



CASE REVIEW / REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA**

CASE REVIEW – 4:00 PM

Case Review Roll Call

Rotker	Hawkins	Ybarra	Taylor	Smith	Jackson	Roberts	Andres	Adams
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STAFF: Frank Hauptmann, CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

CPRC 2015 Officer Elections

Annual election of CPRC Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Jackson opened for the 2015 CPRC Officer Elections. Mr. Hauptmann was asked if he had received nominations from any Commissioners. As he had none, Chair Jackson opened for nominations.

Commissioner Hawkins nominated Chair Jackson for Chair; Vice-Chair Adams seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Chair Jackson accepted the nomination.

Ms. Sherron called for the vote for Robin Jackson as Chair:

Rotker	Hawkins	Ybarra	Taylor	Smith	Jackson	Roberts	Andres	Adams
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Robin Jackson was unanimously elected as the 2015 CPRC Chair.

Commissioner Hawkins nominated Vice-Chair Adams for Vice-Chair; Commissioner Ybarra seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Vice-Chair Adams accepted the nomination.

Ms. Sherron then called for the vote for Jane Adams as Vice-Chair:

Rotker	Hawkins	Ybarra	Taylor	Smith	Jackson	Roberts	Andres	Adams
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Jane Adams was unanimously elected as the 2015 CPRC Vice-Chair.

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 4:10 PM to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

	CPRC CASE NO.	RPD CASE NO.
1)	13-020	PA-13-06035
2)	14-021	PC-14-07035
3)	14-030	PC-14-08042
4)	14-033	PC-14-10047

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

5:30 PM – REGULAR MEETING

Audio for the following proceedings is available at www.riversideca.gov/cprc.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Regular Meeting Roll Call

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Public Comments

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

Chair Jackson opened for public comments.

Errol Koschewitz voiced his concern about grant money the Riverside Police Department (RPD) receives and how it is being used. He also expressed concern about officers spending a large amount of money on lunch at Ancho's. He asked for oversight regarding the expenditure of the grant money RPD receives and asked for an explanation regarding what the grant money is used for.

As Mr. Koschewitz was under the impression that the Police Commission is part of the Police Department, Chair Jackson informed him that that is not the case. She also asked him about his comment regarding lunch at Ancho's. Mr. Koschewitz said that members of RPD had spent approximately \$800 for lunch at Ancho's.

Chair Jackson reiterated that the Commission is not part of RPD, but that an RPD representative usually attended Commission meetings. She also explained the purpose of the Commission.

Commissioner Rotker said that the Commission is under the supervision of the City Manager. He also noted that the Commission has no control over RPD's budget. Commissioner Rotker suggested that any concerns be taken to the City Manager or City Council.

Commissioner Taylor also stated that CPRC Commissioners are all volunteers and that they have no monetary gain by serving on the Commission.

Paul Chavez voiced his concerns regarding the length of time it was taking for the Commission to be given the Jimenez OID case that it looks suspicious that Commission hasn't received it yet.

Chair Jackson said the Commission was also concerned that it was taking so long for the casebook to be sent to the Commission. She then asked Mr. Hauptmann about recent information he had received regarding the older pending OID cases. Mr. Hauptmann said that the Jimenez case, along with some others, had not yet been returned to RPD by the DA's office.

Mr. Chavez said it seemed like there was a cover-up. Mr. Hauptmann said that RPD had asked the previous DA to expedite the OIDs. He also stated that RPD and the involved officers want to know the DA's decision too and that there shouldn't be anything missing from the investigations.

Commissioner Rotker agreed that it is taking a long time to get the case, but that when the Commission finally receives it, it will be reviewed as quickly as possible.

Bill Howe apologized for speaking out of order at the February meeting. He said he was upset about comments another speaker had made.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for Approval:		February 25, 2015 Regular Meeting	
Motion:	Rotker	Approve:	Rotker, Hawkins, Ybarra, Taylor, Smith, Jackson, Roberts, Andres, Adams
Second:	Taylor	Oppose:	None
		Abstain:	None

RPD Briefing

Preliminary briefing on the officer-involved death of Steven Lewis on February 23, 2015.

