



**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA**

CASE REVIEW – 4:30 PM

Case Review Roll Call

Rotker	Hawkins	Ybarra	Taylor	Smith	Jackson	Roberts	VACANT	Adams
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Public Comment

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on closed session items.

There were no public comments.

Closed Session – Case Review

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:07 PM to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

	CPRC CASE NO.	RPD CASE NO.
1)	14-015	PC-14-05024
2)	14-025	PC-14-07036

The Commission recessed at 5:30 PM to reconvene in the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 PM (OPEN SESSION)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Regular Meeting Roll Call

Rotker	Hawkins	Ybarra	Taylor	Smith	Jackson	Roberts	Andres	Adams
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Oath of Office

City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to newly-appointed CPRC Commissioner Mark Andres.

Recently-appointed Commissioner Mark Andres took the Oath of Office administered by Colleen Nicol, City Clerk for the City of Riverside. Commissioner Andres received a warm welcome from his fellow Commissioners.

Public Comments

Public comment on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction.

Bill Howe introduced Dr. Dedrick Blue, the new senior pastor of the Kansas Avenue Church. Dr. Blue then spoke, noting how happy he was to be in Riverside and his excitement when he discovered there was a civilian oversight board in Riverside. He said this shows Riverside's intent to protect the rights of its police officers and citizens. He also noted that he will support the Commission's work and also work with his community to ensure there is cooperation between the Police Department and community members.

Chair Jackson asked Commissioners if they had any questions or comments.

Dr. Blue was asked what church he belonged to. He responded that he belonged to the "Great Kansas Avenue Seventh-Day Adventist Church."

Charles Rock, through Kathy Veylit, introduced themselves as members of the Mayor's Model Deaf Community Committee. Ms. Veylit said they would like their Committee to have a good relationship with the Commission.

Chair Jackson told them that any time they wanted to come to a CPRC meeting, to let Staff know so sign language interpreters could be available. She also asked that the Commission be told of any events in the deaf community. Ms. Veylit said that there is a Deaf Awareness Week in September and a picnic is held. Ms. Veylit also noted that there are issues in the deaf community regarding contacts with police officers, noting that interpreters are not available when needed and she said they want to work on fixing that.

Chair Jackson said the September event would be noted, but asked for a reminder invitation. She also told Ms. Veylit that if there was a desire to meet with a Commissioner on a one-on-one basis, to contact Ms. Sherron in the CPRC office.

Chair Jackson asked Commissioners if they had any questions or comments. There were none.

Jason Hunter commented on a police report he obtained regarding an incident in which he was involved. He expressed concern regarding the narrative portion which was, for the most part, redacted, and he doesn't know why. He said he believed the reason for the redaction was that while he was a City of

Riverside employee, he was included in a group of City employees who were monitored because City management felt they were dangerous employees. He said he felt he was considered dangerous because he was a whistle-blower and that he believed this program was used to "harass and intimidate" him while he was an employee. He said he wanted the Commission to investigate whether or not such a program actually exists, how it is being used, and if it is being used correctly. He also asked that the Commission audit RPD's asset forfeiture program. He next noted that the community is going to be looking at the makeup of the Commission as it currently seems to have a very heavy law enforcement presence. He said the community is going to look into whether or not a bias exists because of this. Last, he asked about RPD's presence at this meeting, questioning whether the Chief or Assistant Chief was generally at Commission meetings.

Chair Jackson asked Commissioners if they had any questions or comments.

Commissioner Ybarra asked Mr. Hunter who he meant when he would say "we," who he represented. Mr. Hunter said the greater community and people in the community groups whose meetings he attends. Commissioner Ybarra noted that it is nothing formal. Mr. Hunter said it is just the people he talks to.

Commissioner Hawkins said that Commissioners understand the Commission's heavy law enforcement presence. He asked Mr. Hunter if he had insight as to whether there is a transparency issue because of that. Mr. Hunter said the question is whether the CPRC is truly reflective of the community at large and he noted that the City Council would be approached concerning this.

Vice-Chair Adams told Mr. Hunter that she did not understand his comments about a "program in city" and asked for clarification. Mr. Hunter said that when he was a City employee, he learned, during a staff meeting, about a program the City had where potentially dangerous employees were monitored by RPD. He said he believed that he was in the program because he was a whistle-blower and posed a threat to the City, business-wise and politically. He said that he wants to know if this program actually exists and that if it does, it is not abused like it was in his situation.

Chair Jackson told Mr. Hunter that she was familiar with his case and his ethics complaint. She said that his concerns regarding issues with City Hall don't fall within the Commission's jurisdiction and asked Mr. Hunter how he wanted the Commission to look at these concerns. Mr. Hunter said that the Commission would have at least limited jurisdiction regarding any program that involved RPD. Chair Jackson agreed that the Commission would have jurisdiction regarding RPD, but not City Hall. Mr. Hunter said it might be that RPD is not actually used for this program, the City contracts with outside investigators.

Mr. Hauptmann said that the Municipal Code and the City Charter are very specific about what the Commission can investigate. Citizen complaints and officer-involved deaths fall within the Commission's jurisdiction and can be investigated. If something were brought to the Commission in the form of a citizen complaint that would be the method by which something could be looked into. Mr. Hauptmann told Mr. Hunter that he didn't want him to think the Commission would investigate the concerns he had mentioned when, in fact, they could not because it was not within the Commission's jurisdiction. Mr. Hunter then asked if the Commission could look at RPD policies. Mr. Hauptmann said that was not the case, but that a complaint would have to be filed against a member of RPD after which the Commission could begin to look into things.

Mr. Hunter asked if the Commission had the right to independently investigate things themselves. Mr. Hauptmann said the Commission can make policy recommendations, but told Mr. Hunter that the Commission couldn't conduct an investigation into the concerns he had raised. Mr. Hunter recommended that the Commission review the asset forfeiture policy and the policy covering the program regarding City employees the City considers dangerous. He said that he had wanted to give the Commission the opportunity to review these things before he went to City Council about them.

Chair Jackson said that if the police asset forfeiture policy was a manager program and not necessarily a sworn Riverside police employee, that it wouldn't be in the Commission's jurisdiction because the Commission has jurisdiction with sworn employees only.

Mr. Hunter said he was not making any accusations or allegations regarding any misuse of police asset forfeiture, but calling for more of an audit to ensure that the purpose, incentive, and oversight of the program was proper.

Commissioner Smith began by noting that while he was one of the newest Commissioners, he wanted to comment on the diversity of the Commission and an excess of Commissioners with a law enforcement background. He noted that he works in the private sector and that he believed the Commission's law enforcement presence was a tremendous asset because of the insight that knowledge brought to discussion.

Commissioner Hawkins said he didn't believe review of the asset forfeiture policy by the Commission was within the Commission's jurisdiction, but rather review of policy pertaining to use of force. He said that even if Mr. Hunter filed a formal complaint about asset forfeiture with the City Council, he didn't believe the Commission could review it. Mr. Hunter said he would look into that.

Chair Jackson clarified that the Commission doesn't look at RPD policy unless it relates to officer-involved death cases, but that the Commission could look at any type of policy violation. She noted that it has to be in regard to sworn officers.

Commissioner Andres asked Mr. Hunter if he had gotten a copy of the asset forfeiture policy from RPD. Mr. Hunter said he had seen a copy of that policy. Commissioner Andres asked if Mr. Hunter had concerns with it. Mr. Hunter said he had concerns regarding the oversight of the funds and determining whether or not the money being spent and accounted for properly. Commissioner Andres then asked what the policies of the asset forfeiture are. Mr. Hunter said that he believed the police asset forfeiture was an area that needed to be looked at a little more closely. Commissioner Andres suggested that Mr. Hunter bring his concerns to the attention of the City Council.

Mr. Hunter said he had looked at the Commission's mission statement and that it mentioned policy recommendations. Chair Jackson said it does, but that it pertains to sworn employees. She said that if a citizen were to complain about a non-sworn employee, comments could be made to someone, but that the Commission had no jurisdiction to review the complaint. Mr. Hunter asked if that would require a change to the Municipal Code or City Charter. He was told it would and responded that that could be done.

Chair Jackson said that she was aware that Mr. Hunter regularly attended City Council meetings and asked if he was on the Charter committee. Mr. Hunter said the committee she was referring to was actually the committee to change the Code of Ethics and Conduct. He said he was not on that committee, but heavily involved with that and that he was the reason that committee was formed.

Chair Jackson asked Commissioners if they had any other questions or comments for Mr. Hunter. As there were none, she thanked Mr. Hunter for his time. Mr. Hunter said that he had come to the meeting to give the Commission a "heads' up" because the Commission is where citizens can voice concerns or accolades they may have regarding activities within RPD.

Paul Chavez said he would be speaking about the Jimenez case, noting that he had been doing this now for over a year and several months. He said the Commission "needs to put a fire under" RPD to get the case to them because it was taking longer than it should. He said he didn't understand why that case hadn't been given to the Commission yet, but hoped that his presence would help.

