

APRIL 28, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in the Ingleside District at the Visitation Valley Middle School, 450 Raymond Street, San Francisco, at 6:29 p.m., in a Regular Meeting.

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

(Commissioner Marshall arrived at 6:25 p.m. Commissioner Veronese arrived at 6:29 p.m. Commissioners Renne and Lee were excused at 7:38 p.m.)

**CAPTAIN PAUL CHIGNELL, COMMANDING OFFICER OF
INGLESIDE STATION, TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON
POLICE ACTIVITIES IN THE INGLESIDE DISTRICT**

Taken out of order.

Captain Chignell addressed the Commission on police activities in the Ingleside Station.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Buch Bugot commended Sgt. Jim Miller, Officers Kirk Yin, Chad Campos, Vic Wie, and Oscar Padilla for their work in the Alemany and Bernal Heights area and discussed concerns regarding the District Attorney's office.

Carolyn Pope discussed concerns regarding lack of police officers in the Visitation Valley neighborhood. She expressed concerns that officers are only concentrated in the Sunnydale and not at Visitation Valley.

Marquita and Stacey, Youth Counsel, asked for support for the Visitation Valley youths and asked for help from the Commission.

Ceyon Jackson, retired physics instructor, discussed concerns regarding violence in the community and asked for the undivided attention of the Commission.

Bonnie, Chinese for Affirmative Action, discussed how the CAA works with the Police Department to communicate directly with the community.

Vincent Chow, Vis Valley Elementary School Principal, discussed concerns and violence in the Sunnydale area and stated that the whole neighborhood can be improved with the help from the Department and the community.

Barbara Gillespie, Program Director Vis Valley Community Resiliency Project, asked the Commission to ask the kids as to what is needed in their community.

Marlene Tran, ESL Teacher, stated that language is the main problem in Visitation Valley and stated that they are here for one reason only and that is to target crime.

Commissioner Lee apologized that there is no translator present this evening and stated that the community should not be intimidated and that this is a community meeting and that the Commission is here for everybody.

Howard Woo commended Captain Chignell and stated that there are good officers in Ingleside Station.

Deborah Smith discussed traffic concerns on Raymond Avenue and safety of kids and pedestrians in the area and asked that in classes for Immigrants that the subject of community work be discussed because there is always something that can be done with each other as neighbors and that there is never going to be enough police. She also discussed the end of Raymond Avenue area should be patrolled more often.

Cindy Choy, Vis Valley resident, discussed concerns regarding crimes in the area and asked for more bilingual police officers to help Asian-Americans.

Saisha, Youth Counsel, asked the Commission to come and get involve in the community.

Robert Layman talked about the Citizen Academy and stated that in order for the Department to get involved with the community, resources are

needed.

OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Report on the function of the Office of Citizen Complaints

Ms. Jean Field, OCC Interim Director, addressed the Commission and described the responsibilities of the OCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT continued

Steve Currier, President of the Outer Mission Residents Association, thanked the Commission for approval of cameras on Geneva & Mission Streets.

Yennen Duc thanked the Commission for coming tonight and discussed concerns regarding pedestrian safety on the corner of Sunnydale and Peabody. She stated that it is a busy corner and is very dangerous for seniors that have to cross the street and asked the Commission to consider putting a stop sign there.

Barbara discussed concerns regarding guns and violence.

Mary Harris, President District 11 Counsel, commended the school resource officers and commended students at Vis Valley Middle School for their pledge to not watch T.V. for 10 days and hopes that results be shared. Ms. Harris commended Captain Chignell for his daily newsletter and for his decoy operation on pedestrian safety.

Kevin Blackwell, SF Safe, stated that one of the main problems in Visitation Valley is being able to understand one another and communicating with each other and stated that a camera is needed somewhere around the Britain Court area.

Karen Wood, Miraloma Park Improvement Program, commended Captain Chignell and his staff for the great work they are doing and asked for more staffing for the Department.

Jim Dierke stated that when the Commission comes back, he will have a translator present. Mr. Dierke also asked for collaboration with the Commission and the school district to have approved safety plans for each school sites.

Commissioner Renne announced that the Chief is not present because she had to go out of town but the Command Staff is available for questions. She also asked if the Commission wants to have a meeting next week or just have interviews for the policy analyst position.

Commissioner Lee addressed Captain Chignell about bilingual officers. Captain Chignell explained that Officer Kirk Yin has been assigned to the Alemany area but stated that there are other bilingual officers available.

Commissioner Sparks asked about community policing. Captain Chignell stated that there are two beats, all on Mission Street. Commissioner Sparks also asked about racial bias policing. Captain Chignell stated that good community policing starts with respecting the community, communicating with the community and having high degree of honesty and ethics. Captain Chignell stated that it's important that the patrol force of the Department represents the actual people that they serve.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Sergeant Joseph Reilly
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission