



Community Policing Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 7th, 2018

Oakland Police Department, Eastmont Substation
2651 73rd Avenue, Oakland CA 94601

Committee Membership: Chairperson Jay Ashford (M), Cathy Leonard (Dist. 1) John Garvey (Dist. 2), Akiba Bradford (Dist.3), Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4), Jorge Lerma (Dist.5), Jennifer Tran (At Large), Nancy Sidebotham (NW), Geraldine Wong (NW), Don Link (M), Sheryl Walton (M), William Mayes (Oakland Housing Authority).

Vacancies: OUSD, Dist. 6, Dist.7.

Staff: Joe DeVries

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

CPAB Website/Newsletter: <http://oaklandcommunitypolicing.org>



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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.

1. Open Forum:

No Speakers

2. Membership Updates:

Joe DeVries noted that Colette McPherson is anticipated to be the appointed representative for District 2 next month, filling the vacancy left by John Garvey. The Mayor is also considering a few candidates and will hopefully be filling the vacancies left by Don Link and Jay Ashford soon as well.

3. Minutes: Review and Approval of Feb 2018 minutes

Member Leonard asked raised a concern about the level of detail of members' comments that are reflected in the minutes leading to a conversation about how long or short minutes needs to be. Member Tran suggested members could have access to the audio file if necessary. Consensus was reached that if there is a specific concern that a member wants reflected in the minutes, that they should state so at the time so that clear direction is given to staff.

One Public Speaker: Asada Olugbala noted that the minutes are an opportunity for the public to understand what took place at the meetings when they cannot attend.

The February, 2018 Minutes were approved with one abstention (Member Sidebotham, who was not at the February Meeting).

4. Review of and Vote on Draft CPAB 2018 Report

The Board reviewed the Annual Report and Survey Results thoroughly and made several recommendations to Member Ashford to modify. A motion was made by Member Link, and seconded by Member Sidebotham to approve the report

with the proposed changes and forward to the Public Safety Committee. The motion passed unanimously. (a copy of the final edited report is being sent out with the April Agenda Packet and will be posted online).

5. Nominations and Vote for CPAB Chair:

Member Bradford nominated Member Singh to serve as Chair, this nomination was seconded by Member Ashford and was unanimously approved.

6. Staff Report:

Joe DeVries reported that he had been asked to assist with the CRO training, covering a section on Code Enforcement/Blight. Member Link also reported that he participated in the CRO training, covering a section on NCPCs but that it was a last-minute opportunity for him—the department had actually asked another individual to present and Member Link found out through a group leadership email.

Several Members expressed strong concern that the CPAB was not more involved in the planning and development or execution of the training. It was noted that the CPAB was told about the training at the February meeting as part of the OPD update but no real time was spent discussing it. Member Singh asked if the CPAB could review the curriculum, Member Bradford asked if the enabling resolutions regarding Community Policing had been distributed to the CROs. Member Lerma suggested the CPAB needs to be more proactive in its communication with the City/OPD.

Two Public Speakers: Asada Olugbala expressed her strong belief that the CPAB should be involved in the development process. Colette McPherson stated she heard the Neighborhood Services Coordinators were also not involved which is of concern.

The Board unanimously expressed their concern to staff and asked that this concern be relayed back to the city and remedied.

Next Meeting: Wed, April 4th, at City Hall