Chair Jackson said the Commission was still waiting for that case, but noted that the Commission was working towards putting together a mental health forum, which Vice-Chair Adams would talk about later in the meeting. Chair Jackson said that the forum was a result of various cases the Commission had seen or would be looking at and told Mr. Chavez that the Commission understood his concerns, but that nothing could be discussed until the Commission received the case.

Mr. Chavez asked if there was anything that could be done to expedite the Commission getting the case and asked Mr. Hauptmann specifically if he could do anything to get the case to the Commission.

Chair Jackson asked Commissioners if they had any questions or comments for Mr. Chavez. As there were none, she thanked Mr. Chavez for his comments.

Approval of Minutes

A) December 10 Regular Meeting

Minutes for Approval:		December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting	
Motion:	Hawkins	Approve:	Rotker, Hawkins, Ybarra, Taylor, Jackson, Roberts, Adams
Second:	Taylor	Oppose:	None
		Abstain:	Smith, Andres

CPRC Ad-hoc Committees

Reports from Committee Chairs, with Commission discussion and action, if any, regarding respective Committee activities and / or recommendations:

- A) Policies, Procedures, and By Laws Committee:** Commissioner Rotker – Chair
- B) Outreach Committee:** Vice-Chair Adams – Chair
- C) Policing and Mental Health Committee:** Vice-Chair Adams – Chair
- D) NACOLE 2015 Conference Planning Committee:** Commissioner Roberts – Chair

A) Policies, Procedures, and By Laws Committee: Commissioner Rotker – Chair
 Commissioner Rotker reported that the Committee was continuing its work on updates and was currently working on the OID section in the Commission's Policies and Procedures. He said the Committee hoped to meet again early in February.

B) Outreach Committee: Vice-Chair Adams – Chair
 Vice-Chair Adams said the Commission hadn't met recently and asked if either of the new Commissioners would be interested in joining and Commissioner Andres volunteered. Vice-Chair Adams commented on the Exceptional Officer award and said she hoped the Commission would be asked to visit the high schools again.

C) Policing and Mental Health Committee: Vice-Chair Adams – Chair
 Vice-Chair Adams said that Lt. Hoxmeier had sent her an e-mail with contact information for some people at Riverside County Department of Mental Health who he thought would be good to assist with setting up the Mental Health forum. These contacts knew of others who they felt it would be good to include in the development of the forum. A meeting was eventually scheduled for February 25th.

D) NACOLE 2015 Conference Planning Committee: Commissioner Roberts – Chair
 Commissioner Roberts deferred to Chair Jackson because she had been more involved in recent activities.

Chair Jackson advised of the NACOLE Board's visit and that they would be arriving on January 29th. She spoke of the Board President's reception at the Mission Inn. She said the Board and the Commission's Planning Committee would be meeting on Friday and the Board would also be touring the different sites that will be used for various aspects of the conference.

Chair Jackson said that the Board will be on a tight schedule. One of their activities will be to review the 40 or so workshop RFPs that were submitted and make a tentative decision on which ones they would like to present for the conference. She said that since she and Commissioner Roberts were on NACOLE's Planning Committee, they would know which workshops had been selected soon after the Board's visit.

Chair Jackson said that after the Board's visit, they will have a better idea what will be needed from the Commission. She said that could include fundraising ideas or just helping to make things happen and that

it's up to the Commission to be "fantastic hosts."

Chair Jackson said that she was also on NACOLE's Scholarship Committee. She said that she and Ms. Sherron went to two local restaurants, Heroes and Mezcal, to get information for the Scholarship fundraiser dinner. She noted that the Scholarship dinner raises funds to help bring people to the conference who might not be able to afford it otherwise.

Chair Jackson expressed her thanks to those on the local Planning Committee. She said it has been busy up to this point, but it will become much busier between now and October.

Chair Jackson asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Rotker asked how many Board members would be coming to Riverside. Chair Jackson said that she wasn't sure how many people were on the Board. Commissioner Roberts said she thought they were all supposed to attend, but didn't know if everyone would be present. Chair Jackson said she thought there were 12 Board members. Commissioner Rotker then asked when the Board would be arriving and when they would be leaving. Chair Jackson said they would arrive on January 29th and leave on Monday (February 2nd).

Commissioner Smith asked how many people generally attend NACOLE conferences. Chair Jackson said NACOLE is anticipating approximately 350 at this year's conference, but she said that number could be conservative because California typically has a larger draw due to east coast weather.

