

# **RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, January 2, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Employment & Training Building**  
**330 – 25<sup>th</sup> 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:** Nemy Bautista  
Scott Gillespie  
Felix Hunziker (arrived 7:15)  
Bea Roberson  
Eleanor Thompson

**Absent:** Therese Barquet  
Alejandro Navarro  
Glenn Stephenson

**Vacancies:** One

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

**Council Liaison:** Council Liaison –Absent

**City Attorney's**

**Office Representative:** Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Absent

### **II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 5, 2012**

Approval of Minutes was postponed until after Item IV.

### **III REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON**

Not present.

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

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

**Chief Magnus** passed out information about training that civilian and sworn employees are, or will be receiving, called "Towards a Harmonious Working Environment." He said that this ties in with the Police Commission because they are interested in maintaining not only a positive working relationship with the community but also a respectful and civil working relationship inside the department. Taser training will take place in January and February. Police commissioners are welcome to come and observe the training. He said to send him an e-mail for the dates and times. The chief said they are looking at ways to incorporate more foot patrols into every patrol officer's daily work routine. They feel that there are crime prevention and crime suppression advantages towards walking a beat, even if only for 30 to 60 minutes per shift. The chief reported that Darren Monahan and Rahn Carmichael have been promoted to lieutenant. They will both start out as watch commanders, along with Bisa French who was chief of staff for the past year. He will be doing interviews for sergeant promotions soon. There are currently five openings. Starting this month, Terry Ellis will leave Professional Standards and return to patrol. Felix Tan will be his replacement. Sgt. Walle will also be working in Professional Standards. The chief said that the department was involved in several community events during the holidays such as the toy program, Shop with a Cop, the RPOA annual toy giveaway and Adopt a Family. There were 18 homicides in 2012. They will be working on bringing that number down this year, as well as the number of property crimes. Shotspotter reported 51 shots fired on New Year's Eve.

**Chair Roberson** asked if he was promoting someone else to be chief of staff. **Chief Magnus** said not right now. He will eventually be promoting a captain who will go to Support Services later in the year.

**Chair Roberson** asked how the one stop shopping center for family violence was coming along. The chief said work will start this month. They hope that later this year they will have a grand opening.

**Commissioner Bautista** commended the chief and the entire police department for doing an excellent job for the citizens of Richmond in 2012. The chief thanked him.

**Commissioner Hunziker** asked if they were still doing call-ins for Cease Fire and with what regularity. He also asked about the funding for the re-entry program. **Chief Magnus** said the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) passed a budget for the largest amount of 19 million dollars. There will be a meeting on Friday to allocate the rest of the money. A large amount of money has been set aside for community based organizations and non-profits to do the work that needs to be done to help keep the people in the re-entry program from going back to prison. The sheriff decided to voluntarily withdraw the jail expansion project. There is still some money set aside for this if it is needed. The chief said there were two Cease

Fire call-ins in the fall. The next call-in will be this month or next month and will focus on older juveniles. It will be more of a home visit rather than a call-in.

**Commissioner Thompson** asked if there was a site located for the one stop center. **Chief Magnus** said it is the old community mental health building.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked if the commission could get a written report on DUI's. The chief said he would be happy to provide that.

**Chair Roberson** commented that she gets asked quite often about the policy that deals with people with mental illness. She said she has witnessed the way Richmond police department responds and it is exemplary. **Chief Magnus** said they have a group of officers that have gotten some specialized training. He said RPD officers get a higher amount of fire arms training and they seem to also have an unusual degree of patience and skill in some of these situations. It is also helpful that the taser has proved to be a very valuable resource.

Upon motion by **Commissioner Bautista** and second by **Commissioner Gillespie**, the minutes for the regular meeting of December 5, 2012, were approved as written.

**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** said he had no report.

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

**Chair Roberson** said she had no report. She said she will inquire about a council liaison and request an update on what they are doing about an investigative officer at the council meeting on 1/15/13.

**Commissioner Hunziker** requested that the commission receive a report from the city attorney's office on the status of the current complaints that the police commission has received. He is concerned about the length of time it has taken to

replace the investigative officer and how long the citizens have to wait to get their complaints investigated. **Chair Roberson** said that she would request that a report be given in closed session at the next police commission meeting.

**VIII REPORTS BY:**

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

**Chair Roberson**

- Assisted with Toy Program in December
- Attended RNCC meetings
- Attended NAACP meetings
- Attended Crime Prevention meetings
- Will attend City Council meeting on 1/15/13

**Commissioner Bautista**

- Observed DUI checkpoint at Cutting and Marina Way

**Commissioner Thompson**

- Worked at toy give away put on by Social Progress, Inc.
- Attended last CCP meeting for re-entry program

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Bea Roberson, Chair