

JUNE 29, 2005

CLOSED SESSION

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in the Taraval District, at West Portal School, 5 Lenox Way, San Francisco, at 6:00 p.m., in Closed Session.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chan, Keane, Sparks, Veronese
ABSENT: Commissioners Renne, Orr-Smith, Marshall

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(b) AND SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.10(d)(2)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: AS DEFENDANT
Threatened litigation against the City relating to DGO 3.10

Motion by Commissioner Chan, second by Commissioner Veronese to continue Closed Session item. Approved 4-0.

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REGULAR MEETING

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in the Taraval District, at West Portal School, 5 Lenox Way, San Francisco, at 6:25 p.m., in Regular Meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chan, Keane, Sparks, Veronese
ABSENT: Commissioners Renne, Orr-Smith, Marshall

Commissioner Keane welcomed the audience and introduced the Commissioners. Each Commissioners gave a brief bio.

CHIEF'S REPORT

a. Review of Recent Activities

Chief Fong welcomed the audience and introduced the Command Staff. Present were Deputy Chief Suhr, Deputy Chief Tabak, Deputy Chief Parra, Commander Harper, Commander Shinn, and Commander Craig.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Director Allen described the function and responsibilities of the Office of Citizen Complaints.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident of Taraval District stated that the OCC is important and that the OCC should go full force when and if there is misbehavior.

Elvira Pollard, mother of Gustavos Rugley, discussed concerns regarding the death of her son and that today is the one-year anniversary of her son's death.

Marylon Boyd, mother of Cammerin Boyd, discussed concerns regarding the death of her son.

Meesha Monge Irizarry, mother of Idriss Stelley, discussed concerns regarding the death of her son.

Sylvester Pollard, a.k.a. Still Seville, discussed concerns regarding the shooting of his nephew.

Lorraine Altamirano discussed concerns regarding the death of Sheila Detoy.

Tasha, cousin of Gus Rugley, discussed concerns regarding the death of Gustavos Rugley.

Uncle of Gustavos Rugley discussed concerns regarding the death of his nephew.

Blanch White commended the TNT Task Force during an incident of a shooting at her home.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CAPTAIN KEITH SANFORD, COMMANDING OFFICER OF TARAVAL STATION, TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON POLICE ACTIVITIES IN THE TARAVAL DISTRICT

Captain Sanford thanked the Principal of West Portal School for the use of its facilities for the meeting. He also thanked the volunteers that provided refreshments. Captain Sanford provided a brief presentation about the Taraval District and some of the issues at the Taraval District.

Commissioner Chan asked about securities in homes. Captain Sanford stated that, with the Burglary Detail, they have identified three different groups: a group of Asian males; a group of African-American males; and a Caucasian couple, male and female. The male and female have been arrested and a number of individuals, at least 10 in the last 8 weeks, have been arrested. As a result of the community working with Project Safe and the Department, people have been more vigilant.

Commissioner Chan asked about shoplifting in the Ocean Avenue area. Captain Sanford stated that as a result of complaints and meeting with the merchants and the community the Merchants Association on Ocean Avenue now has a beat officer. Captain Sanford also stated that the Taraval District community is so involved in dealing with children issues. An example is the Sunset Neighborhood Youth Service Center that brings a number of opportunities for kids to stay off the streets. There are also the Sunset Beacon Center, OMI Rec Center, Safe Haven, Fishing Program, Operation Dream Program, etc., to keep the youth as active as possible.

Commissioner Chan asked about homeless people in the district. Captain Sanford stated that as a result of the Mayor's desire to clean up downtown, there was an influx of individuals which they anticipated as coming to the Richmond and Taraval areas. There are two individual officers assigned to deal with homeless issues to work with other city agencies. They have been active in working with patrol officers in resolving issues.

Commissioner Chan asked about traffic enforcement. Captain Sanford stated that the district supervisors are looking at redesigning the corridor, countdown lights but he stated that his personal opinion is he's more into slowing traffic down.

Commissioner Chan asked about Sergeant Bragnolo. Captain Sanford explained that in the OMI area there had been a number of violent crimes, shooting, homicides. One individual made it known that he was out to kill and revenged the death of one of his associates. As a result, the Department had information that this individual was getting together with a few of his friends, armed with handguns. Consequently, they were about to strike. An informant informed the officers. Sergeant Bragnolo handled the situation. Consequently, the officers entered the premises. The suspect at the time was armed, brandished the gun at the supervisor and another officer,

pulled the trigger. The gun jammed. The individual attempted to rechamber a round. Sergeant Bragagnolo discharged a round at the suspect. The suspect was rendered incapable of continuing his assault and was arrested. Two guns were taken out of the premises.

