

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, February 1, 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: Nemy Bautista
Felix Hunziker
Bea Roberson
Glenn Stephenson

Absent: Scott Gillespie
Eleanor Thompson

Vacancies: Three

Administrative Staff: Don Casimere, Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer – Absent

Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I – Present

Council Liaison: Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison – Present

City Attorney's Office Representative: Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Absent

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4, 2012

Approval of minutes for 01/04/12 will take place at the next Police Commission meeting.

III REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN

Councilmember Ritterman announced that the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL) chose Richmond for their second campus. He said it is considered to be the biggest

development project in the area in the last decade. They're already starting to meet, as a city team, on how to work with the lab to include science and education in the schools. He reported that CeaseFire is almost ready to be implemented. **Councilmember Ritterman** said he met with a member of the Economic Development Commission who has had a project teaching parenting education to the parents of gang members in Oakland, which has been very successful. The school district here is interested in it as well. He will be working to try and obtain funding and do a pilot program to see if there will be a possibility of expanding it. He said that they are optimistic about LBNL and he hopes that some of the unity that they had bringing that together can be rejuvenated and allow them to work a little more closely across the political spectrum.

Commissioner Bautista notified **Councilmember Ritterman** that there are three vacancies on the commission. He requested help in recruiting new commissioners. **Mr. Ritterman** suggested that someone mention this during public forum at a council meeting. **Commissioner Hunziker** said he sent e-mails out encouraging people to apply. He said there may be applications in that they are not aware of. **Chair Roberson** said she would inquire at the mayor's office and asked **Councilmember Ritterman** to inquire also.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about the outcome of the mutual aid talk with the council. **Councilmember Ritterman** said the chief will be able to make a decision on whether to provide mutual aid in any situation. Capt. Gagan will have authority in the field to make decisions on whether to stay or not. He said they do not want to discourage mutual aid.

Commissioners Hunziker and Stephenson thanked **Councilmember Ritterman** for his help in bringing LBNL to Richmond. **Councilmember Ritterman** said that it was the widespread city support that was important in bringing them here.

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

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

No representative present.

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

Off. John Lopez, Secretary of the RPOA, said he will be attending the regular Police Commission meetings each month.

Commissioner Stephenson inquired about the LPOA annual crab feed. **Off. Lopez** said he will find out when it will take place and let the commission know.

Commissioner Bautista asked how many Latino speaking police officers were assigned in the daytime and nighttime. **Off. Lopez** said he will get the answer for him.

VI PUBLIC FORUM

Gina Swirsding, a member of the Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission, said she is concerned about how people with mental illnesses are treated by law enforcement, and their treatment in emergency rooms and during hospitalizations. She said she is on the Criminal Justice Committee and they are interested in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). She talked about the CIT program in Memphis, TN. She requested to be placed on the agenda at a future meeting so she will have more time to address this issue.

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 gave an update on the public service announcement video. He said they are still conducting interviews. He said he met with **Chair Roberson** and **Commissioner Thompson** to discuss police-community relations. He said they discussed the alleged mistrust in the community towards the police department. They would like to set up “Coffee with a Cop” in different neighborhoods so that officers can meet and interact with residents one-on-one to build relationships. **Commissioner Hunziker** handed out a draft of a letter that explains what the police commission does, that they would like included in the Neighborhood Council newsletters.

VIII REPORTS BY:

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

Chair Roberson

- Ride-along
- Attended Crime Prevention retreat
- Attended neighborhood holiday party
- Working with Red Cross to prepare neighborhoods for earthquakes

Commissioner Stephenson

- Ride-along with Off. Sanchez

IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Chair Bea Roberson