



**CITY OF OAKLAND
COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
5:30 PM
Via Teleconference**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Membership:

PRESENT: Creighton Davis (Chair, Mayoral), Carol Wyatt (District 3), Jorge Lerma (District 5), Art Douglas Blacksher (At-Large), Geraldine Wong (Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee Representative 1) Ericka Parker (OHA), VanCedric Williams (OUSD Representative), Daniel Ettliger (Mayoral), Donald Dalke (District 6)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Colette McPherson (District 2), Jorge Lerma (District 5), Kirby Thompson (District 7), Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral)

1. Vote to accept CPAB Resolution, AB 361

Vote to Accept A Resolution Determining That Conducting In-Person Meetings Of The Community Policing Advisory Board And Its Committees Would Present Imminent Risks To Attendees' Health, And Electing To Continue Conducting Meetings Using Teleconferencing In Accordance With California Government Code Section 54953(E), A Provision Of AB-361.

A quorum of the board was present, Chair Davis made a motion to adopt the above noted Resolution – Resolution passed

2. Neighborhood Council and Community Town Hall

Chair Davis formally introduced Vice Chair Daniel Ettliger. Thanked Neighborhood Council leaders and community members for attending.

Chair Davis provided an update on the vision for the CPAB. In July, the CPAB voted on a mission statement that focused on two main principles, 1) increasing community engagement and 2) supporting neighborhood empowerment. These two principles are guiding all the efforts and activities that the board is working on going forward. This includes the training that the board received funding of \$25,000 each fiscal year, 2021-22 and 2022-23. Chair Davis acknowledge that Neighborhood Services Division (NSD) Acting Supervisors Araina Richards and Judith Christopher have joined the ad-hoc committee that consists of board members Dalke, Wyatt, and Lerma.

The ad-hoc committee developed a list of training topics that have been shared with Neighborhood Council leaders and community members.

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Chair Davis invited Neighborhood Council and community to provide their input on the following training topics via the survey that was distributed to Neighborhood Councils.

3. Open Forum

Ms. Warren asked about the proposed training session on Alternatives to 911 as it relates to MACRO. Chair Davis explained that the purpose of the session was to provide an in-depth training on the resources available in the community and when is the appropriate time to call 911.

Mr. Ubell expressed concern about the proposed mediation and conflict resolution session and suggested discussing the types of conflicts community members should try and resolve.

Ms. Stage explained that she thought all the topics on the survey are important. She was particularly interested in outreach coupled with equity and diversity as it relates to the census data. Her Neighborhood Council is focused this year on increasing both ethnic and racial diversity, in addition to encouraging participation of community members of various ages and family structures.

Vice Chair Ettliger thanked the attendees for making some great points. He discussed conflict resolution and when to engage. Encouraged the Board to be mindful about what exactly attendees will get out of the trainings.

Ms. Zilliac had a comment about inclusiveness across the board. She raised a concern about getting a lot of homeowners to participate in Neighborhood Councils and the need to encourage residents from apartments to participate.

Chair Davis encouraged attendees to continue submitting feedback on the training topics.

4. NSC Report (presented before OPD Report)

Director DeVries began his presenting by acknowledging the passing of Supervisor Wilma Chan.

Director DeVries provided an overview of the Neighborhood Services Division (NSD) current NSC staffing levels that were submitted in the agenda packet. He updated the board on recent staffing changes and stated that two NSD staff members were recently promoted and others were promoted. As a result, NSD is severely understaffed. He indicated that NSD will recruit for the supervisor and NSC vacancies. Director DeVries made changes in NSC community policing beat assignments using an equity lens.

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Director DeVries indicated that what's notable is the NSC assignments have now shifted to the areas of Oakland that have faced some of the greatest challenges. This includes neighborhoods along the International Corridor. These challenges include high crime rates, high rates of poverty, large high school dropouts and high rates of covid. Feedback for this approach has been generally supportive.

Questions from the Board:

Board member Dalke asked a question about the beats above 580 that continue to need support.

Board Member Ettlinger asked about hiring. He mentioned the amount of time to hire a Cantonese speaker and what information about how to fast track hiring. He also wanted information about how the current level of staffing will affect NEST.

Board Member Wong asked will Neighborhood Councils continue to meet if they don't have an NSC assigned. Director DeVries indicated that they will receive support from NSCs, as needed.

Public Speaker: Ms. Forte commented on the new NSC assignments and concerns about service delivery. Encouraged that hiring to take place from the Oakland community.

Mr. Uriarte raised concerns about service delivery and silos in the City of Oakland. Director DeVries explained that his goal as Director of Interdepartmental Operations is to breakdown those silos and with the NSCs being in the City Administrators Office it is the goal to have them continue to problem solve cross departmentally.

Ms. Gilmore updated the board and community on the new staff member to MACRO, Mr Elliott Jones. She also advised that the City Council approved an additional police academy.

Comments

Beat 30Y NCPD, Ms. Rakeisha (spelling?) completed the survey and expressed the need to engage our youth, in particular through schools, starting in elementary school.

Board Member Blacksher agreed with the idea of involving young people.

5. OPD Report and Updates

D.C. Bolton reviewed the submitted report,

2 Public Speakers – K. Uriarte and Ms. Rakeisha

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6. Ad-Hoc Committee Updates –

Chair Davis provided an overview of the Ad-Hoc Committee on NCPC Training – to Increase Community Engagement and Supports Neighborhood Empowerment

Chair Davis introduced the Berkeley Law students working in partnership with the community and the CPAB.

7. Agenda Building and CPAB Member Open Forum

Board Member Wong request a report on OUSD from Board Member Williams.

Chair Davis thanked Ms. Tonya Gilmore for her service to the advisory board and acknowledged Felicia Verdin for serving as staff from NSD and welcome her into the role as staff to the CPAB. Chair Davis also welcomed Acting Supervisors and NSCs Araina Richards and Judith Christopher as the new staff representing NSD.

The meeting was closed with a moment of silence for Supervisor Wilma Chan.

Board member Dalke moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Board member Blacksher.