

JUNE 27, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in the Northern District, Rosa Parks Elementary School, 1501 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, at 5:33 p.m., in a Regular Meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Sparks, Campos, DeJesus, Lee, Veronese
ABSENT: Commissioner Marshall

(Commissioner Lee is excused at 6:30 p.m.)

Commissioner Sparks welcomed the audience and asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. **Update on significant policing efforts by Department members**
- b. **Review of Recent Activities**

Chief Fong reported on the start of the 217th Recruit Class which started with 52 members and is down to 49 members. Currently there are 191 recruit officers in the Police Academy. Chief Fong also reported regarding the budget.

Chief Fong also reported on the recent Pride celebrations that happened last weekend. The Chief stated that there were broken windows that occurred but given the number of visitors that came to San Francisco, it was a great weekend with minimal difficult times in terms of crime problems.

Commissioner Sparks commended Captain Goldberg and thanked him for an outstanding job.

Chief Fong introduced the Command Staff. Present were Deputy Chief Keohane, Deputy Chief Craig, Commander Harper, Deputy Chief Shinn, Commander Tacchini, and Commander Lynch. Also present was Lieutenant Orkes.

OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. **Review of Recent Activities**

Ms. Jean Field, Interim Director of OCC, gave a brief overview of what the OCC does and its responsibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Landry, Western Addition, discussed concerns regarding an incident involving the Gang Task Force and asked that a satellite office of the OCC is needed in the Bayview and in the Western Addition.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- a. **Commission President's Report**
- b. **Commissioners' Report**

Commissioner Sparks stated that she met with the Chief and talked about violent crimes and talked about reorganizing under the Investigations Bureau and maybe adding a Commander over a violent crime unit as opposed to a Captain. Commissioner Sparks stated that hopefully she can talk to the Chief about that this Friday. Commissioner Sparks also stated that she has assigned Commissioner Veronese to work with the Department regarding DGO 8.01 and adding Homicides to 8.01, Critical Incidents. Commissioner Sparks also stated that she has talked to Commissioner Marshall and asked him if he would be willing to chair a standing committee as a Violent Crime

Oversight Committee which would meet periodically, noticed meetings, possibly members of the public would be invited to participate in that meeting and that would allow the Commission to have periodic updates on a more regular basis on what's going on relative to violent crime.

Commissioner Campos asked that the language access DGO be calendared as soon as possible. Commissioner Campos also asked about the assessment of the public safety cameras. He also asked for the OCC's outreach plan and process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CAPTAIN KEVIN DILLON, COMMANDING OFFICER OF NORTHERN STATION, TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON POLICE ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT

Captain Kevin Dillon talked about activities in the Northern District, the demographics of the district and the station and crime statistics in the district.

Commissioner Veronese asked what kind of outreach was done for the meeting. Captain Dillon stated that besides the weekly newsletters, the beat officers that are assigned to the beats in the Western Addition were all given flyers to pass out in the community. Commissioner Veronese asked why are there so few people present in the meeting. Captain Dillon stated that he does not know and stated that maybe it's the change in time.

Commissioner Veronese asked what the Department is not doing that children as young as 14 and 12 years old are involved in violent crimes. Captain Dillon stated that the firearms are moving to younger and younger ages and it is not something that the Department understand what is happening but the Department is doing everything it can to remove the firearms from the community.

Commissioner Campos asked what is the relationship of the Department, the Northern District with the community. Captain Dillon stated that the Department has a good relationship with some parts of the community and there are parts of the community that the Department could do better and stated that it is an ongoing effort to try and improve that relationship.

Commissioner Lee asked about Vietnamese speaking officers. Captain Dillon stated that if translation is needed, a call is put out to other districts for a Vietnamese-speaking officer and also the telephone company is used as a resource in case translation is needed. Commissioner Lee asked what the Captain is doing to help the senior community. Captain Dillon stated that the extra beat officers in the housing community provides extra presence for the seniors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Caneda expressed concerns regarding turf battle between pimps and prostitutes and stated that they are getting a lot of support from the Department and other police agencies but the problem does not go away.

Cheryl Davis, Western Addition, stated that there are two big community meetings happening at the same time and that's why people are not here.

Ace Washington stated that the foot patrols are doing their jobs with the community and stated that violence cannot be blamed on the police and asked for more police presence before the violence happens and not after.

Bella Brown, Lower Haight, stated that there is a lot of youth violence

happening and stated that educating the community, getting to know the community will help with youth violence and also the community needs to step up and take responsibility for themselves and their children in the neighborhood.

Cindy Brannan, SAFE Director, commended Captain Dillon and the officers of the Northern

Majik Crawford asked what are the job description of Gang Task Force and what are their goals and stated that gang violence has been increasing.

Daniel Landry asked what is the function of the Gang Task Force.

Ms. Berger commended Captain Dillon.

Ray, Northern Police Officer, asked where are the parents and stated it is not a question of race but a question of culture and stated that the Commission needs to talk to the district attorney and the judges.

Kirsten Williams commended Captain Dillon and his officers but stated that the cops do their part but it doesn't get finished. She stated that other city agencies should work together.

Wylie Adams stated that neighborhood groups need direction so that they know what to do and talked about a real disconnect between city agencies.

Dawn Trener, Middle Polk Association, addressed the question by Commissioner Veronese about outreach for this meeting. Ms. Trener stated that she personally witnessed the captain invite neighbors to this meeting. She also stated that things need to be done differently.

Omar Cleef, Western Addition Valley Resource Center, thanked the officers and asked the officers to please keep doing what they are doing and to please stay encouraged.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Sparks announced that there is no meeting on the July 4th but there is a meeting on the 11th in City Hall, and in the Mission on the 18th.

SCHEDULING OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Campos would like the Josh Wolf matter calendared for the 11th of July.

Commissioner Veronese would like to have a meeting with the members of the Department and it should be made a priority. Commissioner Veronese asked if there is a police officer that deals with code enforcement. Captain Dillon stated there is a code enforcement officer at each district station. Commissioner Veronese would like a report regarding code enforcement violations in public housings. Commissioner Veronese asked if there is a performance evaluation done of the major units within the Department so that the Chief knows that they are meeting certain standards. Commissioner Veronese stated that he is interested in identifying deficiencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner DeJesus, second by Commissioner Veronese. Approved 4-0.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Sergeant Joseph Reilly
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission

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