



## Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone 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 (Arrived 5:35 p.m.)  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Kathleen May  
Karen Brandel

Advisory Members Absent:

Geoffrey Boyce

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bill Richards, Tucson Police Department  
Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department  
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office  
Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor  
Officer Steven Beller, Tucson Police Department  
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department  
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor

Others Present:

Assistant Chief Sharon Allen, Tucson Police Department  
Sergeant John Buckley, Tucson Police Department  
Sergeant Sean Bailey, Tucson Police Department  
Sergeant Jim Kirk, Tucson Police Department  
Detective Justin Doggett, Tucson Police Department  
Ana Smith, Secretary, City Clerk's Office

## 2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of August 19, 2008

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

Jennifer Lopez stated that she was absent for the August 19, 2008 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2008, carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, with following corrections:

Page 1, Item 1 – Member absent: Jennifer Lopez.

Page 2, Item 2 should read: Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to approve the minutes of July 15, 2008, with corrections: Item 1: Scrivener's error on Page 3, Paragraph 2, should read: ~~Lieutenant Reza~~ **Liana Perez**. Page 3, Item 4B, 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph should read: ~~Lieutenant Reza~~ **Liana Perez** responded and stated she had agreed with TPD findings on all eight cases.

Page 3, Item 5A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph, should read: He said she stated to him that the presentation given by Assistant Police Chief Villasenor relating to the case of Eleanor Charles was very ~~through~~ **thorough** and complete.

Page 3, Item 6A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph should read: Captain Bill Richards then introduced ~~Captain Chief Robinson~~ **Assistant Chief Robinson**.

Page 4, Item 7 should read: Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to forego recess.

Page 4, Item 8, should read:

1. Case# 08-0175

Motion by Suzanne Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to find Case # 08-0175 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 08-0091

Motion by Suzanne Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to find Case # 08-0091 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 08-0283

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to find Case # 08-0283 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

Page 4, Item 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph should read: ~~Kathleen May~~ **Karen Brandel** stated she read the comment about the officer shooting a dog and asked if it was true. Captain Bob Shoun responded by stating it was true and he spoke about the facts of the case.

Page 5, Item 10A, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph should read: Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to hold training during the CPARB meetings.

Page 5, Item 10A, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph should read: Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** not to have a training day.

Page 6, Item 13, Fourth Bullet should read: November 2008, Report on the ~~Chicago Alternative Policing Strategies Program~~ **Comprehensive Assessments Practical Skills (CAPS)** – by Captain Bob Shoun.

Page 6, Item 14, motion should read: Motion by Susan Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to adjourn.

**3. First Call to the Audience**

There were no speakers.

**4. Presentation: Impound policies and mental health for officers**

Sergeant Buckley and Sergeant Bailey passed out two handouts and gave a detailed presentation on the impound policies and what the officers were required to do under the law.

Sergeant Jim Kirk spoke about a training schedule on mental health classes that police officers take to better understand the issues they face out in the field. He also said that CPARB members could **possibly** attend the classes. He encouraged them to take the full week of training and be a participant rather than an observer in order to get the full aspect of the training.

## 5. Office of Independent Police Auditor

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

Bob Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor, said in response to a question by the Board, presentations in the community were posted on the City's web site for the Independent Police Auditor (IPA). He said if anyone had any questions about presentations, or the IPA web site, a contact number for the office was listed on the web site.

Mr. Barton stated in the month of August 2008, the IPA office gave two community presentations. He said a presentation was made to an ITT Technical Institute (ITT Tech) law enforcement class. He said ~~ITT Tech~~ **Tucson City Court** also requested that the IPA offices come out and do a presentation for all of the Tucson City Court judges at their monthly meeting in August 2008.

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

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor, stated the office received nine inquiries, of which five were complaints forwarded to Internal Affairs. IPA conducted a review of fifteen cases that were closed by Internal Affairs. He said the Office of the Independent Police Auditor agreed with the findings of the Internal Affairs.

## 6. Tucson Police Department:

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

No report was given.

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

Lieutenant Reza introduced Assistant Chief Sharon Allen. She stated that Assistant Chief Allen was in charge of five patrol divisions. She also introduced Sergeant Matt Ronstadt as the new Sergeant in the squad. Ms. Reza said that Detective Cory Doggett, who was in attendance, was replacing Nicole Greene. She said those were some of the changes in the Internal Affairs section.

Ms. Reza also announced that Captain Shoun sent out e-mails in reference to the Comprehensive Assignments of Police Skills (CAPS). She said that there would be an opportunity for the Board to either observe or participate, and it would be on

September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and then again on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. She said Captain Shoun said if the Board was interested in any part of the training, to please contact him at 791-5211, extension 1106. Ms. Reza said that Captain Shoun could accommodate the Board by the end of the week if they contact him to participate.

**7. Recess**

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

**8. Random Review of TPD Investigation:**

1. Case# 08-0260

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0260 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 08-0238

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0238 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 08-0213

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to find Case # 08-0213 to be a fair and thorough investigation. (Jennifer Lopez abstained from voting, due to prior knowledge of the situation and the people involved in the case.)

**9. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for July as reported on 8/1/08.**

Susan Elefante asked TPD about security for the president and ex-presidents with the upcoming elections for 2008. She asked who bore the cost if and when the president arrived in our City. Captain Richards stated it was the City's cost. He said that the Federal Government, through the Secret Service, requested TPD assist them as a matter of courtesy. He said they would do the same for anybody who had Secret Service protection.

Joaquin Murrieta asked TPD about the complaints on the noisy coolers. He asked TPD if they actually got calls about noisy coolers. Captain Richards replied affirmatively and that in fact, it was a very common call. When the call comes in an officer would go out and assess the noise to see if in fact, the noise was disturbing the peace. If it was, then the officer had to contact the homeowner and address the issue with them.

## 10. CPARB Subcommittee Reports

### A. Outreach activities of CPARB

Discussion ensued regarding proposed amendments to the Citizens Police Advisory Review Board Bylaws. Vice Chair Murrieta said that it was not clear whether CPARB members could go out to the public and do outreach activities. Vice Chair Murrieta made a motion to have the proposed amendments approved by the CPARB members, and presented to Mayor and Council for consideration and approval. Motion was withdrawn for a lack of a second.

## 11. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

## 12. Report from Chair / Announcements

- Chair Thornton stated she received a flyer about a forum on racial profiling sponsored by the Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board. If anyone was interested, she would pass the information along. The conference was to be held on October 21, 2008, in Mesa, Arizona.
- Chair Thornton announced she had a meeting with Chief Kermit Miller. She said he was going to retire in June 2009. She stated that St. Paul, Minnesota sent a call asking for additional help **during the Republican and National Convention** and TPD responded by sending out twenty-six officers with an all expense paid trip to St. Paul, Minnesota.

## 13. Future Agenda Items

There was no report.

## 14. Adjournment- 7:12 p.m.

Motion by Susan Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to adjourn.