

JULY 28, 2004

REGULAR MEETING

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in the Ingleside District at the Ingleside Police Station Community Room, 1 Sergeant John V. Young Lane, San Francisco, at 6:05 p.m.

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

Commissioner Renne asked if the meeting could start with a moment of silence in memory of Captain William Davenport who past away this weekend after a battle with cancer.

Deputy Chief Suhr stated that Chief Fong will be arriving late due to her attending the viewing of Captain Davenport. Chief Suhr introduced the Command Staff: Acting Commander Steve Tacchini, Commander Harper, Commander Craig, Commander Shinn, Deputy Chief Parra, and Deputy Chief Tabak and Captain Chignell.

Commissioner Renne introduced herself and gave a brief bio. Thereafter, each Commissioners introduced themselves and gave a brief bio.

Supervisor Sandoval spoke on several issues within the district, crime increase in certain areas, and traffic issues within the district. He also mentioned that the budget will allow 80 more officers on the street and he hopes that Ingleside and District 11 will get some of those officers.

CHIEF'S REPORT

a. Review of Recent Activities

Chief Fong introduced Captain O'Leary, Risk Management, to report on a public records request.

Captain O'Leary reported that the Department had received a second public records request from the ACLU regarding the Cammerin Boyd officer-involved shooting case. He stated that the Department is prepared to release certain information, however, the Department has received a letter form the District Attorney's office requesting that no information on this particular case be released until the District Attorney completes its investigation.

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

Captain Chignell, Commanding Officer of Ingleside Station, addressed the Commission and public on police activities within the Ingleside Police District. He reported on crime, community policing, station personnel, and the number of police officers who reside within the district.

Lieutenant Lon Ramlan described how the community can get crime information off the department crime mapping on the department's website.

Commissioner Marshall asked Captain Chignell if he was aware of the Sun Project. Captain Chignell stated that yes, he is aware of the project and he is looking forward it.

OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Ms. Jean Field, OCC Attorney for Director Kevin Allen, addressed the community and the Commission. She handed out brochures and described the

function of the Office of Citizen Complaints and how complaints are received and investigated and the number of personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Currier, Outer Mission Residents Association, stated that he felt that the ADA officer did not adequately check out the first location chosen to hold the Commission meeting at Crocker Amazon Rec Center. He also thanked Captain Chignell for the great job he and his officers are doing. He then presented a check for \$5,000 from ARCO to his organization to be used with the SRO high school training program.

Robert Layman thanked Captain Chignell for doing a good job. He also recommended that more Chinese officers be assigned to Ingleside District. He also thanked Captain Bruce for his daily emails.

Darcy Brown, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Sandoval, invited everyone to an event at McLaren Park on Sunday, August 1st, at 11:00 a.m.

Meesha Stelley, Bayview resident, stated that it is a good thing to see officers walking the beats in certain neighborhoods. She also asked Captain Chignell if he worked with the Peace Makers and the Sharon Wait Program. Captain Chignell stated yes.

D. Cunningham, attorney, stated that he was at the meeting last week and wanted to apologize for his action when he failed to leave the microphone when his three minutes was up. He also stated that he does not see why reports are not released on the Cammerin Boyd case just because the DA asked that the information not be released.

Marie Capenseto, OMI, thanked the officers of Taraval District and Captain Sanford's TNT Team. She also wanted to say that she disagrees with the Commission's decision to release officers' information. She stated that it is dangerous and bad for the officers' morale.

Commissioner Renne asked the Commission and the community to recognize Ms. Patricia Gray, Principal of Balboa High School.

Lori Sum, Project SAFE, stated that she is proud to work with Captain Chignell and the officers of Ingleside Station. She stated that today, two officers joined her in knocking on doors of over 800 homes to distribute crime prevention information to people of Asian community who have been recent victims of crime in the district.

Ms. Martinez, member of co-op, commended Captain Chignell for his enforcement team and for doing a good job.

Sandra Cooper, Idriss Stelley Foundation, asked that the city work together to solve the problems of the city and that citizens should attend the citizen academy.

Minnie Ward, OMI, thanked the Chief for bringing back the TNT Team and stated that she and the community support the officers and they are willing to testify on their behalf.