Lt. Larry Gonzalez briefed the Commission on the Lewis incident. (The audio and slideshow presentation for the RPD Briefing are available on the CPRC website.)

Questions were then asked of Lt. Gonzalez regarding the incident.

Commissioner Taylor:

- How did he enter the residence where he killed himself?
 - I don't know.

Commissioner Rotker:

- The officers fired four rounds. Did any of these rounds hit the suspect?
 - I believe one hit the suspect in the abdomen.
- How was it known that the cause of the suspect's death was self-inflicted?
 - There was a wound to his head.

As Commissioners had no other questions, Christina Duran, a community member, asked if Mr. Lewis was under the influence. Lt. Gonzalez said he did not know.

Chair Jackson then asked Mike Bumcrot, CPRC Investigator to give a presentation regarding his preliminary investigation.

Mr. Bumcrot said Mr. Hauptmann notified him of the incident. He said he went to the incident location and spoke to a lot of people. He also noted that he attended the Chief's Briefing on March 3rd after which he went back to the location and talked to some residents he hadn't talked to previously. He said there were no witnesses given the fact that the incident occurred indoors.

Chair Jackson asked Commissioners if they had any questions for Mr. Bumcrot. There were none.

Commissioner Rotker did have an additional question for Lt. Gonzalez which was the gauge of Mr. Lewis' shotgun. Lt. Gonzalez said it was 12-gauge double-aught buckshot.

There were no other questions for Lt. Gonzalez or Mr. Bumcrot.

RPD's Draft "Personnel Complaints" Policy

Discussion and action, if any, regarding RPD's draft Personnel Complaints policy.

Chair Jackson said that discussion of this item would be held until the next meeting when Asst. Chief Vicino would be present. She asked Commissioners to submit their suggestions to Mr. Hauptmann. Mr. Hauptmann said he had already received some comments from Commissioners.

Chair Jackson said that the policy the Commission had been given was a draft version, and noted that it had been approved recently.

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 said another good, but lengthy meeting was recently held. He said that a few more items needed to be discussed and that the formatting be addressed. He also said that there could be some changes in light of the new complaint policy. He said that the next meeting was scheduled for March 31st.

Chair Jackson also noted that once the document draft was completed, it would be sent to Commissioners to review.

- B)** Outreach Committee: Vice-Chair Adams – Chair

Vice-Chair Adams said the Committee met on March 9th. She said they discussed the need to meet with Mr. Hauptmann about the PowerPoint. She said they had also discussed drafting an Outreach letter regarding meeting with organizations and noted that Ms. Sherron would be sending her a letter that was used in the past. She said that the implementation of Nextdoor and the outstanding officer award were discussed. She said a form had been found that would be used as an example and that Ms. Sherron would prepare a draft. Mayor's Night Out was also discussed. The event schedule is being revamped and once that has been decided on, that new schedule would be distributed.

Vice-Chair Adams also noted that Commissioner Smith had suggested a better tracking system for Commission Outreach and that it was felt it should be presented to the full Commission.

- C)** Policing and Mental Health Committee: Vice-Chair Adams – Chair

Vice-Chair Adams said the Committee met today with Dept. of Mental Health contacts and that a room had been reserved at Cal Baptist University. She said she had also met with Ms. Sherron regarding the creation of the event flyer. She noted that the mailing list used for the NACOLE community meeting with Brian Buchner would also be used for this event. Lt. Hoxmeier asked that Chief Diaz be present as well. The CPRC will moderate event.

Vice-Chair Adams also reminded Commissioners of the April 16th Mental Health symposium in Buena Park.

