

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Employment & Training Building
330 – 25th Street
Conference Room 1**

MINUTES

I CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Dolores Hembree

ROLL CALL

Present: Nemy Bautista
Scott Gillespie
Felix Hunziker
Bea Roberson
Eleanor Thompson
Cora J. Ward

Absent: Glenn Stephenson

Vacancies: One

Administrative

Staff: Don Casimere, Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer -
Absent
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I - Present

Council Liaison: Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison – Absent

City Attorney's

Office Representative: Scott Dickey, Chief Deputy City Attorney – Present

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2, 2011

Upon motion by **Commissioner Roberson** and second by **Commissioner Bautista**, the minutes for the regular meeting of March 2, 2011, were approved with one correction.

III COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN

Not present

IV PRESENTATION BY DIANE ARANDA, PROGRAM MANAGER WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, ON BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE IN RICHMOND

Diane Aranda gave an overview of the California Endowment – Building Healthy Communities in Richmond. Over the last 14 to 15 years, they have funded a range of efforts related to community health. Their plan includes a 10 year commitment to work closely with 14 communities throughout California to improve community health, specifically, health for children and youth. Richmond is one of the communities they will be working with. They will be looking to change outcomes for kids and families living in targeted neighborhoods that include, North Richmond, Iron Triangle, Belding Woods, Coronado and Pullman.

Commissioner Bautista asked the source of their funding. **Ms. Aranda** said they are a private foundation that started in 1996 when Blue Cross converted from a nonprofit to a for profit company. When that happens, the State of California assures that their assets go back to support the public. Those assets created the California Endowment and the California Health Care Foundation.

Commissioner Hunziker asked how the neighborhoods were selected and how they plan to keep families safe from violence, which is their 2nd priority outcome in the handout. **Ms. Aranda** said they looked at the communities where the need was greatest as far as poverty and other socioeconomic factors. They also looked at places where they thought there was leadership and places where there was a track record for change and a willingness to partner and embrace their agenda. They plan on working with youth and families to build and support greater collaboration and engagement of communities and neighborhoods working together with other key institutions to have a shared vision of what needs to happen. They will also be looking at family violence, re-entry and gun violence.

Commissioner Bautista asked what their strategy was as far as reaching out to the ethnic community in Richmond.

Ms. Aranda said they will be engaging a number of organizations that have strong ties to varied ethnic communities. They will be looking at a range of communication strategies that include going door to door and various media outlets, community groups, schools, churches, neighborhood councils, etc.

Commissioner Bautista suggested that they hand out brochures at the Cinco de Mayo Festival. **Ms. Aranda** said they are considering that.

V REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)

A. Report of recent activities, events, incidents, and related matters

Chief Magnus talked about how they are dealing with waves of retaliatory violence. Capt. Gagan gave an update on how they are handling the situation. He said they are closely communicating with property managers, tenants, ONS, as well as local law enforcement agencies. They are putting more officers on the streets, especially on weekends. The officers that are working foot and bike patrols are modifying their hours. There are also officers on dirt bikes patrolling parks. There will be an event on 4/23/11 that is being put on by Pastor Washington from Operation Richmond called "Make Noise for Peace." It will be a caravan that will go from the Harnetts through the hotspot neighborhoods, then along So. 2nd Street and into the Central District. They will forward information regarding the event to the Police Commission. **Chief Magnus** briefed the commission on another long term strategy they will be using called Cops & Kids. It is a training program that will instill better relationships between cops and young people that is sponsored by the Fred Rogers Foundation and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He said he worked with Lt. Booker and Sgt. Dickerson on a proposal to bring the training to Richmond. Richmond was one of the cities selected to do this training. The program will start this summer. The Chief reported that they have a Regulatory Unit that will enforce requirements for the sale of alcohol, cigarettes, medical marijuana, smoking ordinances, etc. It is a four person unit led by Capt. McBride. Sgt. Cappiali will oversee another police officer and two civilian employees. **Chief Magnus** said they will be providing Active Shooter Training for elected officials, policy making boards and volunteer boards. He provided a handout – Civilian Management Response Guide for an Active Shooter Event. He also provided information on updating the city's noise ordinance. **Chief Magnus** also commented on the recent news regarding the Explorer Program. He said they are committed to making sure the Explorers are getting the attention, leadership and support that they need. He said the case is being investigated internally and also by the DA's office and several federal authorities.

Commissioner Bautista asked for information regarding Cinco de Mayo. Capt. Gagan said the parade will be at 10:30 on Saturday, April 30th, with 23rd Street closing down on Friday April 29th. The festival will be on May 1st.

B. Briefing on policy regarding impounded vehicles of unlicensed drivers

Chief Magnus said they have a policy that was put in place over 1-1/2 years ago. If a vehicle is stopped for traffic safety or sobriety checkpoints and the driver does not have a driver's license, they will allow the person to park their vehicle or have another licensed driver transport them and their vehicle to their final destination. They will get cited but the vehicle is not towed. If the license is suspended or revoked, or the driver is drunk, the car will be towed. He said the policy is working well.

VI PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers

VII DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTING POSITIVE POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE POLICE COMMISSION (Commissioner Hunziker)

Commissioner Hunziker reported that the post cards are completed and available for the next outreach.

Commissioner Hembree said they will meet with KCRT soon.

The assignments that were given to **Commissioner Reyes** were reassigned.

Commissioner Ward will work with **Commissioner Hunziker** on #3E (Ask RYSE Center to develop a PSA directed at youth). She will also work with **Commissioner Hunziker** on item #3I (Presentations to churches).

Commissioner Thompson will work on #3G (Place flyers and ads to youth with the YMCA).

Commissioner Roberson reported that item #3A (Meeting announcement on Richmond Visitor Bureau calendar), is complete; #3F (Engage Youth Media Academy at Richmond High School) - High school calendar is full through the end of the year. Suggested showing PSA in government classes. She is drafting a letter to PTA president at the elementary and middle schools requesting to give a presentation for next school year. She is working with Crime Prevention on #4I (Organize "Coffee with a Cop") & 4K (Organize small, spur of the moment community gatherings with beat officers).

Commissioner Hunziker suggested that #3E (Ask RYSE Center to develop a PSA directed at Youth), be done first, then #3D (Air PSA on KCRT) & 3F (Engage Youth media Academy at Richmond HS) could take place. **Commissioner Roberson** suggested that KCRT film RYSE and high school kids creating PSA then that could be used in all other projects.

VIII REPORTS BY:

Chair Hembree

- Attended San Pablo DUI Checkpoint
- Attended RPD Promotional/Swearing-In Ceremony on 3/10/11
- Attended Friday Night Meeting with Mayor

Commissioner Roberson

- Attended Meet & Greet for Central District
- Attended Boxing put on by RPAL
- Attended Crime Prevention tour of Family Justice Center in Oakland
- Attended City Council Meetings
- Attended RNCC Board Meeting
- Taught REACT Class

Commissioner Roberson (cont.)

- Ride-Along
- Attended RPD Promotional/Swearing-In Ceremony on 3/10/11

Commissioner Bautista

- Requested to have ONS on the agenda for next month

Commissioner Hunziker

- Next Sunday, North and East Neighborhood Patrol will be doing knock and walks in his neighborhood distributing packets with home security info, etc.

Commissioner Eleanor Thompson

- Attended Council Meeting

IX EXECUTIVE SESSION: Public Employee Performance and Discipline/Release (Police Officer)

Executive Session not held.

X ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of Essie Casimere, as requested by **Commissioner Bautista**.

Chair Dolores Hembree