

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, December 5, 2012 – 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 Bea Roberson

ROLL CALL

Present: Therese Barquet
Nemy Bautista
Scott Gillespie
Felix Hunziker
Alejandro Navarro (arrived 7:18)
Bea Roberson
Glenn Stephenson
Eleanor Thompson

Absent: None

Vacancies: One

Administrative Staff: Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer - Vacant
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I – Present

Council Liaison: Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison –Absent

City Attorney's

Office Representative: Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Present

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 7, 2012

Upon motion by **Commissioner Bautista** and second by **Commissioner Stephenson**, the minutes for the regular meeting of November 7, 2012, were approved as written.

III REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN

Not present.

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

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

D/C Allwyn Brown gave an update on crime statistics. He said there has been a slight increase in part one crimes compared to last year at this time. Violent crime has increased about 3% and property crimes increased approximately 11%. There have been 18 murders in 2012, three of which occurred in November. Metal theft is a persistent problem. They are working on strategies to lessen the number of incidents. D/C Brown handed out a flyer that beat officers will be distributing on the 23rd Street corridor notifying residents about recent abductions and rapes in the area. He reported that they will be scheduling DUI checkpoints around the holidays. Two will involve El Cerrito and San Pablo Police Departments. They will be advertised one day in advance in the newspaper. He said that they will notify the Police Commission of the dates and times of the checkpoints. The police department will be getting a new police boat soon. There is also a mobile command center unit being built in Florida that they expect to receive in January or February. D/C Brown said they are taking steps forward in how they address human trafficking. Chief Magnus and Lt. Sappal recently attended a conference in LA regarding this issue.

Chair Roberson asked when a new captain will be appointed. **D/C Brown** said they have one existing vacancy and they haven't determined when that will be filled.

Commissioner Bautista asked if it was possible for commissioners to take a trial run in the new police boat. **D/C Brown** said he thinks that can be arranged.

Chair Roberson commended RPD on how they dealt with a recent 5150 situation. The officers did a very good job. **Asst. City Attorney Bruce Soublet** said that he will be putting together a training session for Richmond and other agencies in the area on how law officers deal with the mentally ill.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if they are still following through with the Connecting Cops-N-Kids program. **D/C Brown** said yes.

Commissioner Bautista asked if there was a Richmond Police Foundation. **D/C Brown** said he wasn't aware of one in Richmond.

Commissioner Hunziker asked for burglary stats in the North East neighborhood. He also said that Capt. Sappal did a pilot project in the neighborhood where they would put out flyers in the blocks that had recent burglaries and he wanted to know if that had a measurable effect in reducing burglaries. **D/C Brown** said that it did help. They looked at the numbers and there was a significant reduction. He said residential burglaries are down 8%.

Commissioner Bautista asked if the Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) were on motorcycles also. **D/C Brown** said they are only used on patrol cars.

Commissioner Stephenson asked for a current Compstat read out. **D/C Brown** said that he will get them out to the commission.

Commissioner Barquet asked if they tracked shootings. **D/C Brown** said yes. Shootings are down 31%.

Chair Roberson asked if there was a way to train officers on how to use the GPS on the AVL system. **D/C Brown** said it's not designed to look up addresses or locations; it's more of a safety feature for them so that they can know, at any given point in time, where the officers are. He said they intend to address this through work group meetings with all employees.

Commissioner Stephenson inquired about a website that shows where crime activity occurs. **D/C Brown** referred him to CrimeView on the RPD website that would give him that information.

V REPORTS BY RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, LATINO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE

No representatives present.

VI PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public 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)

A. Report on Public Service Announcement (PSA) (Commissioner Hunziker)

Commissioner Hunziker reported that the video is now airing on KCRT.

B. Report on draft of presentation to City Council (Chair Roberson)

The commission decided to put the presentation to the council on hold for now.

VIII REPORTS BY:

- **CHAIRPERSON**
- **COMMISSIONERS**
- **STAFF**

Chair Roberson

- Worked at toy program sign ups
- Attended Parchester Thanksgiving dinner
- Attended Community Service Awards Luncheon given by Chamber of Commerce
- Ride-along
- Attended West County Alcohol Policy Working Group meeting
- Attended RPOA Christmas party

Commissioner Hunziker

- Working with Sgt. Rood on video that will educate residents on how to prevent home break-ins.
- Neighborhood is providing supervision at Snowball Dance

Commissioner Thompson

- Attended RPOA Christmas party
- Attended council meeting
- Attended PPC meeting for AB109

Commissioner Bautista

- Attended Richmond Emergency Preparedness Expo

Commissioner Navarro

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Commissioner Stephenson

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IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Bea Roberson, Chair