



Community Policing Advisory Board Meeting Agenda May 2nd, 2018

Oakland Police Department, Eastmont Substation
2651 73rd Avenue, Oakland CA 94601

Committee Membership: Chairperson Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4), Cathy Leonard (Dist. 1) Colette McPherson (Dist. 2), Akiba Bradford (Dist.3), Jorge Lerma (Dist.5), Jennifer Tran (At Large), Nancy Sidebotham (NW), Geraldine Wong (NW), Sheryl Walton (M).

Vacancies: OUSD, Dist. 6, Dist.7, Mayor, Oakland Housing Authority.

Staff: Joe DeVries

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1. **Open Forum:** (6:00 – 6:05)
2. **Project Review with CRO:** (6:05-6:20)
3. **Update with OPD Deputy Chief:** (6:20—6:30)
 - a. CRO Policy Development
4. **Presentation and Discussion with the City's Director of Race and Equity:** Darlene Flynn (6:30-7:15)
5. **Funding Update:** (Jacque Long, Akiba, Cathy)— (7:15—7:25)
 - a. Carryforward funds disbursement to NCPCs
 - b. Other funding priorities
6. **Planning discussion for the NCPC Recertification Process:** (NCPC Resource Committee)—(7:25-7:40)
7. **Minutes:** Review and Approval of January and March 2018 minutes (Joe, Board) – (7:40 – 7:45)
8. **Staff Report:** (Joe) – (7:45 – 7:50)
 - a. Member Updates.
9. **Agenda Building:** (Board) – (7:50 – 8:00)

Next Meeting: Wed, June 6, 2018, at City Hall



Community Policing Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 3rd, 2018

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1. Open Forum:

One Public Speaker: Jose Dorado.

2. Membership Updates:

Jorge Lerma is the new representative for District 5. He was born and raised in Oakland, graduated from Oakland High and attended Cal State Hayward. He worked as a Parks and Recreation Leader in his youth and went into education. He has been a teacher, a principal, and a strong promoter of multi-culturalism.

Jerry Wong is the new Neighborhood Watch representative. She has been in Oakland since 1957, also went to Oakland High and Cal State Hayward. She spent much of her career in Menlo Park but when she began working in Oakland she got very involved in Neighborhood Watch (about 8 years ago), and she also has been involved in the City's CORE Training program (Communities of Oakland Responding to Emergencies).

3. Minutes: Review and Approval of September 2017 minutes

One Public Speaker: Don Dalke inquired as to why the details of what public speakers had to say under open forum were not captured in detail in the minutes. He also was concerned that an attachment was missing.

The Minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Update from OPD Deputy Chief Leronne Armstrong

Captain Fleming, the Area Commander for Area 5 provided an update on behalf of DC Armstrong. He touched on police staffing levels—the department currently has 748 out of 794 authorized positions filled.

He reviewed 2017 crime statistics that show decreases in several categories from 2016 including: Homicide down 13%, Shootings down 15%, overall violent crime down 9%, Burglaries down 2% and overall Part I crimes down 10%.

Regarding CRO Staffing he noted that the January shift change would be occurring departmentwide and that would likely cause some changes to CRO assignments. He also mentioned that all officers were getting business cards to hand out while in the course of their work.

Finally, he gave a summary of a major project in Area 5 in 2017 which was the closure of an area known as "The Livingroom." This was a one block portion of International Blvd. between 84th and 85th with constant loitering, drug dealing, and eventually, homeless encampments. He discussed the coordinated multi-departmental effort to resolve the problem and the department's ongoing enforcement efforts to maintain the area.

Member Bradford had some questions about Officer interaction with the public regarding business cards, she was curious about whether they hand out info about filing a complaint and Captain Fleming confirmed that they do but that they also now can hand out cards to anyone.

Member Lerma asked about the services that were offered to the persons that were either living at or hanging out at the Livingroom and a summary of the various services provided was discussed.

Member Leonard asked about the perceived reasons for the overall crime reduction in Oakland and Captain Fleming cited the Cease Fire Strategy and better targeted enforcement as potential reasons.