Meetings and Training Sessions

Reports from Commissioners regarding CPRC-based meetings, non-Outreach meetings, and / or training sessions attended in December / January.

Chair Jackson turned this item over to Vice-Chair Adams.

Chair Jackson:

- December 15: NACOLE Conference Planning Committee meeting
- January 6: Toured Heroes and Mezcal restaurants with Ms. Sherron and Megan Alfaro, Riverside Convention and Visitors Bureau
- January 12: Meeting with Vice-Chair Adams and Mr. Hauptmann
- January 12: NACOLE Conference Planning Committee meeting

Vice-Chair Adams:

- January 12: Meeting with Chair Jackson and Mr. Hauptmann
- January: Numerous phone calls regarding Mental Health and Lt. Hoxmeier

Mr. Hauptmann:

- Meeting with Chair Jackson and Vice-Chair Adams

Ms. Sherron:

- January 6: Toured Heroes and Mezcal restaurants with Chair Jackson and Megan Alfaro, Riverside Convention and Visitors Bureau

Outreach

A) December / January Outreach

Reports from Commissioners regarding community meetings or events which they attended.

Vice-Chair Adams asked Commissioners to report on their recent Outreach activities.

Commissioner Ybarra:

- December 16: City Council Meeting – Chair's Report to Council
- December 17: Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-Day Adventist Church – panel discussion regarding recent events throughout the country and use-of-force issues

Commissioner Hawkins:

- December 16: City Council Meeting – Chair's Report to Council
- January 9: RPD Ride-Along

Commissioner Roberts:

- December 16: City Council Meeting – Chair's Report to Council

Commissioner Taylor:

- January 24: Walk with the Mayor

Chair Jackson:

- December 16: City Council Meeting – Chair's Report to Council

Commissioner Smith:

- November 15: Grand Re-Opening of Villegas Park Community Center
- December 16: City Council Meeting – Chair's Report to Council
- January 9: RPD Ride-Along

Vice-Chair Adams:

- December 16: City Council Meeting – Chair's Report to Council

Mr. Hauptmann:

- December 16: City Council Meeting – Chair's Report to Council

B) Upcoming Outreach Events

Vice-Chair Adams said she was not aware of any upcoming Outreach events.

Ms. Sherron asked if the Eastside Easter Egg Hunt and Health Fair was something the Commission would want to attend in the future, noting that it was just something to think about.

Vice-Chair Adams said that when she and Commissioner Hawkins staffed the Commission's table for the Black History Parade and Expo last year, it was their impression that it wasn't really a beneficial use of time. She said that when the Outreach Committee meets again, having a table at functions of this sort could be discussed, but she said she thought it would be better to attend community meetings and events where people are actually looking for information about the Commission.

Chair Jackson expanded on Vice-Chair Adams' comment, noting that in the past, the Commission has had a table at health fairs and other similar events. However, it happened that handouts were being given to kids more frequently than information about the Commission was being given to adults. She said that these events were not attended last year, but whether or not future events would be attended could be discussed.

Commissioner Hawkins told Ms. Sherron that if it was something that was important in the past, he would be willing to attend the events. Ms. Sherron said that this had been discussed occasionally and agreed with Vice-Chair Adams' comments that handouts are being given to kids more than information is being given to the adults. Ms. Sherron also noted that, initially, these events were attended to get the Commission's name out to the public, but said that some of these communities are now familiar with the Commission and the Outreach Committee can discuss this and decide if it really is a productive use of time.

Chair Jackson said the Commission should be out in the community meeting people and that's part of what attending these events are all about. She asked if the Outreach Committee could revisit this topic and Vice-Chair Adams said they could.

Chair Jackson also noted that the new Outreach at the high schools was very important and very well received. She said that will be discussed again as well.

Commissioner Smith said that Outreach events should be prioritized according to impact. He said that, in light of current events, he had some ideas about areas in which the Commission can make a true impact. Chair Jackson asked if he would be expanding on his ideas in Item 15 and he said he would be.

C) Future Outreach Opportunities

- 1) Input from Outreach Coordinator on potential outreach events
- 2) Input from Commission Members on potential outreach events

Vice-Chair Adams asked if anyone knew of any future events. She said that the next Walk with Mayor was coming up in March. She said there was also a Bike with the Mayor in February, but that she didn't know the date.

Commissioner Taylor said that the Lunar Fair was coming up in a couple weeks.

Vice-Chair Adams said the Outreach Committee would discuss events and prioritize them based on their impact.

There were no other Outreach opportunities noted.