Malaika Parker, Bay Area Police Watch, stated that she does not understand why information on the Cammerin Boyd case can't be released if all the investigations are independent of each other. She also stated that the 3 to 5 minute time limit for people to talk about this issue is not enough time.

Commissioner Keane asked that the letter from the district attorney be officially added to the minutes and possibly placed on the website.

Andrea O'Leary asked that perhaps some misconduct cases be handled at the district or community court level instead of the criminal court system since most of the infraction cases are thrown out.

Mary Harris thanked Chief Fong for the Highway Patrol Officers and extra officers in the OMI area. She also spoke against the Commission's decision to release officers' names that were involved in OIS cases and that the Commission should rescind their decision. She read a letter to the Commission

from the District 11 Council memorializing that point.

Douglas Moran, OMI resident, thanked the Department for putting sex offenders on the website. He also thanked Captain Sanford for the good work he is doing.

Karen Wood, Miraloma Park Improvement Club, wanted to second the comments of a previous speaker that the Commission discontinue the risky and disagreeable practice of publishing the names of officers involved in shootings. She also read a letter from the Miraloma Park Improvement Club.

Jennie Haney, resident, stated that she was stunned when she read that this Commission had released the names of the officers who were involved in that controversial shooting and she would like for one of the Commissioners to give an explanation for such conduct.

President Renne explained that the Commission can only listen and cannot get into dialogue.

Dr. Honeycut thanked Captain Bruce for the work being done in the Bayview. She stated that she teaches at the Southeast Community Center and a resident of the Ingleside OMI and she wanted to thank the Commission for their efforts.

Ms. Rocha thanked Captains Bruce, Dillon and Chignell for doing a good job. She stated that there is an OCC but there should also be an Office of Citizen Compliments.

Patricia Gray, Principal of Balboa High School, stated that Balboa has students from all over the city and that she appreciates that the department and that she gets great support from the police in the district and she wanted to thank them.

Dorothy Antron stated that there are people who walk in the streets and at times causes accidents and that it is not just the drivers. She also thanked the department.

Betty Wilson, Visitation Valley resident, thanked Captain Chignell and officers in the district.

Bill Wilson, Sunnyside neighborhood, stated that whenever they call the police, the police always respond and address their concerns.

Eva Shepherd thanked Captain Chignell.

Letter from Lou Landini, Chief of Investigations, Office of the District Attorney, dated July 22, 2004, to Lieutenant Charles Keohane, SFPD, Legal Office, re: San Francisco Police Department Case No. 040517902, Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation, Deceased — Boyd, Cammerin:

“Dear Lt. Keohane:

As we discussed briefly by telephone on July 21, 2004, the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office has been conducting an investigation of the above-referenced matter. The investigation, however, is not yet complete.

Because the District Attorney’s Office inquiry is still in progress, it is our concern that a release at this time of the records of the San Francisco Police Department pertaining to this case could adversely impact our investigation.

It is therefore requested that the San Francisco Police Department defer the dissemination of its records in this matter until the District Attorney’s Office investigation is concluded.

Very truly yours,
Kamala D. Harris
District Attorney

Lou Landini
Chief of Investigations”

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION
MEETINGS OF JUNE 23RD & 30, 2004**

Taken out of order.

Motion by Commissioner Orr-Smith to approve the minutes. Second by Commissioner Marshall. Approved 7-0.

Commissioner Marshall stated that he wanted to say publicly that he knows what the police are up against and he wanted to say thank you for what they are doing.

Commissioner Sparks wanted to thank the citizens who have spoken up. She stated that it is refreshing to hear the other side of the story, that it's a balance for the Commission.

Commissioner Veronese invited the community to attend the Commission meeting at City Hall and stated that he was pleased to see the community support the police.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Scheduling of items identified for consideration at future Commission meetings

Commissioner Chan asked for a report or presentation on the interaction between the Police Department and DPW in preventing or addressing vendors blocking the sidewalk, sidewalk displays, and permits. He also asked for a report on the interaction between Park and Rec and the Police Department regarding park use and dog issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Beauchamp spoke regarding a fraud case from 1998.

Barry Toronto, cab driver, spoke on the activities of the officers of Central Station and stated that the officers are preventing cab drivers from making a living by blocking off Broadway Street.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Lieutenant Edward Geeter
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission