



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Basement of the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair
Stephen Nekolek
Suzanne Elefante
Cynthia Schiesel
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2 (Arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
Ward 4
Ward 5

Members Absent:

Jennifer Lopez
Barbara O'Brien

Representing:

Ward 3
Ward 6

Advisory Members:

Karen Brandel

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Lieutenant Rick Hovden, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Captain Bill Richards, Tucson Police Department
Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor
Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor
Officer Steven Beller, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Assistant Chief Sharon Allen, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Elise Souter, Tucson Police Department
Officer Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department
Ana Smith, Secretary, City Clerk's Office

Chair Thornton announced Assistant Chief Sharon Allen was in attendance.

(Note: Suzanne Elefante arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of April 21, 2009

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Jennifer Lopez and Barbara O'Brien absent) to approve the minutes of April 21, 2009, with the following corrections:

Page 3, Item #7A, paragraph 2 should read: He said weekend TPD had ~~there~~ **their** annual volunteer appreciation picnic and "Tip a Cop Event" Olympics where TPD raised money for Special Olympics.

Page 4, Item #7B, paragraph 1 should read: Assistant Chief Roberto Villasenor, Tucson Police Department (TPD) stated TPD sent twenty officers to the National Police Officers memorial in Washington DC in honor of Officer Erik ~~Hyatt~~ **Hite**.

Chair Thornton announced that Jennifer Lopez had surgery and was doing well.

3. First Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

4. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for April as reported on May 1, 2009.

The Board asked if comment numbers eleven, fourteen and fifteen which dealt with a Chihuahua jumping over the constituent's wall was from the same constituent.

TPD stated there were several complaints from the same constituent and that they had spoken to the constituent on several occasions and advised her to call Pima County Animal Control, and that she insists on calling TPD to voice her complaint.

The Board asked about comment number eight which dealt with a constituent wanting to find a resolution regarding an environmental and safety issue associated with the Southern Presbyterian Church.

TPD stated the Church had been working with them and the neighborhood very closely to resolve the issue.

The Board asked about comment number sixteen which dealt with a constituent being upset with TPD on their response time.

TPD stated an e-mail was sent out to the constituent thanking them for bringing this concern to TPD's attention, and stated TPD needed more information regarding the situation in order for them to look into their concern.

5. Operations and Standards- CALEA

Lieutenant Hovden introduced Lieutenant Elise Souter from the Operations and Standards Section of the Tucson Police Department (TPD). She distributed a handout detailing recent statistics on property, violent, and serious crimes, aggravated assault, traffic accidents and red tag / loud parties City wide. She spoke about another hand out that contained general information of what the department was responsible for.

6. 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.

No report given, representative unable to attend meeting. Chair Thornton stated item was continued until the next month's meeting.

- 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.

No report given, representative unable to attend meeting. Chair Thornton stated item was continued until the next month's meeting.

7. Tucson Police Department:

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

Assistant Chief Sharon Allen announced that the Mayor and Council appointed Assistant Chief Roberto Villasenor as the new Chief of Police. She said the first item of business was reorganization and management decisions that needed to be made by Chief Villasenor.

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

Lieutenant Rick Hovden stated Internal Affairs (IA) had a ~~quite~~ **quiet** month, couple of walk-ins and no extraneous concerns from Independent Police Auditor Mr. Barton.

8. Non-Advisory Board Members Selection Subcommittee report

Cynthia Scheisel stated the subcommittee reviewed and approved the questions that were going to be used for the interviews. She said the timeline used in 2007 would be useful again for this year. She thanked staff for helping with the media release, timeline and reserving of the library for the interview process.

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 5 to 0 (Jennifer Lopez and Barbara O'Brien absent), to approve the 2009 Non-Voting Advisory Member Selection timeline and the media release.

9. Education Day

Chair Thornton asked the Board if they were interested in an Education Day.

~~Vice Chair Murrieta asked what an Education Day was.~~

Chair Thornton explained, in the past, Education Day was an 8-hour day spent at the Police Academy learning about different law enforcement scenarios, driving the police vehicles, participating at the shooting range and other areas of interest.

Suzanne Elefante stated the Board should forgo Education Day until the Board saw the need to have one. She said if the Board needed more education, then they could have someone from the Academy come to the meetings.

Chair Thornton asked Suzanne Elefante if she would like to make a motion.

Motion by Suzanne Elefante, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Jennifer Lopez and Barbara O'Brien absent), to forgo Education Day.

10. Recess

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Jennifer Lopez and Barbara O'Brien absent), to forego recess.

11. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case# 08-0611

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 5 to 0 (Jennifer Lopez and Barbara O'Brien absent), to find Case# 08-0611 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 08-0693

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 5 to 0 (Jennifer Lopez and Barbara O'Brien absent), to find Case# 08-0693 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 08-0691

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 5 to 0 (Jennifer Lopez and Barbara O'Brien absent), to find Case# 08-0691 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

12. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

13. Report from Chair / Announcements

Chair Thornton had no announcements.

14. Future Agenda Items

A. Presentation in June by the Cold Case Unit.

15. Adjournment – 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Suzanne Elefante, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Jennifer Lopez and Barabara O'Brien absent), to adjourn.