Chair Jackson noted that the previous agenda item listed upcoming training. She said that those who would be attending that had, by now, received the admission ticket and transportation information. Ms. Sherron said that the training session tickets had been purchased, but that she had not yet bought the train tickets for transportation to Los Angeles. She said that those who would be attending the training would need to come by the CPRC office to pick up the train tickets and would let everyone know when she had them.

OLD BUSINESS

Hopes Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation

Continue discussion and action, if any, on the Hopes OID Case Evaluation. The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

- A) Stage I – Commission Member Review: Completed
- B) Stage II – Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation: Completed
- C) Stage III – Policy and Procedure Process: Completed
- D) Stage IV – Deliberation and Finding Process: In Process
- E) Stage V – Recommendation Process: In Process
- F) Stage VI – Written Public Report: In Process

Chair Jackson opened by noting that she had asked that Commissioners have their rationales submitted in time for discussion at this meeting. She then gave Commissioners an opportunity to comment on their findings and rationales, and whether they had any recommendations.

Chair Jackson said that when she reviews these cases, she looks at the use of force and the way the case was investigated. Based on RPD's Policy 4.30, Use of Force, she said that officers have a right to defend themselves and others against a suspect's intended injuries, and have a right to prevent the escape of a violent suspect who could cause harm to others. She said that both officers involved in this incident had the right to stop the suspect's threat to them and others and, as a result, their actions are within the boundaries of RPD's Use of Force Policy.

Chair Jackson said that she also reviewed RPD Policy 4.8, Investigations of Officer-Involved Shootings and Incidents Where Death or Serious Likelihood of Death Results. She noted that other information she used in her review of this case consisted of Asst. Chief Vicino's briefing to the Commission, newspaper articles, Investigator Mike Bumcrot's reports, the Fact Sheet prepared by Mr. Hauptmann, and then a cover-to-cover review of the RPD's criminal casebook. She said that, based on her review of this information, RPD's involved parties "professionally and thoroughly" handled this case in accordance with their policy, and noted that she found this case completely Within Policy.

Vice-Chair Adams said that in addition to Chair Jackson's comments, the officers repeatedly issued commands to Mr. Hopes to drop his weapon and to do as they were asking, but Mr. Hopes repeatedly failed to obey the officers' commands. She said that it was Mr. Hopes' refusal to do that that resulted in his death. Vice-Chair Adams said that she also found the officers' actions Within Policy.

Commissioner Smith said that Chair Jackson's comments were a good example as to the benefits of having Commissioners with law enforcement experience. He said that for those without law enforcement experience, the case is plain and simple. The suspect had a gun which he pointed at the officers and the officers took the necessary actions. Commissioner Smith also found the officers' actions Within Policy. He said that Mr. Hopes' .39 blood alcohol content probably contributed to the outcome of the incident.

Commissioner Ybarra said that one topic that has come up in the past during discussions of critical events, was the creation of exigent circumstances and questions regarding who is in command. With this incident, sergeants responded immediately, providing supervision and tactical planning which resulted in a controlled event and was well-handled.

Chair Jackson asked for a motion for the finding in this case.

Motion for Approval:		That the actions of the involved officers in the Hopes OID were Within Policy	
Motion:	Smith	Approve:	Rotker, Hawkins, Ybarra, Taylor, Smith, Jackson, Roberts, Adams
Second:	Taylor	Oppose:	None
		Abstain:	Andres

Chair Jackson asked if Commissioners had any policy recommendations. As there were none, Chair Jackson asked Mr. Hauptmann to begin drafting the public report.

Commissioner Taylor noted that the Commission now has no OID cases ready for evaluation. Chair Jackson asked that Mr. Hauptmann get an update from RPD on the pending cases.

2014 Annual Report

Discussion and action, if any, on Draft No. 1 of the 2014 Annual Report.

Chair Jackson asked Ms. Sherron to give an update on the progress of the Annual Report.

Ms. Sherron informed the Commission that she had updated all the charts. She said she was in the process of updating the OID section and would be modifying the opening paragraph. She said this change would include hyperlinked text that could be used to go to the OID webpages when the document was viewed in .PDF format. She also noted that readers would be advised that if they clicked on a decedent's name, they could go directly to the webpage containing the information regarding that case. She said that the Policy Recommendations section needed to be updated. She also asked for photos.

Ms. Sherron noted that Chair Jackson wanted to recognize the Ad-hoc Committees since most Commissioners, as well as Staff, had been very involved with Committee activities and meetings this past year. Ms. Sherron said that she had also created a new page after the Outreach section that listed the

numerous Committee meetings, as well as other meetings held and attended in 2014. The following page would have photos of the various Committee members as a group and while at work.

