



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 5:35 p.m., at the Operations Division South Substation, 4410 S. Park Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair
Stephen Nekolek
Suzanne Elefante
Jennifer Lopez
Cynthia Schiesel
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair
Barbara O'Brien

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Karen Brandel

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

~~Deputy Assistant~~ Chief Sharon Allen, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Rick Hovden, Tucson Police Department
Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor
~~Bairde Green~~ **Baird Greene**, City Attorney's Office

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department
Officer Steven Beller, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Kennon, Citizen
James Herbert, Citizen
Kristina Buckman, Citizen
Aristeo Buto, Citizen
Ana Smith, City Clerks Office
Kyle Thompson, City Clerks Office

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of June 16, 2009

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2009, with following corrections:

Page 1, Lieutenant Rick Hovden, Tucson Police Department, should be listed in the Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present rather than Absent.

3. First Call to the Audience

Mary Ellen Kennen, Southside Presbyterian Church, stated she had observed and heard about conflicts between the homeless people and TPD in their area. She also stated she had made every attempt to resolve the issues with the help of TPD.

Aristeo Buto stated he observed, approximately six weeks ago, an incident in front of the Church where a woman was slammed onto the pavement and two males were handcuffed by police officers.

James “ Trapper” Herbert spoke about a woman who was intimidated by police officers for using a shopping cart to carry her belongings, and asked TPD how the enforce the law in this type of situation.

4. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for June as reported on July 2009.

The Board asked about comment # 11, which dealt with the Police Assistance Groups’ limited responsibility and authority.

TPD clarified there was a difference between the Police Assistance Group, and what the citizen wished to do. TPD stated the citizen was describing the duties of a Reserve Police Officer and in order to be a Reserve Officer, one must undergo fifty weeks of training prior to being sent out to the field.

The Board asked about comment # 8, which dealt with the set up of the lights at 22nd and Wilmot. The citizen claimed the wait line was placed incorrectly and the timing was off.

TPD stated that the “wait” line was the actual tagging line and this line had not been there until recently. TPD also stated the systems were routinely checked for all violations and could be viewed online, which included timing of the lights, systems and systematic.

5. Office of the Independent Police Auditor

- A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor said the month of June was slow. She said complaints were down forty to fifty percent from last year, IPA received nine contacts, and one complaint. She stated they reviewed nineteen cases from Internal Affairs (IA) and complaints received were financially related issues.

Ms. Perez informed CPARB that because of the City's budget cuts, she was ~~not going to be able to~~ **unsure if she would** attend the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement's (NACOLE) Annual Conference. She said this year's conference was being held at the end of October 2009, in Austin, Texas. She stated the NACOLE board had asked her to do a presentation. She stated she felt representation from the IPA office and the City at the Conference was very important. She announced that Deputy City Manager, Richard Miranda, was trying to find funds to send her to the Conference.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

~~Robert Barton~~, **Liana Perez**, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA), stated the office received eight contacts during the month of June 2009; one case was forwarded to IA for review. ~~He said the~~ IPA had seven inquires, four complaints, and conducted reviews of ten cases that were closed by Internal Affairs (IA). ~~Mr. Barton~~ **Liana Perez performed** stated random reviews of fourteen fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by IA and said the IPA agreed with the findings of those cases.

6. Tucson Police Department:

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Deputy Chief Sharon Allen announced Chief of Police Robert Villaseñor had named her as Deputy Chief of Police and also appointed Brett Klein and Terry Rozema to the position of Assistant Chief. She stated Chief Villaseñor was in his "honeymoon phase" and breaking into his new position. She said he was quite busy during the months of May and June, attending all of the Memorials honoring police officers. She also said Chief Villaseñor attended the "breakfast club circuit" as well as the evening neighborhood association meetings.

Deputy Chief Sharon Allen also stated the new chiefs were getting settled in with their respective bureaus, Assistant Chief Brett Klein, Field Services Bureau, Assistant **Chief** Terry Rozema, Support Services Bureau, Assistant Chief Kathy Robinson,

Investigative Services Bureau, and Assistant Chief John Leavitt, Administrative Services Bureau. She said Chief Villaseñor was in Flagstaff attending a “Pow Wow” meeting discussing common issues. She said Chief Villaseñor and Assistant Chief Klein would be attending the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Conference, which was about immigration issues.

Deputy Chief Allen announced the Tucson Police Foundation worked together with Target to donate one hundred forty-four (144) cases of water to the TPD. She said Buffalo Wild Wings and Costco also donated gift cards to purchase additional water cases. She said the goal was to purchase two hundred (200) cases of water for dispersal.

Deputy Chief Allen stated Target and the TPD had entered into a partnership called “Safe Cities”, in which TPD would be supported through technology to focus on the graffiti and vandalism issues in Tucson.

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month

Lieutenant Rick Hovden said things were running smoothly, walk-ins to the IPA office were down and they were currently working on eight Boards of Inquiries.

7. **Non-Voting Advisory Board member subcommittee report**

Cynthia Schiesel stated no applications were received and ~~felt it~~ **due to lack of advertising** was because there was a new packet with an old timeline, and there was no advertising from Channel 12 or other agencies. She stated the timeline was basically the same, with changes to dates and asked the Board for approval. She asked that the City Clerk’s Office to take charge and follow up with the various agencies immediately, and if advertising was not evident within three days, then follow up again to make sure it was on the website and in the newspapers.

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 7 to 0, to approve the new timeline.

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 7 to 0, to approve the new Media Release

8. **Recess**

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to forego recess.

9. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case# 09-0190

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 7 to 0, to find Case# 09-0190 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 09-0257

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 7 to 0, to find Case# 09-0257 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 09-0228

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 7 to 0, to find Case# 09-0228 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

10. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

11. Report from Chair / Announcements

- A. Chair ~~Thorton~~ **Thornton** announced she had been contacted by a representative of a Chicago-based oversight board, who was doing a survey of Citizen Boards. She stated she received the contact information through Officer Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department. She said she provided them with information about CPARB's website and answered questions about financial disclosure and ethics requirements.
- B. Chair ~~Thorton~~ **Thornton** stated she invited ~~a member~~ **members** of the Southside Presbyterian Church to attend the CPARB meeting.

12. Future Agenda Items

- A. Case update by the TPD / IPA on Southside Presbyterian Church.
- B. Decision process used by TPD to investigate a home invasion.
- C. Presentation by the Gang Unit.

13. Adjournment – 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to adjourn.