D) NACOLE 2015 Conference Planning Committee: Commissioner Roberts – Chair

Commissioner Roberts provided an update on various items concerning the upcoming NACOLE Conference:

- NACOLE will be holding a get-together for new NACOLE members on Sunday afternoon (October 4th) and that volunteers would be needed to assist with that.
- Joe Ortiz will work with NACOLE for funding of the Opening Ceremony and that Salted Pig would be serving the food.
- Workshop suggestions submitted by CPRC that were selected were the Chiefs' Panel, The Justice System & Mental Health, Body Cameras, and CPRC History Panel.
- NACOLE is talking about having various body camera vendors at the conference so that attendees can see the latest technology.
- NACOLE suggested that the Commission have an information table during the conference.
- NACOLE is excited that people have already started registering, which is unusual since that usually starts around May or June.

Commissioner Roberts asked for suggestions about donations to charities and asked that any suggestions be sent to Ms. Sherron. She also changed the start time of the April 17th Committee meeting from 9 AM to 11 AM. She said the charities and donations would be discussed at that meeting.

Commissioner Rotker said that an attempt should be made to get a shoot – don't shoot simulator for the conference. Commissioner Roberts said that could be discussed with NACOLE.

Meetings and Training Sessions

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

Commissioner Andres:

- March 9: Outreach Committee
- March 12: City's Orientation for new Board and Commission Members

Commissioner Ybarra:

- March 25: Policing & Mental Health Committee

Commissioner Hawkins:

- March 13: Policies, Procedures, & Bylaws Committee
- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meeting with Community members

Commissioner Roberts:

- March 4: NACOLE Finance Committee Meeting
- March 20: NACOLE Conference Local Planning Committee

Commissioner Taylor:

- March 9: Outreach Committee
- March 20: NACOLE Conference Local Planning Committee

Commissioner Rotker:

- March 13: Policies, Procedures, & Bylaws Committee

Chair Jackson:

- March 9: NACOLE's Conference Planning Committee
- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meetings with City Officials and Community members
- March 20: NACOLE Conference Local Planning Committee

Commissioner Smith:

- March 12: City's Orientation for new Board and Commission Members

Mr. Hauptmann:

- March 13: Policies, Procedures, & Bylaws Committee
- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meetings with City Officials and Community members
- March 20: NACOLE Conference Local Planning Committee

Ms. Sherron:

- March 12: Meeting with Vice-Chair Adams
- March 13: Policies, Procedures, & Bylaws Committee
- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meeting with Community members
- March 20: NACOLE Conference Local Planning Committee

Vice-Chair Adams:

- March 9: Outreach Committee
- March 12: Meeting with Ms. Sherron
- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meetings with City Officials and Community members
- March 20: NACOLE Conference Local Planning Committee
- March 25: Policing & Mental Health Committee

Outreach

A) February / March Outreach

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

Commissioner Andres:

- March 10: RPD Ride-along

Commissioner Ybarra:

- March 3: City Council Meeting

Commissioner Hawkins:

- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meeting with Community members

Chair Jackson:

- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meeting with Community members

Commissioner Smith:

- March 16: RPD Strategic Planning Meeting at California Baptist University
- March 19: Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) "State of the Region 2015" Meeting in Ontario
- March 23: RPD Strategic Planning Meeting at Riverside Municipal Airport

Mr. Hauptmann:

- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meetings with City Officials and Community members

Ms. Sherron:

- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meeting with Community members

Vice-Chair Adams:

- March 16: NACOLE Board President Brian Buchner's meetings with City Officials and Community members

B) Upcoming Outreach Events and Opportunities

- 1) Chief's Breakfast: March 26th at 6:45 AM, Music Room, Mission Inn
- 2) Eastside Community Fair: March 28th at 10 AM, Bobby Bonds Park
- 3) Dr. Thompson's Community Relations Class: April 8th at 8 AM, RCC
- 4) 2015 Law Enforcement Appreciation Event: April 30th, Pechanga Resort in Temecula

Vice-Chair Adams noted other upcoming events:

