

MINUTES

Community Police Commission (CPC)

May 13, 2015, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
City Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 370

CPC Attendees: Lisa Daugaard, co-chair, Rev. Harriett Walden, co-chair, Enrique Gonzalez, Jay Hollingsworth, David Keenan, Ofc. Kevin Stuckey, Rev. Aaron Williams

CPC Absent: Claudia D'Allegri, Melinda Giovengo, Marcel Purnell, Lt. Ron Rasmussen, Jennifer Shaw

CPC Staff: Fé Lopez, Anne Bettsworth, Tracy Whitlatch, Betsy Graef

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA AND MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-0): "To approve the 5/13/15 agenda and the 4/22/15 CPC meeting minutes with no changes."

SPD RESPONSE TO DEMONSTRATIONS REPORT

The CPC discussed the draft SPD response to demonstrations letter. The CPC hopes to obtain additional input from police officers through an anonymous survey. Staff is working with SPD to approve the questions. Once the CPC obtains officer perspectives, the CPC will issue a supplemental letter.

The CPC identified six themes based on community input: Movement control, inaccurate statements made by SPD leadership, targeting specific individuals such as leaders of demonstrations, out of policy/harmful use of OC spray, blast balls and other projectiles, unnecessary use of intimidating tactics, and disparate responses to demonstrators of different racial and perceived political identities.

Moved, seconded, and passed (7-0-1): "To approve the report with amendments made."

Action Item

MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION - DISCUSSION

The CPC accepted public comment on people's perspectives of the May Day demonstrations. Community members shared video and photos with the commissioners. Commissioner Stuckey explained how SPD accounts for use of any weapons during the demonstrations and discussed SPD's use of "Mutual Aid" from other law enforcement agencies that assist SPD with demonstrations. He also explain that every reported use of force will be investigated by the Force Review Board.

USE OF FORCE POLICY – BIAS-FREE POLICING POLICY/STOPS & DETENTIONS POLICY - FEEDBACK

Recommendations were made to SPD about the Use of Force policy. Some recommendations were accepted; however, there were three specific recommendations that were not incorporated that the CPC felt strongly should be included into the policy. Consequently, the commission will be filing an amicus brief to the court to address those issues.

The CPC submitted recommendations to the SPD Bias-Free Policing Policy and discussed those recommendations with Brian Maxey. Some recommendations were incorporated into the policy. The Commission decided not to file an amicus brief related to recommendations that were not included since they were minor and the CPC wanted to focus its efforts on the use of force policy.

Action Item

SPD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT WORKGROUP

The community listening sessions are still ongoing. The surveys and other materials have been translated into thirteen different languages. Interpreters are also available at the sessions and help facilitate the discussions. The most recent listening session was at El Centro de la Raza. One of the areas of concern at El Centro was the perceived relationship between SPD and Homeland Security and the chilling effect that partnership has on immigrant communities with accessing SPD.

Action Item

OTHER BUSINESS

The CPC interviewed the Community Engagement FTE candidates on April 15th. The interview questions were sent to commissioners for review and feedback. The Commission received over 270 applications.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- The CPC draft SPD Response to Demonstrations Report will be updated to reflect changes made in the CPC meeting.
- Staff will review the amicus order to determine timeframe for the CPC filing regarding the Use of Force Policy.
- Staff will draft a letter to the court regarding the CPC's recommendations. Staff will work with CAO to file it with the court.
- Staff will schedule a Homeland Security/SPD briefing for the Commission to gain a better understanding of how the SPD collaborates with federal agencies.