

NSA Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes (8/6/2024)

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 6, 2024

Time: 6:00 - 7:20 PM

Attendees:

• Chair Marsha Peterson

- Commissioner Angela Jackson-Castain
- Walter Riley
- Mariano Contreras
- Deacon Reginald Lyles
- Nikki Dinh
- Jose Dorado
- Katina Ancar (Legal)
- Mykah Montgomery (COS)
- Community: Cathy Leonard, Assata Olugbala, Joe Genolio, Reisa

Main Topics Discussed:

1. Development of CMC Addendum Statement

- Status and progress of the final phase of the CMC Addendum Statement.
- Additional changes to the introduction and finalization of the conclusion.
- o Consideration of feedback from Ms. Rashida regarding the audience.

2. Meeting with City Representatives

- Discussion on the first meeting referred to as "meeting confer."
- Details shared by Brigid Martin regarding the city's perspective and monitor's report.

3. Intervenor Status:

Cathy Leonard supported the idea of the Commission seeking intervenor status
in the court case, stating that the Commission now has more compelling reasons
and evidence to make a stronger case than before. She suggested that the
Commission should prepare a solid argument to present to the judge.

4. Challenges with Document Access

- Difficulty in obtaining the report from the outside investigator and the CPRA report of investigation.
- City Attorney's Office's position on withholding certain documents from the commission.

5. Skelly Hearing Delays

- Discussion on the delay of Skelly hearings and the financial implications of officers on paid leave.
- Frustration with the process and the impact on disciplinary actions within OPD.

Questions Raised:

1. From Chair Marsha Peterson:

- Can we cite Judge Orrick's comments in our addendum statement?
- How can we ensure Commissioners review the draft addendum without violating the Brown Act?

2. From Mariano Contreras:

 Should we mention the City Attorney's refusal to share current completed investigations regarding Officer Tran?

Concerns:

1. Chair Marsha Peterson:

- The lack of timely meetings and cooperation from city stakeholders.
- The withholding of critical investigation documents from the commission.

2. Deacon Reginald Lyles:

 The manipulation of the Skelly hearing process and its implications on OPD's disciplinary culture.

3. Mariano Contreras:

 The City Attorney's Office potentially impedes the commission's oversight capabilities.

Suggestions:

1. Jose Dorado:

 Place the paragraphs related to ongoing and chronic cases of misconduct after the five bullet points in the addendum.

2. Cathy Leonard:

 The commission should stand strong and possibly file a motion to intervene in legal matters to assert its authority.

3. Angela Jackson-Castain:

Highlight the significant paragraphs for better readability and understanding.

Recommendations:

1. Chair Marsha Peterson:

- Draft a letter to Barbara Parker to seek clarity on the commission's authority regarding document access.
- Include in the addendum the challenges faced in obtaining the Skelly investigation report and the issues around delayed Skelly hearings.

2. Cathy Leonard and Chair Marsha Peterson:

- Work together to draft the sections of the addendum addressing the Skelly scandal and document access issues.
- Ensure all critical points are clearly articulated to present a strong case to Judge Orrick.

Next Steps:

1. Drafting and Reviewing the Addendum:

- Chair Marsha Peterson and Cathy Leonard will collaborate to draft sections on the Skelly scandal and document access.
- Highlight the issues faced by the commission in obtaining cooperation and documents from the city and OPD.

2. Legal Strategy:

- Consider filing a motion to intervene or seeking intervenor status in the ongoing legal matters.
- Draft a letter to Barbara Parker for a formal legal opinion on the commission's rights and powers.

3. Preparation for the Next Meeting:

- Ensure all commissioners have the draft addendum for review before the next full commission meeting.
- Finalize the addendum to present a comprehensive and compelling case at the next status conference hearing.

Adjourned

Chat Comments

From Deacon Reginald Lyles to All Panelists

The first "CITE" comes from "Riders Come Out At Night", Page 272, Winston & Bongraham. From Reisa to All Panelists 05:31 PM pretty sure it was CPA