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Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, June 17, 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
Suzanne Elefante
Jennifer Lopez
Cynthia Schiesel
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair
Barbara O'Brien

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Karen Brandel
Stephen Nekolek
Geoffrey Boyce
Kathleen May

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department
Robert Barton, Police Auditor
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney's Office
Sergeant Paul Sayre, Tucson Police Department

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Police Auditor
Sergeant Sandy Sellers, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Assistant Police Chief Robinson, Tucson Police Department
Captain Bill Richards, Tucson Police Department
Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department
James Lacey, Citizen
Roberta ~~Lautensch Lager~~ **Lautenschlager**, Citizen
Sheila Majinez, Citizen
Ana Smith, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

Chair Thornton expressed condolences to the family and Tucson Police Department (TPD) for the loss of Officer Eric Hite. Chair Thornton stated it was truly a tragedy and was deeply saddened.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting May 20, 2008

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to approve the minutes of May 20, 2008, as presented.

3. First Call to the Audience

James Lacey stated he was at the May 20, 2008 meeting and he spoke about his mother's murder, disappearance and mishandling of the investigation. He asked if anything had been discussed since then.

Discussion ensued by the Board regarding Mr. Lacey's request. The Board asked if the issue had been looked at. Bob Barton, Independent Police Auditor (IPA) and Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department (TPD) both stated there was ongoing discussion, but because this item was not on the agenda it was inappropriate to discuss it any further. Suzanne Elefante requested the issue be included on the next meeting agenda.

Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney stated that if an issue arises from Call to the Audience it could be considered under the Tucson City Code sections:

- 10A-88 – Citizens' complaints and concerns; powers and duties
- 10A-93 – Limitations of powers.

Mr. Greene advised the board to keep in mind the Tucson City Code when fashioning what item could be on the next meeting agenda.

4. Presentation: Crimes Against Persons and Cold Case issuing.

Captain Bob Shoun introduced Captain Bill Richards from the Crimes Against Persons Division. Captain Bill Richards spoke about how investigations and Cold Cases were forwarded to detectives in his division, issued and presented to the County Attorney's Office.

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.

In May 2008, the outreach efforts of the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) met with Mr. Carlos Romero from Ward 1 to discuss the

resources available through IPA. Robert Barton, Police Auditor stated that the IPA had met with all the wards except Ward 2.

Mr. Barton stated Liana Perez made a presentation at the Citizens' Police Academy which occurred regularly at the training center. Mr. Barton also said he attended a ~~Bio-Space~~ **Biased Based** Policing Committee meeting at the office of Assistant Chief Leavitt. He was asked to give a perspective of the office as the Bio Space Policing Committee was compiling data and looking at how they were going to move forward with their researches internally.

- 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, Police Auditor, stated the office received twelve inquiries, four complaints, and conducted a review of seven files that were closed by Internal Affairs. Mr. Barton performed random reviews of eighteen fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by Internal Affairs.

Chair Thornton asked Mr. Barton if in his meeting with Ward 1, he happened to mention the issue concerning the vacancy in Ward 1. Mr. Barton stated that he did not.

6. Tucson Police Department:

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

Captain Bob Shoun announced that Assistant Police Chief Leavitt and Assistant Police Chief Allen would be swapping duties in mid July 2008, and introduced Assistant Police Chief Cathy Robinson.

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

No report given.

7. Recess

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to forego recess.

8. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case#07-0629

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to find Case #07-0629 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case # 08-0138

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to find Case #08-0138 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case #07-0808

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 2, to find Case #07-0808 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

9. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for April, May as reported on 5/1/2008, 6/1/2008.

For the month of April 2008, as reported on 5/1/2008 under Item #10, Jennifer Lopez asked if the “Thank you comments” were passed up the chain of command. Ms. Meredith Gierke from the Police Department stated the “Thank you” comments were.

For the month of May 2008, as reported on 6/1/2008, there was no discussion by the Board. Chair Thornton stated there were many comments made on the Mayor and Council Comment Line regarding Police funding. Chair Thornton made the decision to not have multiple pages added to the packets but asked Ms. Gierke to compile a list of comments made and the characteristics of the comments. She said if a Board member wanted to review the actual comments they would be made available. Ms. Gierke stated that she would put a star by the comments that were about Police funding. She said about two thirds of the comments were for increased funding, and one third supportive of the budget of Mayor and Council.

10. CPARB Subcommittee Reports

A. Brochure

No report given.

B. Outreach

Vice Chair Murrieta asked the Board if anybody had commented on the proposed changes that the subcommittee made to the Rules and Regulations. Vice Chair Murrieta stated that he was not sure if the Board should combine their efforts with the further direction of CPARB. Suzanne Elefante stated she was meeting with Elizabeth Baca Smith, founder and former CPARB member on Thursday to put a small educational presentation together for the CPARB members. She said she felt once the presentation was given everyone would understand how CPARB came about and it would help to make decisions for the future. It was agreed by the Board to wait until after the presentation to discuss any proposed changes.

C. Training

Cynthia Schiesel stated that the subcommittee had come up with several proposals at training day. The first topic would deal with multiple complaints and how TPD handled multiple complaints from individuals or groups. In particular, examining the cases involved with a recent complainant. Ms. Schiesel stated the training committee did not believe the topic should be handled at a regular Board meeting. The subcommittee also suggested presentations from the Major Theft Offenders division.

Ms. Schiesel suggested the Board consider two half day programs instead of a full day. It was agreed upon by the Board the training day session would be one full day and the date would be the first Saturday in November 2008, and it would take place at the Police Academy, if available. Suzanne Elefante stated if the budget could not provide lunch, she said she would if someone could pick it up and bring it to the training site. The Board would consider topics for the training day at the future meetings, but requested that scenarios and activities be included in the day.

11. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

12. Report from the Chair/Announcements

- Chair Thornton asked the Board to send her any address and email corrections via e-mail at chairparb@yahoo.com.

13. Future Agenda Items

- Chair Thornton suggested a future agenda item was polygraph testing.

14. Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Chair Thornton, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, to adjourn.