



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board

Notes

The Citizen Police Advisory Review Board met on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Downtown Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton
Ed Ware
Tom Clark
Vicki Ann Hart, Vice Chair
Cindy Schiesel, Chair

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4

Absent Members:

Michael Elsner
Hector Morales

Ward 6
Ward 5

Advisory Members Present:

Daniel Knieter
Bruce Cameron
Joaquin Murrieta
Jennifer Lopez

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Liana Perez, Equal Opportunity Employment, Independent Police Auditor

Others Present:

Kris Page-Iverson, City Attorney's Office
Kathy Dixon, Ward 2
Sergeant Paul Hawks, Tucson Police Department
Officer Meredith Gietzke, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Sanford Levy, Tucson Police Department
Officer Steve Beller, Tucson Police Department
Ron Manzi, Guest
Dante Manzi, Guest
Marshall Home, Guest
Ron Lesnick, Guest
Gretchen Nielsen, Guest
Joyce Smith, Guest
Dalton McClelland, Guest
Joyce Smith, Guest
Beth Tidwell, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Notes of September 19, 2006

Motion by Vice Chair Hart, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Michael Elsner and Hector Morales absent) to approve the notes of September 19, 2006 with corrections. Page 5, first paragraph, second sentence, should read "he said there were three hundred thousand and sixty calls for service." Page 5, Item 10, case 2, first paragraph, should read "the officer demanded identification from the ~~woman~~ pedestrian."

3. Call to the Audience

Ron Manzi said the Bush administration had no oversight.

Joyce Smith commented on the recommendation the Board made in the September meeting with regards to the demonstrations at the Speedway recruitment office. Ms. Smith mentioned an incident where a flag slapped her in the face at a Speedway demonstration and a 911 call was made about it.

Gretchen Nielsen spoke about the demonstrations at the Speedway recruitment office.

Marshall Home said all governments are military. He asked that police persons be called peace officers and not law enforcement officers.

Ron Lesnick said public officials breach their affirmation to uphold the constitution of the United States.

4. Presentation of new Board Members

Chair Schiesel introduced Joaquin Murrieta and Jennifer Lopez as new advisory members. Chair Schiesel noted, board member Hector Morales was not at the meeting.

Mr. Murrieta said he was a graduate of the University of Arizona and was currently employed with the State of Arizona.

Jennifer Lopez said she was a native to Tucson and was employed with Tucson Electric Power.

5. Report on NACOLE conference by Liana Perez, Tom Clark, and Bruce Cameron

Chair Schiesel thanked Mayor and Council for the funding that allowed two Citizen Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) members the privilege of attending the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) conference.

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor, said the first speaker was David Harrison. Mr. Harrison was the author of "The Place of Civilian Oversight in Preventative Policing". He wrote the book post 9-11 touching on subjects like the role of a police department, relationship building, and building bridges with advocacy groups and community leaders. Ms. Perez said the book spoke about each group's role in making a community effective. Ms. Perez said she purchased the book and would lend it out to any member who wanted to read it.

Ms. Perez mentioned she attended a session about youth and police relations. She said other cities had police advisory boards with youth as members. She said they talked about building a relationship with the youth in their communities to assist them in discussions when things happened that effected youth. She said they had teen summits and workshops, which allowed open dialogue with the youth of the community.

Ms. Perez said she had spoken with Lieutenant Wilson about what some of the agencies were doing with a rapid resolution to complaints. She said these suggestions would help with a quicker turn over rate of minor infractions.

Ms. Perez said one of the most interesting sessions consisted of a presentation about the Rampart Scandal that had occurred in Los Angeles a few years ago.

Tom Clark said it was a great conference and that he was impressed. He stated the theme of the conference was Making Justice Visible. He said the New York police department was large, but they handled mediation in the department very impressively.

Mr. Clark said he was particularly interested in the Northern Ireland Constabulary. He said they did an extraordinary job for the past 35 years for what they had to deal with.

Bruce Cameron said meeting the people was wonderful. He said they showed a map of all the cities that had police oversight and he was amazed at how few cities actually had something similar to CPARB. Mr. Cameron said he liked the handouts, books and information that were available at the conference. He recommended any board member who had the ability to go in the future to attend the NACOLE conference.

Chair Schiesel thanked Ms. Perez for all of her hard work.

6. Report on Rapid Response Team by ~~Captain Terry Rozema~~ Lieutenant Sanford Levy

Lieutenant Sanford Levy, Tucson Police Department, said he was present on behalf of Captain Rozema and the police department.

He said the Rapid Response Team was directed as a State asset. There were eight Rapid Response Teams in the Phoenix area, two in Tucson, and eventually there will be one in Yuma and Flagstaff. He said they were a combination of Police and Fire teams designed to respond to large scale disasters. He said they would handle situations that were man made or natural disasters. He said the team was funded by State Homeland Security.

7. Brief overview of TPD protocols with regard to juveniles by ~~Captain Terry Rozema~~ Sergeant Paul Hawks

Sergeant Paul Hawks state he would be giving a brief overview on behalf of Captain Rozema. Sergeant Paul Hawks discussed the rules and protocols which were followed when dealing with juveniles, including segregation from adult prisoners, restraint, and length of time juveniles could be held. He also discussed the basis on which juveniles were released to parents or taken to juvenile court.

8. Office of Independent Police Auditor

A. Outreach Report

Liana Perez, Independent Police auditor, said she went to the recruitment office on Speedway to speak to demonstrators. She said Ms. Sexton spoke to her as an individual and not a representative for the whole group of demonstrators. Ms. Perez stated that Ms. Sexton said she would speak with the other people in the group about mediation and get back with Ms. Perez at a later date. Ms. Perez said she had not heard back from Ms. Sexton but would attempt to follow up. She said Ms. Sexton emphasized they were not pro-war, but pro-military. Ms. Sexton had a son who was in active duty.

B. Monthly Contacts

There was no discussion.

9. Tucson Police Department

Ex-Officio representatives from the Tucson Police Department were not present due to an emergency. There was no discussion.

10. Random Review of TPD Investigations

Motion by Tom Clark, duly seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Michael Elsner and Hector Morales absent) to hold the three random review cases over until Ex-Officio representatives from the Tucson Police Department were present to answer questions.

11. Recess

By consensus, the Board decided to forego a recess.

12. Review of Citizen comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD

Chair Schiesel asked Officer Meredith Gietzke, Tucson Police Department, a question about number seventeen. She said it was unclear to her as to who was saying what in this case. She said it read "she went to pick up a check and the police officer interfered, which he had no right to do."

Officer Gietzke said the business contracted Tucson Police Department officers for security. She said the lady had a complaint with the business and called the police. The officer who was there took the report and the lady did not like that.

13. Report on CPARB Website

Chair Schiesel thanked Bruce Cameron for his help on the website.

14. Election of new Vice-Chairperson

Motion by Vicki Hart, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Michael Elsner and Hector Morales absent) to elect Susan Thornton as the new Vice-Chairperson.

15. Report from the Chair/Announcements

A. Training Day

Chair Schiesel reminded the Board about the agenda for the training day.

B. Farewell to Vicki Hart

Chair Schiesel presented Vice Chair Hart with a certificate of appreciation.

Vicki Hart thanked everyone and stated she enjoyed her eight years of service with the Citizens Police Advisory Review Board.

16. Future Agenda Items

Chair Schiesel requested the topic of the relationship between Tucson Police Department and the University of Arizona Police Department.

Tom Clark requested a department organizational chart.

17. Adjournment – 7:20 p.m.

MOTION by Susan Thornton, duly seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Michael Elsner and Hector Morales absent) to adjourn.