker asked if Mr. Bellino's report would be received before the January meeting. Mr. Hauptmann said it would be.

Commissioner Santore asked that California Vehicle Codes 21954, 21950, 275, 21955, and 23123c, be posted on the CPRC website.

Paul Chavez said the report sides with the officer, but indicates he was speeding near a "walkable area." He said that the officer wasn't paying attention for an unknown reason and questioned why the law allows officers to use distractive devices when civilians cannot.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation

Begin Romo OID Case Evaluation

Mr. Hauptmann informed the Commission that all case information that was received from RPD is now on the CPRC website.

Commissioner Rotker said that a fact sheet would be a good starting point.

Chairwoman Roberts asked if there were any questions that could be answered during this meeting.

Commissioner Rotker noted that he had sent questions to Mr. Hauptmann; Mr. Hauptmann said that they would be answered and posted once they were complete. He said he had also sent those questions to Mike Bumcrot as well to obtain the best possible answer. Mr. Hauptmann asked that he would handle any other commissioner's questions in the same manner.

Commissioner Santore asked for a better definition of 'suicide by cop' and under what conditions this is seen. Commissioner Rotker said there was no significance as to whether or not the incident was 'suicide by cop' or what the decedent's motivation was or why it should be put in the report.

Mr. Hauptmann said that suspects use a toy gun or unloaded weapon in front of officers because they are unable to commit suicide so they preform actions that cause police officers to do it for them. The bottom line is whether or not the officer acted within policy.

Mr. Hauptmann also noted that the reason for the decedent's actions would not make a difference as to the finding.

Commissioner Sawyer asked what the involved officers' were wearing because a witness had told investigators that they were wearing civilian clothes.

Mr. Hauptmann said that some people think that if an officer isn't wearing a uniform, then he is wearing civilian clothes, even though he might be wearing something that obviously identifies him as being with the police.

Commissioner Ortiz said that while Mr. Bumcrot's report may address 'suicide by cop,' there could be training that officers receive that might have helped them decide whether or not to fire their weapons.

Commissioner Johnson noted that, at some point, the suspect's actions need to be considered, especially if the suspect fires a weapon. Mr. Romo participated in a fire-fight with RPD officers and this was not a case of 'suicide by cop'.

2012 Annual Report

Discussion and action, if any, on the 2012 Annual Report, Working Version 2

Committee Chair Smith began discussion of the draft report.

Mr. Hauptmann noted that the report needed to be completed and approved by March 31st. Committee Chair Smith said she was hoping to be done with it prior to that.

Topics of discussion:

Report Photos:

- Commissioner Santore wants the Commission to use pictures that have been taken by a photographer the City uses, noting that since she is paid by the City for her pictures, the Commission should use them;

The Appendix:

- Commissioner Santore said the Appendix is redundant and should be eliminated.
- Commissioner Johnson had no problem with the basic report template, but said the Appendix should stay because it is convenient for the public.

Bios:

- Commissioner Adams asked about the recommendation regarding training in commissioner bios
 - Committee Chair Smith asked commissioners not to include training received by the entire Commission, but only training that they may have gotten on their own.
 - Chairwoman Roberts asked commissioners to send their updated bios to staff.

Figure 12:

- Commissioner Rotker said Figure 12 should stay.

Chair's Message:

- Commissioner Rotker asked if the Chair's message would be submitted in January;
 - Chairwoman Roberts said it would be.

Officer Commendation:

- Chairwoman Roberts asked that the officer commendation section be updated with information regarding Officer Fishell.

'Trends and Patterns' Section:

- Committee Chair Smith said she didn't see trends and patterns in the current text
 - Chairwoman Roberts said that certain trends can be determined, but additional work is needed in that section
 - Commissioner Johnson said the section is necessary and shows the interaction between RPD and citizens.
 - Mr. Hauptmann noted that an analysis needs to be done, such as noting that complaints declined and commenting why the numbers declined; analyze the data and comment on anything worth reporting on.
- Committee Chair Smith said information should be obtained from RPD as to what may have impacted the numbers.
 - Mr. Hauptmann noted that RPD could be asked the questions needed for completion of 'Trends & Patterns'.
 - Commissioner Adams said that a similar discussion took place last year regarding complaint numbers. She said that the report is about the Commission's complaint numbers, not what RPD does.
- Committee Chair Smith said the section would be kept, but possibly renamed.
- Chairwoman Roberts agreed, saying it should be kept, but left unnamed for the time being.

Figures 13 – 16:

- Commissioner Rotker asked what the concern was with these charts
 - Commissioner Sawyer said Figure 13 was very similar to Figure 14 except that 14 shows percentages. She suggested that Figure 13 stay, add percentage columns, and Figure 14 be removed.
- Chairwoman Roberts suggested removing Figures 15 and 16, but general consensus was that they should remain.

Maps and Associated Tables:

- Commissioner Sawyer said that Committee discussion concluded that, in the attempt to eliminate redundancy, the report didn't need both maps or didn't need the tables associated with the maps.
 - Commissioner Johnson said he didn't mind some redundancy.
 - Chairwoman Roberts said she preferred having the maps with the charts.
- Committee Chair Smith said that one of the Committee's goals was to 'go green' and try to reduce the number of pages in the report.
- Commissioner Santore said the maps should be printed in landscape rather than portrait orientation.

Committee Chair Smith said the Committee would meet again to review the report based on the Commission's discussion and would then submit its recommendations. She asked that any commissioner comments or recommendations be sent to Ms. Sherron.

Commissioner Adams commented that much of this same discussion occurred last year and asked if there was a better way to review the report in the future.

Commissioner Santore asked Ms. Sherron how many 2011 Annual Reports were printed and how many were currently available in the office. Ms. Sherron said that approximately 100 to 150 had been printed with a handful currently available in the office. Commissioner Santore then posed the question as to why the annual reports should even be printed when they can be accessed online.

- Commissioner Johnson said he has given out reports at various venues, noting that many people are still very tactile and want to hold things in their hands rather than go online.
- Vice-Chair Jackson said when she goes to meetings or events, she has to "literally hold on to my copy" because people want a copy of the report. She noted that many more could be handed out if they were printed.
- Mr. Hauptmann said there is plenty in the budget to print more and will print more, if needed. He said that he has attended meetings where they have been requested and that other agencies have asked him for copies. He said that as hard copies are important, more will be printed. He noted that some people prefer to go online, but having both options is better.

Chairwoman Roberts said that continued discussion would take place at the January 9th meeting.

Staff Report

A) Special Meetings for training and evaluations of Officer-Involved Death Cases

Mr. Hauptmann advised that the Commission would need to meet on second Wednesdays for at least the next few months in order to handle the OID cases that are now ready for evaluation.

Mr. Hauptmann also informed the Commission that Ms. Sherron would be out of the office from December 19th to January 2nd.

Commission Member Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members may use this time to make brief announcements or a brief report on their own activities.

Commissioner Adams wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Johnson expressed his thankfulness that the Annual Report was in Commissioner Smith's capable hands.

Vice-Chair Jackson said she was recently elected as a board member for Area 1 of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.

Items for Future Commission Consideration

There were no items for future consideration.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sr. Office Specialist

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