

MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

August 12, 2015, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
City Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 370

CPC Attendees: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair, Rev. Harriett Walden, co-chair, Claudia D'Allegri, Melinda Giovengo, Kay Godefroy, Jay Hollingsworth, Marcel Purnell, Ofc. Kevin Stuckey

CPC Absent: Enrique Gonzalez, David Keenan, Capt. Ron Rasmussen, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Staff: Anne Bettsworth, Minty LongEarth, Betsy Graef, Tracy Whitlatch

CPC Staff Absent: Fé Lopez

REVIEW AGENDA AND APPROVE MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

7/22/15 CPC Meeting Minutes were unavailable.

ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP UPDATE

The OPA Auditor reviewed her Semi-Annual Report and answered questions about it. Some of the highlights involved assuring that mandatory trainings were completed, better screening of cases before moving the case for investigation by the OPA office, and shortening the window for response time from supervisors, thus shortening the process all together. Also, the Auditor noted that she is concerned about the blurring videos as a way to assure privacy of those in the video and their property. She says it does not solve the privacy issue, as anyone can request a non-blurred video.

The OPA Director then explained and answered questions regarding his Semi-Annual Report. The OPA found an increase in cases submitted to OPA for investigation in the first half of this year compared to last year's first half. There was also an increase in internal investigations. The report also shared some of the improvements within the OPA. A couple notable improvements were the increase in employee capacity with the addition of a second lieutenant and a new application called the "Complaint Status Tracker" available to complainants involved in an investigation.

The CPC will be commenting on both reports by September 10th.

Action Item(s)

- Schedule meetings for in-depth review of the material in both Semi-Annual Reports

SPD TRANSGENDER POLICY

Officers Ritter and Puente explained that SPD met with members of the LGBTQ community to properly address verbiage, definitions, etc. in creating this draft policy. One issue they encountered was the use of adopted names versus legal names. Due to legal issues and criminal histories, a person cannot change their name to their new adopted name in legal records.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): "To recommend adding that officers should use their own discretion whether or not to ask a person of their gender identity to the draft SPD policy."

Action Item(s)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKGROUP UPDATE

Mary McGuire, the contractor hired by SPD and the CPC to conduct a community survey on body cameras, discussed the draft questions she had prepared for the CPC's review. Professional interviewers will be making phone calls to the 400 or more people that had contact with police officers that were wearing body cameras during the pilot program. The contractor will also be interviewing the 12 police officers from the East Precinct that wore the body cameras. The CPC gave feedback to Mary, who will make revisions to the survey questions and re-distribute for another review.

SPD PARTNERSHIP to REVIEW CROWD MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

SPD is working with The Center for Policing Equity at UCLA and other police experts in crowd management and use of force to create an independent panel to review tactics and policies used in response to demonstrations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Status Conference

Judge Robart has requested that the CPC's Executive Director speak at the Status Conference on August 26th at 10:00AM regarding how the CPC's Accountability Legislation will coincide with the Consent Decree.

Action Item(s)

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- CPC staff will send the recommendation to A/C Corder regarding the addition of "Officers should use their own discretion whether or not to ask a person of their gender identity" to the draft SPD policy.
- CPC Co-chairs requested that all CPC commissioners and staff attend the Status Conference on Wednesday, August 26th.