



Community Policing Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

Oakland City Hall

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), Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7), Jennifer Tran (At Large), Nancy Sidebotham (NW), Geraldine Wong (NW), Sheryl Walton (M), Courtney Welch (M).

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

Staff: Joe DeVries

Appointee Notes: Dist. = District; M = Mayoral; NW = Neighborhood Watch; OHA = Oakland Housing Authority; OUSD = Oakland Unified School District

CPAB Website/Newsletter: <http://oaklandcommunitypolicing.org>



Twitter Handle: @oaklandcpab

Members Present: Singh, Bradford, Leonard, McPherson, Lerma, Thompson, Tran, Sidebotham, Wong.

1. Open Forum:

Mary Forte, Sudip Ray, and Jose Dorado all spoke under open forum.

2. Discussion and Action on the curriculum for the upcoming OPD/CRO Training on March 28, 2019

Members Wong and Sidebotham presented the Resource Committee's proposal for the upcoming training that included the basic overview of Resolutions 72727 and 79235 as well as the role of the CPAB, its Board and Committee structure. They advocated that the presentation remain short and concise.

Several Board Members articulated an interest in adding more information about what the CPAB has heard from the community and seen in their experience in community policing. This would include sharing the survey data and the recommendations that the CPAB made to the City Council in its annual report last spring.

After considerable debate over the virtues of brevity versus expansive feedback the group reached consensus on a two-part training: Members Wong and Sidebotham will present the basic history and structure of the CPAB and Community Policing and Chairperson Singh and Vice Chair Bradford will use the survey data to share what the CPAB has heard from the community and the recommendations for the benefit of the CROs.

3. Discussion on Inviting Chief Kirkpatrick to present to the CPAB on her vision of Community Policing

Member Leonard directed the Board's attention to the section of Resolution 79235 (section 5.8) that states the Chief of Police shall attend Advisory Board Meetings and provide the advisory board with all information it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities. She advocated that the Board adopt a motion asking the Chief to attend all CPAB monthly meetings.

Others argued that the Chief has sent members of her executive leadership team and wanted to begin with simply asking that she attend the April meeting as a first opportunity for her to share her vision of Community Policing in Oakland. At that point a conversation could take place about the frequency with which she attends and a motion could be adopted.

Staff was directed to send her an invitation on behalf of the CPAB leadership to attend in April, or at the next available meeting depending on her schedule.

4. Receive Update from OPD on the CRO Training Policy

DC Armstrong reported that the Policy is now in the hands of the Police Chief and next will be provided to the City Attorney for review. After that it will need to be presented to the Police Commission. He explained that the Police Commission has authority over certain policies and the right to review others. He expected it would be heard by the Commission within the next month.

Board members asked if it changed significantly since the Board provided their input and if they would be able to weigh in on the final version. DC Armstrong encouraged the Board to participate in the discussion about the policy at the Police Commission and Joe DeVries noted he would make sure the Board is notified when that will occur.

5. Committee Updates: (7:00-7:25)

a. Ad Hoc Police Advisory Committee

No Report.

b. Fundraising Committee:

The committee shared the draft memo to the City advocating for an increase in funding during this budget cycle to \$100,000 annually to include covering the cost of the annual summit and an increase to NCPCs.

c. NCPC Resource Committee:

The CRO Training was this committee's focus this month

d. Program Committee:

NSC Ana Martinez gave a presentation on the Citizens Police Academy, handed out applications for the next session, and encouraged Board Members to participate. There was discussion about the positive effect of participation in the Academy on people's understanding of policing.

6. Staff Report, discuss vacancies and reappointment dates/terms:

Joe DeVries reviewed Board Members terms and status and noted that a few people needed to be reappointed and the Mayor's office was arranging for this. Sadly, Sheryl Walton has completed her second term and cannot continue to serve. The Board Members all thanked her for her work and positive contribution to the Board over the past several years.

Sheryl, we will miss your presence!

7. Agenda Building:

Next month the Board will consider participation in a task force on Community Policing with the SSOC and Police Commission, Invite the Chief of Police to attend, and continue the discussion on a summit.