

**COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
(CPRC)**

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019 – 7:00 PM
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804
Basement - Employee Lunch Room**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by **Vice Chair Yenny Garcia**

Present: Porschea Brown-Walton, Yenny Garcia (Vice-chair), Diego Garcia, Oscar Garcia, Carol Hegstrom, Randy Joseph, Steven Lacy

Absent: David Brown (Chair), Christopher Whitmore

Vacancies: None

Administrative

Staff: Shané Johnson, Staff Liaison – Present

Council Liaison: Jael Myrick, Council Liaison – Present

City Attorney's

Office Representative: Bruce Souble, Senior Assistant City Attorney – Present

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July 2019)

Upon motion by O. Garcia and seconded by P. Brown-Walton, the minutes for the meeting of July 10, 2019, were approved by the following vote: **Ayes:** Vice Chair Garcia and Commissioners D. Garcia, O. Garcia, Hegstrom, Joseph, Brown-Walton, and S. Lacy. **Noes:** None. **Absent:** Chair Brown and Commissioner C. Whitmore. **Abstained:** None.

III. AGENDA REVIEW – No change

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Cordell Hindler – Invited CPRC to the Council of Industries' monthly luncheon on 9/18/19 featuring DA Beckton and to the Contra Costa Mayor's Conference.

Patricia Perez – Spoke about the Pedie Perez case and said that she is still waiting for the CPRC to put out a response to RPD's community briefing video regarding the case.

Rick Perez – Expressed that he was happy with the CPRC's August 2019 retreat. He also commented on not having received a letter from the City Manager or RPD regarding the Pedie Perez case. He shared his feelings about former police chief Magnus.

Richard Perez – Shared his feelings about the RPD community briefing video regarding the Pedie Perez case.

- V. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JAELE MYRICK** – Councilmember Myrick extended his apologies to the CPRC for his absence during its recent August retreat. During recent meetings, the City Council did the following: (1) Voted to fire former City Manager Carlos Martinez; and (2) Selected former Lafayette City Manager Steven Falk to serve as the Interim City Manager through the end of the year. Mr. Myrick updated the commissioners on the search for a new Investigate Officer for the CPRC and answered questions related to the position and the recruitment. The item is in the process of being scheduled for discussion at closed session during an upcoming meeting.

Cordell Hindler – Thanked the councilmember for his report. Spoke about the City Manager's position and recent termination.

- VI. COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Allwyn Brown or his designate)** – Chief Brown gave the report on the shotspotter activations and crime statistics through July 2019: Overall crime is down 7% with a significant decrease seen in firearm assaults and armed robberies. The Chief announced recent promotions in the department and the responsibilities associated with them. RPD continues to try to upstaff and has entered into a contract with Epic Recruiting to find qualified candidates for the job. In the meantime, RPD is working on an agreement with the VA to provide regular monthly stipends to hired veterans. Another contract regarding health and wellness for officers is scheduled to go before City Council for approval. The chief announced that RPD was funded by P.O.S.T. for additional training. He also commented on the success of the August 6th National Night Out event. Chief Brown continued on to provide updates on RPD's participation in the Crime Gun Intelligence Center task force led by the ATF, SB 1421 which still requires adjustments, but whose requests are being fulfilled, and the annual shift/bid process that is underway and should be finalized by October 2019. Lastly, the chief discussed and answered questions about crime near 23rd street, traffic enforcement, community and CPRC participation, and law enforcement coverage in the city.

- VII. REPORTS BY RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (Ben Therriault, President)** – Mr. Therriault commented on the crime surrounding Andy's Donuts on 23rd Street and offered some suggestions on how to handle the problem. He also spoke about the report from an outside agency that identified management of RPD as a problem. He encouraged the commissioners to read the report. Mr. Therriault then announced that on Labor Day weekend, 117 of 136 officers voted in favor of no confidence of current police Chief Brown. The results of the vote will be presented to City Council at the next City Council meeting. Commissioners asked questions and requested that the RPOA provide a short list of some policies that they feel could use review and revisions.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS, DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Status of search for new investigative officer (Bruce Soublet)** – The position is on the City's website under the Human Resources department. There have been many applicants, but approximately only 12 applicants are even slightly close to

being qualified and others are located in other states. The item will go to the City Council in October for further discussion. Mr. Soublet does not feel that the regular workload would warrant a full-time employee. However, he supports that the current backlog could allow for a full-time person for a limited timeframe.

Rick Perez – Expressed his feelings about waiting on an investigative officer for a case to be heard.

Cordell Hindler – Expressed his feelings about an investigative officer being hired.

B. Review pending cases (Bruce Soublet) – Mr. Soublet reported that there are three pending cases involving an officer shooting.

C. Confirmation of NACOLE attendance – Commissioners Joseph and Lacy will be attending the conference. Commissioner Whitmore is no longer able to attend and Commissioner D. Garcia is interested in attending in his place. Staff S. Johnson received City approval to pay for travel arrangements.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. After-action report on retreat and questions or comments – All commissioners were present at the retreat. Subcommittees were formed and the CPRC has a goal to strengthen their relationships with the community and the police department. Staff S. Johnson will email a list of the subcommittees to the commissioners.

Cordell Hindler – Shared comments regarding the retreat and the participants.

Rick Perez – He felt that the retreat was a success and he hopes that the commissioners will follow-up on their action items.

B. Brown Act training (Bruce Soublet) – Mr. Soublet shared a presentation and then received and answered questions related to the training.

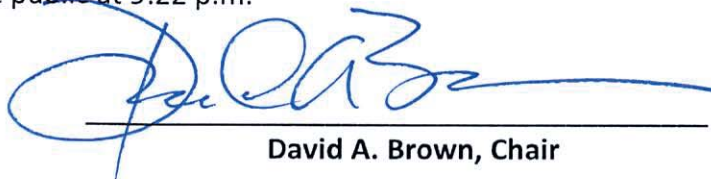
Cordell Hindler – He shared his feelings about the Brown Act training and his experience as a library commissioner.

X. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS, CIAO AND STAFF

- Vice Chair Y. Garcia – The police academy is requesting CPRC's presence on September 28th to present about the commission. She attended multiple events including the Rosie the Riveter festival, 5k Moving for our Future fundraiser, and the Latina Center's Board of Directors meeting.
- Commissioner C. Hegstrom – Worked on multiple drafts of the public summary for the Perez case.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the public at 9:22 p.m.



David A. Brown, Chair