

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 – 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 Cora Ward

ROLL CALL

Present: Nemy Bautista
Scott Gillespie
Dolores Hembree
Jim Jenkins
Roberto Reyes
Bea Roberson
Cora J. Ward
Naomi Williams

Absent: Glenn Stephenson

Vacancies: None

Administrative

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

Council Liaison: Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison – Present

City Attorney's

Office Representative: Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Present

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 7, 2009

Upon motion by **Commissioner Williams** and second by **Commissioner Bautista** the minutes for the regular meeting of October 7, 2009, were approved as written. All were in favor.

III COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN

Councilmember Ritterman commented on the sexual assault that happened at Richmond High School recently. He attended the candlelight vigil last night. He said the Chief has kept the council aware of the progress of the investigation. He said the incident has left a bad stain on the City and they've received many negative e-mails. He also talked about Cyber Tran which is a new, green, light rail that is solar powered. They want to come to Richmond but it is still in the research and development stage. It could be a solution to future transportation problems and it would also provide many job opportunities.

IV COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)

A. Update on Richmond High Sexual Assault Investigation

D/C Medina said that this has been one of the most tragic events that they have had to deal with in many years. It has taken a toll on several of the officers and detectives that responded to and are still working on this case. He reported that they have seven suspects in custody, one has been released with no charges currently, five are formally charged and one is pending charges, three adults, three juveniles. One more is likely to be charged later this week. They have made arrangements to have roving security for the campuses during and after events. They are proposing a plan to have four school resource officers at each event along with school site security. North and East Neighborhood Patrol signed up to volunteer along with fifteen neighborhood residents and will patrol at campus events. **D/C Medina** said they have also talked with the Guardian Angels who want to come on board and start a Richmond chapter of the Guardian Angels. They are also working with several community organizations to explore prevention modules geared toward high school and middle school students. Investigators are working with the DA's office to ensure that the most appropriate and serious charges are filed against all of the suspects involved. They are working on establishing a Family Justice Center to assist victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Commissioner Williams asked if all other schools in the district would be cancelling homecoming events. **D/C Medina** said he wasn't sure and that Kennedy will probably reschedule their event after security measures are in place.

Commissioner Williams asked if the Guardian Angels will be working with ONS. **D/C Medina** said yes.

Commissioner Bautista asked if RPD was capable of handling the new programs that D/C Medina mentioned tonight. **D/C Medina** said yes, they are able to handle them because they will be working in partnership with other groups.

Commissioner Gillespie asked if RPD had any hand in training school personnel for security purposes. **D/C Medina** said they had discussions with the site

supervisors at the beginning of the program. They were on hand to give them basic security instructions.

B. Update on Juvenile Curfew

D/C Medina reported that this project is still in the works. They are working with Trisha Aljoe from the City Attorney's office. She is finalizing some juvenile curfew policies that she will be presenting to Chief Magnus and the council. When it is ready for presentation they will let the Police Commission know.

Commissioner Hembree said the curfew will only work successfully if every city in West County and the county area of West County all adopt the same hours and guidelines.

Commissioner Reyes said the curfew is a violation of civil rights. He said youth could be victimized with this law.

Commissioner Williams said they should get input from the parents before putting a curfew in place.

Commissioner Bautista asked if the curfew will be patterned after Pinole's. **D/C Medina** said Trisha Aljoe has had experience with the City of Concord and she may be using a version similar to theirs.

Commissioner Jenkins suggested using KCRT for public service announcements regarding a curfew.

Commissioner Bautista asked for an update on the recent vehicle fires in Richmond and El Sobrante. **D/C Medina** said the Richmond Fire Department is investigating this case with support from the Police Department with evidence collection.

Chair Ward thanked **D/C Medina** for his report. She said it is important to reach the residents of Richmond to get them involved in rebuilding trust between the Police Department and the residents. She said the city council can reach the public and they should focus on getting the residents involved with the schools and the Police Department.

V **REPORTS BY:**

- **RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**

Off. Hector Esparza passed out invitations for the commissioners to attend their annual Christmas party that will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Concord.

Commissioner Hembree said she wanted to commend the officers who were first to arrive at the high school incident for the excellent job they did and their professionalism in handling the situation.

- **LATINO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**

Off. Hector Esparza said the LPOA had no report.

- **GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE**

No representative present

VI PUBLIC FORUM

No public speakers

VII DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Bautista made a motion to postpone the election until January when all the members of the commission are on board. It was seconded by **Commissioner Reyes**. The motion passed with five ayes.

VIII DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATING POLICE COMMISSION ID CARDS

This item was discussed. Commissioners that want new ID cards can schedule an appointment with the Network Specialist in the Police Department.

IX REPORTS BY:

Commissioner Nemy Bautista

- 10/30/09 – 11/03/09 - Attended Nacole Conference – It was a great experience.
- He will give a more detailed report in January.
- 10/03/09 – Home Front Festival
- 10/04/09 – Fall Festival at Valley View Elementary School
- 10/16/09 – Renaming ceremony of Judge George Carroll Courthouse
- 10/22/09 – May Valley NC meeting
- 10/25/09 – Fund raising event of the United Pangasinanes of America (Relief project for the Philippine typhoon victims)
- 10/26/09 – 4-hr Ride-along with Off. J. Clark

Chair Ward

- Attended Nacole Conference – She gave a presentation on boards and commissions. She said San Francisco has a mediation program through the Office of Citizen Complaints. She would like to see a mediation program in Richmond. She will give a more detailed report in January.

Commissioner Jenkins

- Said it's been a pleasure serving with everyone on the commission. This is his last meeting.

Commissioner Roberson

- Attended RNCC and board meetings
- CABER – Community Emergency Preparedness Group
- Working with own neighborhood group
- Chairman of Crime Prevention Awards Banquet
- Teaching REACT

Commissioner Williams

- Ride-along
- PAL Masquerade Ball
- NC Meeting
- GRIP
- Coronado Scholarship Dinner
- Boxing event at auditorium
- West County Alcohol Policy Working Group meeting
- Crime Prevention Meeting
- Richmond High candlelight vigil

Chair Ward thanked **Commissioner Jenkins** for being a part of the commission.

CIAO Don Casimere

- Thanked **Commissioner Jenkins** for his service on the commission.
- Attended Nacole Conference – Very productive and educational. He said Chair Ward and Commissioners Bautista and Stephenson represented the city very well. Next year's conference will be in Seattle.
- The Daily Activity Log has been given to the commissioners.

X EXECUTIVE SESSION: Public Employee Performance and Discipline/Release (Police Officers)

- A. Discussion and Action Regarding Investigative Report for RPC Complaint #03-2009

Upon motion and second, the report for RPC Complaint #03-2009 and findings of **Unsubstantiated** were accepted.

The Complainant, Officers, and Chief of Police will be notified in writing of the findings regarding this complaint.

- B. Discussion Regarding Complaints Received in the Past Month and Past Complaints

Two complaints were received in the past month. Both received preliminary investigations; neither will be formally investigated.

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XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Don Casimere
Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer