



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, October 21, 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
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
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor
Officer Steven Beller, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Assistant Chief, John Leavitt, Tucson Police Department
Angela Spencer, Tucson Police Department
Dina Richardson, Tucson Police Department
Stacy Semas, Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of September 16, 2008**

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded to approve the minutes of September 16, 2008, carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Suzanne Elefante absent), with following corrections:

Page 3, Item 4, Paragraph 2, should read: He also said that CPARB members could **possibly** attend the classes.

Page 4, Item 5 A, Paragraph 3, should read: 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.

Page 6, Item 12, 2nd Bullet, should read: She stated that St. Paul, Minnesota sent a call asking for additional help **during the Republican National Convention** and TPD responded by sending out twenty-six officers with an all expense paid trip to St. Paul, Minnesota.

3. **First Call to the Audience**

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

There were no speakers.

4. **Presentation: Communications – 911**

Captain Bill Richards announced that Assistant Police Chief Leavitt was in attendance.

Chair Thornton announced the recording secretary was Stacy Semas as Ana Smith was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Angela Spencer and Dina Richardson spoke about the Tucson Police Department (TPD), Communications section and gave a general overview of how many Police Service Operators, Dispatchers and Supervisors were in the department. Ms. Spencer gave a brief overview of how TPD communications, the 9-1-1 system, the Automatic Call Distribution system (ACD), and the Police Service Operator (PSO) Console work together. She also spoke about the operational procedures regarding the daily duties of Police Service Operators and Public Safety Dispatchers. Ms. Richardson presented statistics on the call load for July 2007 through July 2008.

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.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA), stated in the month of September 2008, the IPA office gave two community presentations. He said one of the presentations was to the Sergeant's Training Academy and the other was to the Palo Verde Neighborhood Association. He said the a third presentation was a crossover between community outreach and their audit function. He said that he started to reach out to the constituents that initiated external complaints through Internal Affairs (IA) and their complaints had not gone through the IPA. He said the purpose was to do some outreach to let constituents in the community know that their complaints were being reviewed by an external source and to provide confidence in the system.

- 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, Office of the Independent Police Auditor, stated the Office received seven inquiries, of which seven were complaints forwarded to IA. He stated a report was processed to compare January 2007 through September 2007 to January 2008 through September 2008 and he found the office had doubled the number of citizen contacts for inquiries.

Mr. Barton said it appeared the outreach that was done by the office for various organizations had increased the number of constituents coming forward with issues. He said he conducted a review of fourteen cases that were closed by IA. They did not agree with two of those cases and they were sent back to IA for further investigation.

6. Tucson Police Department:

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

Captain Bill Richards stated Captain Napier from Team One took a job as an Assistant Chief in Glendale, Arizona and filing his position was ~~Lieutenant Knipp~~ **Lieutenant Timpf** who was promoted to Captain and would be taking over the south division. Lieutenant Pryor would be the executive officer replacing Lieutenant Timpf. He said Sergeant Gilder was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the south division. Lieutenant Bentley, currently at the south division, would be transferred to traffic. He stated all good men, all good moves.

Captain Richards said he had seen a constant number of retirements due to the drop program. He said Officer Gary Lynch, who was retiring after thirty-seven years of service, would be missed.

- 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.

Lieutenant Reza stated they would be losing Detective Olivia Kennedy in the near future. She had been requested by the homicide unit. She said that Detective Carol Dover from the burglary unit was transferred to IA. Ms. Reza stated they were waiting on approvals for those moves to happen.

Assistant Chief John Leavitt spoke about the budgetary concerns that the Board should be aware of. He said the first quarter of the year was a dramatic downturn. The City had put together enormous packages of budget cut strategies and left the Police Department out of it, for the most part. He said that public safety had taken the largest budget cut this year.

~~Mr. Leavitt~~ **Assistant Chief Leavitt** stated the Police Department had put forth a number of different strategies to the City and essentially had cut out all the fat. He said TPD was not promoting any detectives right now, because they want to keep detectives in the field to answer emergency calls. He said there would be a point when they would promote, and currently there was no freeze in effect, but they were promoting people slowly because of the impact of the budget issues. He said they were trying to preserve jobs.

7. Recess

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

8. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case# 08-0275

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0275 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 08-0412

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0412 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 08-0323

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0323 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

9. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for September as reported on 10/1/08.

Stephen Nekolek asked about comment # 4. He asked if there was a party happening. Could TPD go outside the property and take a reading of the noise level if there was no response from the homeowner.

Captain Bill Richards said if it warrants a decibel reader. He said not knowing the particulars of the complaint for example squeaky cooler at three in the morning, loud music coming from a stereo, or an engine revving up, it would depend on the complaint. These were some of the lower level calls that frequently, by the time TPD got to respond, the noise had abated and there was nothing they could do, because it was not occurring in their presence. He said they could not go by the word of the complainant.

10. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

11. Report from Chair / Announcements

- A. Chair Thronton announced she would be working on the Annual Report and welcomed any suggestions for the report.
- B. Chair Thornton announced the location of the November 18, 2008 Citizen Police Advisory Review Board meeting would be held at the West Side Police Service Center, 1310 West Miracle Mile, at 5:30 p.m.
- C. Chair Thornton asked the Board to think about future agenda items that could be discussed in December 2008.

12. Future Agenda Items

- A. A presentation from Captain Johnson regarding property crimes.
- B. A budget update in December 2008.
- C. A presentation on mental health.

13. Adjournment – 7:01 p.m.

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