Member Tran asked about the role CROs play in mediating disputes between neighbors and Captain Fleming noted that this type of mediation is a lot of what they find themselves doing on many call; a common dispute being over parking.

One Public Speaker: Don Dalke asked about th status of the CRO Policy and at what point the findings from the Eberhardt study would be incorporated into officer training.

5. Project Review with CRO

The CRO for Police Bat 33x presented a SARA project in which is tam addressed a problem property on the 1300 block of 85th Avenue. The house had a lot of criminal activity at all hours, was near a school and church, and had stolen cars among other issues. He discussed his use of the SARA process and coordination with other City Departments to get the property cleared out and secured.

6. Nominations and Possible Vote for CPAB Vice-Chair:

Jay Ashford nominated Akiba Bradford to serve as Vice Chair and Jorge Lerma nominated himself. However, the Board discussed the current status of members' terms as most terms end in March and some members may be termed out at that point. The item was tabled until February to allow for a thorough discussion about all members' term status.

7. Committee Updates:

The group discussed the need to make more committee assignments as follows:

- a. Funding Committee: Member Link, Member Bradford and Member Leonard
- b. NCPC Resource Committee: Member Sidebotham, Member Wong (Member Tran is considering joining)
- c. Program Committee: Member Walton (Member Tran is considering joining)

Additionally, Member Link discussed the need to vote on a recommendation as to how to spend any carryforward NCPC funding this year.

8. Staff Report: Nothing to report.



Community Policing Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 7th, 2018

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1. Open Forum:

No Speakers

2. Membership Updates:

Joe DeVries noted that Colette McPherson is anticipated to be the appointed representative for District 2 next month, filling the vacancy left by John Garvey. The Mayor is also considering a few candidates and will hopefully be filling the vacancies left by Don Link and Jay Ashford soon as well.

3. Minutes: Review and Approval of Feb 2018 minutes

Member Leonard asked raised a concern about the level of detail of members' comments that are reflected in the minutes leading to a conversation about how long or short minutes needs to be. Member Tran suggested members could have access to the audio file if necessary. Consensus was reached that if there is a specific concern that a member wants reflected in the minutes, that they should state so at the time so that clear direction is given to staff.

One Public Speaker: Asada Olugbala noted that the minutes are an opportunity for the public to understand what took place at the meetings when they cannot attend.

The February, 2018 Minutes were approved with one abstention (Member Sidebotham, who was not at the February Meeting).

4. Review of and Vote on Draft CPAB 2018 Report

The Board reviewed the Annual Report and Survey Results thoroughly and made several recommendations to Member Ashford to modify. A motion was made by Member Link, and seconded by Member Sidebotham to approve the report

with the proposed changes and forward to the Public Safety Committee. The motion passed unanimously. (a copy of the final edited report is being sent out with the April Agenda Packet and will be posted online).

5. Nominations and Vote for CPAB Chair:

Member Bradford nominated Member Singh to serve as Chair, this nomination was seconded by Member Ashford and was unanimously approved.

6. Staff Report:

Joe DeVries reported that he had been asked to assist with the CRO training, covering a section on Code Enforcement/Blight. Member Link also reported that he participated in the CRO training, covering a section on NCPCs but that it was a last-minute opportunity for him—the department had actually asked another individual to present and Member Link found out through a group leadership email.

Several Members expressed strong concern that the CPAB was not more involved in the planning and development or execution of the training. It was noted that the CPAB was told about the training at the February meeting as part of the OPD update but no real time was spent discussing it. Member Singh asked if the CPAB could review the curriculum, Member Bradford asked if the enabling resolutions regarding Community Policing had been distributed to the CROs. Member Lerma suggested the CPAB needs to be more proactive in its communication with the City/OPD.

Two Public Speakers: Asada Olugbala expressed her strong belief that the CPAB should be involved in the development process. Colette McPherson stated she heard the Neighborhood Services Coordinators were also not involved which is of concern.

The Board unanimously expressed their concern to staff and asked that this concern be relayed back to the city and remedied.

Next Meeting: Wed, April 4th, at City Hall