



Community Policing Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

December 5th, 2018

Oakland City Hall

1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 1st floor, Hearing Room 3

Oakland, CA 94612

Committee Membership: Chairperson Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4), Cathy Leonard (Dist. 1) Colette McPherson (Dist. 2), Akiba Bradford (Dist.3), Jorge Lerma (Dist.5), Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7), Jennifer Tran (At Large), Nancy Sidebotham (NW), Geraldine Wong (NW), Sheryl Walton (M), Courtney Welch (M).

Vacancies: OUSD, Dist. 6, Oakland Housing Authority, Mayor.

Staff: Joe DeVries

Appointee Notes: Dist. = District; M = Mayoral; NW = Neighborhood Watch; OHA = Oakland Housing Authority; OUSD = Oakland Unified School District

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Each person wishing to speak on items must fill out a speaker's card. Persons addressing the Community Policing Advisory Board shall state their names and the organization they are representing, if any.

Members Present: Singh, Leonard, McPherson, Bradford, Lerma, Tran, Sidebotham, Wong.

1. Open Forum:

There was one public speaker: Monica Bien regarding NCPC funding.

2. Approval of the November Minutes:

The November Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding NCPC sign-in sheet/membership list access by NCPC Chairpersons

Neighborhood Services Supervisor Jacque Long presented a draft agreement that NCPC Chairs would need to sign that indicated they would only use sign-in lists for NCPC related business and that they would provide the NSC with a copy. She noted that there had been inconsistency across the city regarding these lists and some past concerns and issues where lists were used for commercial or political purposes and that was why there was a need for a protocol. The agreement still needs review by the City Attorney and the Ethics Commission and then can be implemented.

A motion to support this effort was unanimously passed by the Board.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding NCPC Chairperson access to email addresses for NCPC Chairpersons citywide

Joe DeVries noted that in the past the Board deliberated on this issue and some Board Chairs were reluctant to have their own personal email out in the public domain. Therefore, staff researched the idea of giving each NCPC a City of Oakland email but security concerns were an obstacle. A compromise proposal was suggested that the City could create a gmail

account for each NCPC and the NSCs could have the password and grant access to the current chair. This would allow for a public email address while protecting the personal email of the chairs. The idea was not adopted during the last deliberation but staff suggested that this may be the right plan presently.

Members engaged in lengthy discussion about whether this was a viable solution to better connecting the various neighborhood groups or if other alternatives or the status quo would be more useful. A motion was made to support staff moving forward with this alternative and was agreed to by consensus.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the Annual Safety Summit

NSC Rene Sykes, Joe DeVries, and Jacque Long gave some background on past summits and the challenges faced in executing them including staff time, financial resources. They also described many of the benefits that the public received from having them, such as workshops on a variety of subjects that educated people on how to problem solve issues in their neighborhood.

Member Tran noted that the Program committee discussed the summit concept and how it could be youth focused to increase youth involvement in community. Member Bradford raised a concern that there is a conflict in that the resolution requires a summit regardless of resource constraints. Member Singh noted that it was possible there would be unspent NCPC funding that could be used to fund an upcoming summit.

The group agreed to continue this conversation at the January meeting.

6. Committee Updates:

Member Bradford used this section of the meeting to present the reporting template that she and Joe DeVries developed for committees to use to report their work and recommendations to the board. It was well received and committees will use the template moving forward.

7. Staff Report:

Joe DeVries gave a quick summary of the Board Chair's presentation of the Annual Report to the Police Commission. Member Singh noted that the Commission was relatively circumspect about the community policing program and the tone of the meeting and the comments from the public were challenging.

8. Agenda Building:

Three items for next month: Summit discussions, OPD Update, especially on the CRO Policy and training, and Filling Vacancies.