



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone Ave, 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
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Kathleen May
Karen Brandel

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bill Richards, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Rick Hovden, Tucson Police Department
Office Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Office of the Independent Police Auditor
Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor

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 Sharon Allen, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Rick Middleton, Tucson Police Department
Lupita Murillo, KVOA News 4
Ana Smith, Secretary, City Clerk's Office

Captain Bill Richards introduced Assistant Chief Sharon Allen who was in attendance. He also introduced Lieutenant Rick Hovden who was replacing Lieutenant Vicki Reza. Lieutenant Reza was promoted to Captain of the Property Crimes Division.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of December 16, 2008

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to approve the minutes of December 16, 2008, with following corrections:

Page 1, Item #1, Under title Others Present, should read: **Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department.**

Page 2, Item #4, should read: Once the tests and exams had been successfully completed the recruits would be part of **a sixteen week training academy with a ~~weeks of a~~ five week post basic training** program at the police academy.

Page 4, Item #9, Paragraph 3, should read: Captain Richards said this issue was another part of the ~~McShea initiative~~ **Focused Patrol Violent Crime Initiative.**

3. First Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

4. Public Information Section presentation

Captain Bill Richards introduced Lieutenant Rick Middleton, Tucson Police Department and Lupita Murillo, KVOA News 4.

Lieutenant Rick Middleton distributed a handout dealing with media relations. He read a passage from their mission statement. He said it was his responsibility to ensure members of the media and the community received trust, cooperation and respect. He also said he provides information on events that affect the lives of citizens and departments administration and operations, in a timely manner.

Lupita Murillo stated she worked for KVOA 4 News for thirty years. She said during that time, she learned having a harmonious working relationship and mutual respect with the Tucson Police Department (TPD) helped get the word out to the community. She stated she had always collected the most detailed information possible to report the community. She stated that KVOA refers citizens complaints to TPD.

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 December 2008, someone from the Communications Department had called to inform them the new phone service operators were unfamiliar with the IPA office. He said he made arrangements to send them informational flyers.

- 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 (IPA), stated the office received eight inquiries, four complaints, and conducted reviews of eight files that were closed by Internal Affairs (IA). Mr. Barton performed random reviews of nine fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by IA. He said that IPA had disagreed with three of the cases and were sent back to IA for review.

Mr. Barton stated from January to December 2008, the IPA office received ninety-nine inquiries, and sixty-six complaints that came through the IPA office, which were processed and sent over to IA for further investigation. He said there were seventy complaints initiated through the IPA office that were reviewed and closed during the calendar year. He said they reviewed and audited an additional one hundred and ninety cases, which were initiated through IA for a total of two hundred and sixty cases.

Mr. Barton stated they disagreed with the outcomes of three of the two hundred and sixty cases. Those cases were reviewed with IA staff and reopened for further investigation. He said one was still pending and the other two were closed to their satisfaction. He said IPA was in agreement that the remaining two hundred and fifty-seven cases were conducted fair and thorough.

6. Tucson Police Department:

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

Captain Richards stated he was the liaison between the Police Foundation and the Tucson Police Department (TPD). He said, on Saturday, January 31, 2009, the Police Foundation was holding their Unsung Heroes Awards Fundraiser/Banquet to honor five Unsung Heroes from TPD. He said he was pleased to announce the award recipients, nominated by their peers for this year, were Lieutenant Mike Prior, Sergeant Mike Garcia, Sergeant Jennifer Turner, Officer Mark Doe and Ms. Michelle Shaw a Home Invasion System Analyst. He asked CPARB to visit the

police foundation web site at www.policefoundation.org to see what good work they have done for TPD.

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

Assistant Chief Allen stated in January 2009, five detectives were being split between the Investigations Services Bureau (ISB) and the Vehicle and Crimes Unit in the midtown division.

Assistant Chief Allen announced the Tucson Police Chief hiring process was still ongoing. She said two internal applicants had made the cut, and by March or April 2009, they should be able to name a Chief. She announced Captain Bill Washington retired after twenty-five years of service. His replacement would be Captain Ruben Nunez who was currently with the Human Resources Division. Captain Nunez would be the Commander of the Eastside Division.

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 Investigations:

- 1. Case# 08-0495

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0495 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

- 2. Case# 08-0638

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0638 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

- 3. Case# 08-0503

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case # 08-0503 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

9. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for December 2008 as reported on January 1, 2009.

The Board asked about comment number twelve that dealt with property crimes and the response time of the Tucson Police Department (TPD). Meredith Gierke, TPD said she

forwarded the referral and had not received a response back as to what had happened. She said she would have an update by the next meeting.

The Board asked about comment number two which dealt with a constituent expressing their concerns with Graffiti removal at the Tucson Water Department walls and the Redondo apartments. TPD stated that some believed one way to deal with the problem was to sponsor graffiti artists and legitimize them because some of these people had extraordinary talent. Giving them a place to do this and sanctioning it was a way of controlling graffiti issues. He said another way was to spend taxpayer dollars to eradicate.

10. Unfilled Advisory Board positions

Discussion was held regarding the unfilled advisory Board positions and two expiring terms in September 2009. The Board decided to continue the topic in May with more clarification and information.

11. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

12. Report from Chair / Announcements

- A. Chair Thornton announced she had received all email confirmations from the CPARB members.
- B. Chair Thornton said the Board would have Chairperson and Vice Chairperson elections coming up in February 2009.
- C. Chair Thornton requested an updated organizational chart from TPD.
- D. Chair Thornton presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lieutenant Vicki Reza.

13. Future Agenda Items

- A. Discussion on the cost of Parking Validation and the cost Pima County charges to have the CPARB meetings at the Downtown Main Library.
- B. Presentation on the Gem Show in March by Captain Reza.
- C. Presentation on Criminal enterprises, organized crime, and cooperation between agencies in February 2009.

14. Adjournment – 7:15 p.m.

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