- March 26: Chief's Breakfast
- March 30: Boards and Commissions Dinner
- April 8: The Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability would be holding a "Lessons from Ferguson" Forum at the Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-Day Adventist Church.
- April 16: Mental Health Symposium in Buena Park
- May 7: CPRC Policing and Mental Health Forum

Bill Howe informed the Commission who the panelists would be for the Ferguson forum. He said that the confirmed panelists were Chief Diaz, Jennifer Vaughn-Blakely (The Group), Woodie Rucker-Hughes (NAACP), Dr. Oliver Thompson (RCC Professor, Administration of Justice), Julio Marroquin (Justice for Immigration Coalition), and Belinda Escobosa Helzer (ACLU). He also noted that the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held on May 13 at 6 PM at the Convention Center.

Chair Jackson asked about the time for the Mental Health Forum. Vice-Chair Adams said there would be a 'meet and greet' from 5:30 to 6, and the forum would be from 6 to 8 PM. Chair Jackson asked Ms. Sherron to also send a 'Save the Date' to the Mayor and City Council.

C) Future Outreach Opportunities

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

Christina Duran told the Commission about the Champions of Justice event through Fair Housing. She said she would send Ms. Sherron additional information about the event.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 Annual Report

Discussion and action, if any, on the Final Draft of the 2014 Annual Report.

Chair Jackson began by noting that Ms. Sherron had made modifications to Page 2 of the report and that the two versions of Page 2 had been given to Commissioners. After a brief discussion, the Commission voted to approve the 2014 Annual Report.

Motion for Approval:		That the 2014 Annual Report be approved, using Page 2B	
Motion:	Adams	Approve:	Rotker, Hawkins, Ybarra, Taylor, Smith, Jackson, Roberts, Andres, Adams
Second:	Andres	Oppose:	None
		Abstain:	None

NEW BUSINESS

NACOLE Conference and the CPRC Budget

Discussion of the effect of the 2015 NACOLE Conference on the CPRC's budget.

Chair Jackson opened the item and turned it over to Commissioner Rotker. Commissioner Rotker noted there had been discussion at the February meeting that Commissioners might not be able to attend the LEAC event due to CPRC funds being used for NACOLE instead.

Mr. Hauptmann said that he had requested a one-time budget increase for \$15,000 for the FY 15-16 budget and that only \$5,000 would be taken from the current budget. As a result, he said there should be enough in the current budget to pay for attending the LEAC event.

Proposal for Better Tracking of CPRC Outreach

Discussion and action, if any, regarding the creation of an Outreach log on the CPRC website in which Commission Outreach activities would be tracked.

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

Commissioner Smith said that, as a new commissioner, it would be helpful to know what outreach has been done in the past in the various neighborhoods. He said that the only way that can currently be done is to look at minutes and that he felt it would be more efficient to have a running log on the Commission's website.

Commissioner Smith then gave a PowerPoint presentation about two Outreach tracking options ("[Proposal for Better Tracking of CPRC Outreach](#)" slides). The first option would have no cost and consist of an online log. The second option would require the purchase of software costing about \$250.

After some discussion, Mr. Hauptmann said that in order to comply with Brown Act requirements, the option used couldn't appear like it was a discussion between Commissioners, but a statement of attendance only.

The majority of Commissioners felt it would be beneficial to have a method of tracking Outreach. There was additional discussion about the two options after which the Commission voted on Option #1.

Motion for Approval:		That Option #1 be implemented to keep a running online log of Commission Outreach activities.	
Motion:	Roberts	Approve:	Hawkins, Ybarra, Taylor, Smith, Jackson, Roberts, Andres, Adams
Second:	Adams	Oppose:	Rotker
		Abstain:	None

Staff Report

Mr. Hauptmann had nothing to report.

Commissioner Comments

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

There were no Commissioner comments.

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 Commission consideration.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



PHOEBE SHERRON
Sr. Office Specialist

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