Ms. Sherron asked that Commissioners let her know about any suggestions they might have for the 2014 Annual Report.

Commissioner Rotker suggested the Commission take a group photo. Chair Jackson said that she and Ms. Sherron had discussed taking a picture of the entire Commission and Staff for use on the cover of the annual report. Chair Jackson asked that Commissioners be present for the February meeting so that pictures could be taken. She also noted that this picture would serve a dual purpose in that it would also be used for a pamphlet or brochure that would be included in the registration bag given to NACOLE Conference attendees.

NEW BUSINESS

Agendizing New Items

Discussion regarding agendizing items for future Commission consideration.

Chair Jackson began by noting that, at the December meeting during, Vice-Chair Adams had shared a topic she believed was important and had asked that it be agendized for future discussion. Chair Jackson said that when something is brought up to be agendized for future discussion, it is only to request that the topic be agendized and not to initiate discussion because it has to be agendized before discussion can actually take place. Chair Jackson apologized and said that she had erred by allowing Commissioners to comment on the topic which Vice-Chair Adams wanted to agendize for a future meeting. Chair Jackson said it should have been agendized before any discussion took place.

Chair Jackson said she had agendized this particular item because she wanted Commissioners to know that any Commissioner, as well as Staff, is able to request that an item be agendized for discussion. She said that open discussion is definitely wanted, but that she would make sure that any topics requested for future consideration would be agendized first with discussion taking place at the meeting for which that subject has been agendized.

Chair Jackson said that because there were so many comments regarding Vice-Chair Adams' topic, she and Vice-Chair Adams had met with Mr. Hauptmann to discuss the subject. She said that would be addressed in the following agenda item, but asked if Commissioners had any questions or comments regarding this item before going to the next one.

Commissioner Andres asked how a Commissioner would go about agendizing an item. Chair Jackson said a Commissioner could make a request during a meeting. She said that if a Commissioner wanted to have something agendized, but it was after a meeting, Staff should be contacted so that the item could be added to a future agenda.

Commissioner Rotker asked Staff if Commissioners could request to have items agendized outside of a meeting or if that could only be done during open meetings. Mr. Hauptmann said Commissioners could request that items be agendized during meetings, but that they could do so outside of meetings as well.

Chair Jackson also noted that Staff would need additional information for the item so that a brief description could follow the agenda item title.

Mr. Hauptmann recommended that he be contacted so that the potential agenda item and its title could be discussed.

Commissioner Rotker said that if an item is agendized between meetings, that Commissioners wouldn't know of that item until the meeting for which it was agendized and that it wouldn't have been discussed prior to that. Mr. Hauptmann confirmed that. He said that items don't have to be discussed prior to them being agendized and used Commissioner Smith's agenda item as an example.

Commissioner Rotker asked if it was appropriate to agendize an item in this manner when that item may require a vote. He said this might not offer Commissioners enough time to learn about the subject matter. Mr. Hauptmann said there probably wouldn't be a vote until it had been adequately discussed. Mr. Rotker asked if there was a rule stating there should be no vote during a meeting after a new item is first discussed. Mr. Hauptmann said there was not, noting that if the item was such that the Commission needed to vote on it, that vote would most likely take place at the end of the discussion. He stated that it would not be appropriate to make a motion not to vote on it prior to discussion taking place. Mr. Hauptmann also noted that if it happened that more time was needed for an item, a request can be made that the vote take place at a future meeting, but the topic could also be something very simple that had been discussed and could be readily addressed.

Commissioner Smith said that if the item was about something serious, the Commission could decide to continue discussion at the next meeting.

Self-Assessment for CPRC Effectiveness

Discussion regarding the Commission's effectiveness and its potential for improvement.

Chair Jackson began by saying that she had asked for this item to be titled "Self-Assessment for CPRC Effectiveness." She said that she had met with Vice-Chair Adams and Mr. Hauptmann to discuss agendizing the topic raised by Vice-Chair Adams during the December meeting and had resulted in comments and discussion by most of the Commissioners. On reviewing the December minutes, Chair Jackson said it evolved into something Vice-Chair Adams had not intended or expected.

Chair Jackson said there had been an article in the Press-Enterprise ([Lessons from 1998 Police Shooting Still Apply](#)) that stated that, "Though some residents said the city's Community Police Review Commission isn't as effective as they'd like, they and officials agree on its importance in building public trust. The commission helps reassure people that with controversial or concerning events, "We inside the police department are not the last word. We're not the only ones to review it,"" which was a quote by Chief Diaz.

Chair Jackson said that one of the things Vice-Chair Adams was commenting on was the Commission's need to do a self-assessment and try to determine if the Commission can improve on what it does and not that the Commission is failing in its duties. Chair Jackson said that one way the Commission can make this assessment is to be out in the community, interact with the public, and find out what they have to say.

Chair Jackson said that during the meeting with Vice-Chair Adams and Mr. Hauptmann, she and Vice-Chair Adams discussed meeting with community group leaders to learn about how they feel the Commission is doing, what it is doing right, and get ideas on how the Commission might be able to do even better.

Chair Jackson said she reviewed the Commission's activities during the past year and said it was important for the Commission to focus on its accomplishments, many of which resulted from outreach in the community. She noted that the Commission's level of outreach is greater than it has ever been, for the public and the Police Department. She noted the Commission has received a greater level of training than in the past. RPD is always willing to provide this when requested and Mr. Hauptmann also helps involve Commissioners in training that helps them to do their jobs better. She said that NACOLE is now coming to Riverside. She looked at Commission activities that resulted from Outreach and OIDs, specifically holding a mental health forum to address this concern. She noted that she and Vice-Chair Adams were also invited to attend meetings in the Eastside that stemmed from policing and mental health concerns. She continued by noting that Outreach at high schools and colleges came from being out in the community and learning of the need.

Chair Jackson then spoke of the information provided on the CPRC website. She said that she had suggested a modification to the OID portion of the website to Ms. Sherron, who then made those modifications allowing for easier use. Chair Jackson noted that if someone wants to learn about a case,

they only have to click on the decedent's name and everything about that case, as well as the timeframes, is available and very transparent.

Chair Jackson next noted that in the past year or so, she had asked for assistance with certain things and as a result, several ad-hoc committees were formed with all Commissioners becoming involved. She said that these Committees have been addressing various things, including the updating of the Commission's Policies, Procedures, and Bylaws.

Chair Jackson said that Ms. Sherron had mentioned earlier that the Commission had reviewed six officer-involved death cases in 2014. Chair Jackson said that while reviews were not being rushed, they were being reviewed more methodically and eliminating the delays that existed in the past. She said this is a credit to the Commissioners for working to progress through these cases in a very timely manner.

Chair Jackson also commented on the makeup of the Commission. She said that there have been comments about the number of Commissioners with a law enforcement background. She said that she, too, was very concerned when these Commissioners were appointed because it might give the perception that the Commission would lean too much that way. She said that her concerns were not realized and that no one actually looks at cases more critically than those with law enforcement experience. She said that when both complaints and OIDs are discussed, these cases are not just signed off, but thoroughly discussed.

Chair Jackson said that these items are some of the things she focuses on when she is out in the community. She noted that these are the things the Commission has done, but also asked what else is there that the Commission can do. She said that the Commission should not be afraid to do a self-assessment and should always be open for improvement.

Chair Jackson ended her comments, saying that she hoped she hadn't gone "180" off of Vice-Chair Adams' December comments. She said that she felt Vice-Chair Adams had only been commenting on the various incidents that had occurred in the country and that the Commission was doing a good job, but wondering if there might be some way in which the Commission could do its job even better.

Chair Jackson asked Vice-Chair Adams for her comments.

Vice-Chair Adams said that had been what she had meant to do because there are members of the public who do question the Commission's effectiveness. She said that because police accountability and civilian oversight are very much in peoples' minds throughout the country, that this commission should make every effort to ensure that it is as effective as it can possibly be. She said that was her only intent and that she had not meant to imply that the Commission was not doing its job well or effectively, but felt that the Commission should reach out to community leaders, find out what concerns they have, and if they have suggestions about how the Commission can improve. She also noted that Chair Jackson's comment about the Commission's law enforcement members needs to be commented on in public because of the perception it gives and that commenting about it in advance to it being brought up is not a bad thing.

Vice-Chair Adams said that she and Chair Jackson came up with some good ideas about community members they can meet with and once they have done that, they will report to the Commission on what they learn.

Chair Jackson also encouraged Commissioners to go back out into the community. She said that she had not been as involved this past year with community meetings and events due to Committee activities, but that her goal for 2015 was to get more involved with the community.