Commissioner Veronese stated that as the Commission visit the districts, there is a reluctance for the neighborhood to come out to give testimony. Commissioner Veronese stated that the Captain seemed to have done a good job in his neighborhood about filling that void and asked Captain Sanford what it is that has assisted him in doing that. Captain Sanford explained that he has been extremely fortunate to work with community groups in the Sunset District that have been instrumental in resolving crimes. They are very active and proactive and identify situations. He stated that there is a trust factor and the community knows that the officers are going to go out there and do the job that they have to do to rectify situations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Taxi driver stated that he has a problem with the bars in the Sunset District using illegal taxicabs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judson True, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Sandoval, wanted to say, on behalf of the Supervisor, that they have enjoyed the ongoing and improving relationship with the Department and with Taraval Station and Captain Sanford. He stated that the TNT Team has been crucial to the progress that has been made in the OMI neighborhood. He stated that Supervisor Sandoval is very happy with the relationship that OMI has with Captain Sanford.

Unidentified asked the Commission to attend the Community Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Taraval Station's Community Room to see what Captain Sanford has done.

Mary Burns, President of the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association, commended Captain Sanford for the great work that he's done. She also went on to thank Officer Barbara Dullea for her work with the homeless issues in the neighborhood and with youth on graffiti issues.

Peter Vanna, OMI resident, stated that he is extremely grateful for the TNT efforts because they are doing true community policing.

Bill Chionsini, past president of the Western Twin Peaks Central Council, presented a letter to the Commission a letter commending the Captain for his work in the Taraval Police District. He stated that it not only reflects on the Captain but on all the men and women in the Taraval Police District.

Dave Bisho, President of West of Twin Peaks Central Council, stated that they have never had a captain like Keith Sanford and Sgt. Randy Young. He commended both. The only concern is the unregulated pot club but there's a lot of crime that's involved with it.

Fred Wallace, small-business owner, moving company, discussed concerns regarding parking. He stated that trying to find legal parking in San Francisco is very difficult. He is concern that his company has been targeted for double parking tickets. He stated that his company has received \$600.00 tickets and stated that this is hurting his business.

Unidentified commended the Chief and Captain Sanford for believing in the system and asked for the Commission's support to get Park and Rec to trim bushes in the neighborhood.

Maria commended Captain Sanford for his work and other members of TNT.

Pat McGuire, owner of Java Beach Café, thanked the Command Staff for sending Captain Sanford to his district. He stated that Captain Sanford has changed his life and changed the neighborhood.

Mark Burnet, building owner on Judah Street, stated that now he is happy to be in the district and thanked Captain Sanford and his staff.

Mark, Java Beach Café employee, thanked the Captain and the Department for their hospitality.

Michael Rodde thanked Captain Sanford for the great things he's done in the neighborhood and for bridging the gap between the Department and the community.

Bruce Selby, president of Lakeshore Acres Improvement Club, read a letter from his club, commending Captain Sanford for his work in the neighborhood.

Roger Ryan, moving company employee, discussed concerns regarding \$600 parking tickets.

Reuben David Goodman discussed concerns regarding an employee of the Empress Hotel.

Cindy Wandell, Executive Director for SF Safe, commended Captain Sanford and Sgt. Young and Commander Shinn for their assistance and their efforts in revitalizing the community service center at 103 Broad Street. She went on to thank the Department for their assistance in Safe's neighborhood watch efforts throughout the city.

Charles Fister discussed concerns regarding dogs and stated that he is very disappointed with the lack of leash law enforcement near Pine Lake Park.

Regina Blosser, Oceanview District resident, talked about Minnie and Lovey Ward and asked that they be remembered for making the community a wonderful place.

Mt. Davidson Manor resident wanted to recognize the people who responded to their 911 calls, burglary calls, et cetera; and wanted to recognize Sgt. Young, Captain Sanford, and Pam Matsuda of the Safe Program.

Al Harris, NSP employee, stated that he really appreciates the Chief and the Command Staff and asked to please not transfer Captain Sanford.

Mary Harris, President of OMI District in Action, would like to apologize to the Commission, to the Command Staff, and to the officers for the beginning of the meeting. She went on to thank Captain Sanford, Sgt. Young, Sgt. Bragagnolo, Officer Elsey, Officer Abrahamsen and Officer Gala. She also asked for more staffing.

Douglas Moran, OMI resident, commended Captain Sanford for all his work. He also talked about concerns regarding sexual offenders.

Sally Stevens discussed concerns regarding off leash law enforcement. She also commended Captain Sanford for the outreach he has done for the community.

Megan Agee, Safety Network Program, thanked Officer Barba, Sergeant Quon, Sergeant Young, and Captain Sanford for their work in the community.

Andrea O'Leary discussed concerns in regards to off leash law enforcements.

Lance Houseman, Director of Security Stonestown, commended the officers of Taraval for being proactive.

Marilyn commended Captain Sanford for his community outreach.

SCHEDULING OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Sparks asked that DGO 3.19 be on the calendar for July 6th, DGO 11.07 on the calendar for July 6th. Commissioner Sparks also asked for OIS summaries that are due during the month of June. She also asked DGO 8.10 be put on the agenda as quickly as possible. Commissioner Sparks asked for a report in the Department's policy in monitoring convicted sex offenders in San Francisco. She also asked for off leash law enforcement policy.

Commissioner Veronese asked about the MOU in regards to SROs and asked for an update in regards to DGO review.

Motion by Commissioner Sparks, second by Commissioner Veronese

to adjourn the meeting.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Sergeant Joseph Reilly
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission

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