Mr. Hauptmann said that when the CPRC was in the process of being created, the Long Beach Commission was used as the model. He said it was interesting that he recently spoke with a representative from the Long Beach commission because they are doing a self-assessment. He said that Long Beach is looking at what other commissions are doing and will decide on whether or not they want to emulate. Mr. Hauptmann said that Riverside has more transparency than any city with civilian oversight. He said that Long Beach was "in disbelief" that criminal casebooks for the OIDs are online and available to

the public. Mr. Hauptmann recalled that community members had expressed concerns about what the Commission received or was not given in the public versions of OIDs. As a result, Chief Diaz and Asst. Chief Vicino said they wanted the Commission to be given everything except what they were legally obligated to withhold or redact and that RPD now has a policy in place regarding this. Mr. Hauptmann said that Long Beach only reviews OIDs if there is a complaint.

Mr. Hauptmann said that the Commission is the voice, the eyes, and the ears of the public and that Long Beach was doing a self-assessment because of what is happening across the country.

Commissioner Rotker said he had no objection to getting input from the public, but that it should also be done with RPD. He suggested that presentations be made during roll call and should also be given to the RPOA. Chair Jackson agreed and asked if he would be willing to help with this. Commissioner Rotker said he would.

Increased Proactive CPRC Outreach

Discussion regarding increased Commission Outreach in the wake of nationwide protests.

Chair Jackson opened this item and turned its presentation over to Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Smith said that while he had not been present at the December meeting, he had listened to the meeting audio. He said that the discussion had influenced him concerning the public's perception regarding various incidents across the country. Commissioner Smith then gave a presentation on the following slides and asked for comments afterward ("[CPRC Extended Outreach Proposal](#)" Slides).

- Premises for Extended Outreach Proposal
- Riverside already has a solution – the CPRC
- Does Riverside currently have a problem with perception of racially-motivated deadly force?
- What type of extended Outreach?
- Agenda for such Outreach meetings?
- Why RPD and CPRC together?

Commissioner Andres complimented Commissioner Smith's presentation. He said he could see the hardest part of his job with the Commission would be Outreach, asking, "How do I accomplish that? What do I do?" and noted that he was open to suggestions. Chair Jackson said that other Commissioners could help with that. She recommended teaming up with other Commissioners. She said that it helped her to go to events with other Commissioners and has attended Outreach events with most of them. Chair Jackson said she believed there would be a big focus on Outreach this year and said that community meetings were a great way to start.

Vice-Chair Adams invited Commissioner Smith to join the Outreach Committee and they could discuss groups and people the Commission could reach out to. She noted that the Commission needs input from the community on what the Commission does and said she felt his comments regarding educating would be a good addition to her suggestions. Commissioner Smith volunteered to join the Outreach Committee.

Commissioner Taylor agreed that education was key. He noted for Commissioner Andres' benefit that LANA's meeting (La Sierra Neighborhood Alliance) had been held this evening at RPD's Magnolia Station. Commissioner Taylor also suggested that Commissioner Andres research RRR (Residents for Responsible Representation), another La Sierra – Wards 6 and 7 group that meets monthly.

Chair Jackson also said that the Mayor's Night Out is a good event to attend. She noted that even if the event was not specific to a Commissioner's ward, it was still just as important for Commissioners to attend, if possible.

Staff Report

Mr. Hauptmann welcomed Commissioner Mark Andres to the Commission. He said that Commissioner Andres' experience as a risk manager for the City of San Bernardino would be beneficial.

Mr. Hauptmann also reminded Commissioners of the NACOLE President's Reception at the Mission Inn on Thursday evening (January 29th) and the luncheon the local Planning Committee would attend at the Convention Center on Friday (January 30th).

Commission Member Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members may use this time to make brief announcements or a brief report on their own activities.

Commissioner Andres said he was happy to have been selected to serve on the Commission. Commissioner Smith told Commissioner Andres that when he went on RPD ride-alongs, he would be asked to speak to the officers during roll call.

Mr. Hauptmann noted that was something that the current Captain and Lieutenant have started doing. Mr. Hauptmann said that he hoped that CPRC would start being included in new officer orientation.

Chair Jackson offered to accompany Commissioner Andres to this portion of a ride-along, if he wanted her to.

Items for Future Commission Consideration

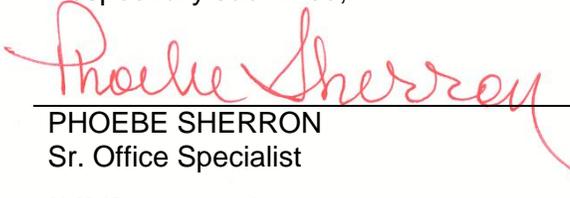
Items for future Commission consideration can be agendaized by any Commissioner. Discussion and action, if any, will occur only during the meeting for which that item has been agendaized.

There were no items for future consideration.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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