

AUGUST 23, 2006

REGULAR MEETING

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in Room 400, City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, at 5:45 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Unidentified discussed concerns regarding response letters from the OCC and the Chief of Police.

Francisco DeCosta discussed concerns regarding health and safety of San Francisco.

Tori Freeman, Bayview resident, showed a picture of a stop sign with gun shot holes, and asked for more resources for the Bayview community.

Pauline Peel, Bayview resident, asked for stronger and responsible police presence, and read a letter from one of the resident.

Bob Douglas, Attorney, talked about an incident where his cell phone was stolen and asked for more resources to stop crime and violence.

Greg Freeman discussed concerns and asked for a stronger captain for the Bayview. He went on to read a letter from someone who cannot attend the meeting.

Melita Riens, Bayview resident and chair of India Basin Neighborhood Association, discussed concerns regarding gunshots that have increased and the situation is getting out of control and stated that something needs to be done.

Christine, India Basin, asked for more resources to stop the crime and violence in the Bayview.

Stacey Sellinger, Bayview resident, read a story about Charles Baker, who was a victim of a stray bullet.

Commissioner Renne made a statement that the public's testimony does not fall on deaf ears and stated that the Department has said time and time again that more officers are needed and the Commission knows that. Commissioner Renne stated that the Commission also knows that the Department cannot do it alone and that it takes courts and prosecutors, probation officers, schools working together. Commissioner Renne stated that steps are being undertaken to better coordinate efforts and achieve some results. Commissioner Renne stated that results may not be seen right away but in the early early future results will be seen.

Tori Regan, Bayview resident, asked if the Commission can hold a meeting between the Commission and the Supervisors in Southeast Sector and can it be done as soon as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION

None

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, second by Commissioner DeJesus to go into Closed Session. Approved 5-0.

VOTE WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL OF THE DISCUSSION HELD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S.F. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.12(a)

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, second by Commissioner Campos for non disclosure. Approved 5-0.

**REQUEST OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO WITHDRAW THE
MATTER IN CASE NO. C04-005 JWA FROM THE POLICE
COMMISSION FOR DISPOSITION AT THE CHIEF'S LEVEL**

Motion by Commissioner Campos to continue this item for one week, second by Commissioner Marshall. Approved 5-0.

**REQUEST OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO WITHDRAW THE
MATTER IN CASE NO. C03-347 JWA FROM THE POLICE
COMMISSION FOR DISPOSITION AT THE CHIEF'S LEVEL**

(Resolution No. 56-06)

Motion by Commissioner Sparks, second by Commissioner Campos to grant the Chief's request. Approved 5-0.

CHIEF'S REPORT

a. Update on significant policing efforts by Department members

Chief Fong talked about an article in the newspaper today regarding traffic collisions and fatalities in San Francisco. Chief Fong asked Captain Corrales to talk about initiatives that are being put in place.

Captain Corrales discussed the efforts of Traffic Company and the traffic enforcement efforts by the Department as a whole.

Commissioner Campos asked how are various community organizations involved in the efforts of the Traffic Company. Captain Corrales explained that the pedestrian sting operation responds to various communities. The communities would report to Traffic and Traffic would go out to the neighborhood. Captain Corrales stated that they have been out in Guerrero and at Geary Boulevard in response to merchants reporting the difficulty of residence crossing Geary Boulevard on blocks where there is no signals. Captain Corrales stated that in all of these operations, fliers are handed out to motorists alerting them of the responsibilities to stop for pedestrians and that soon the education efforts will end and the enforcement begins.

Commissioner Campos asked if there are efforts to reach out to language minority groups. Captain Corrales stated that in every flier in the Geary district there are English and Chinese translations. In the Mission District there are English and Spanish translations. Captain Corrales also stated that the Traffic Company have a diverse group of officers.

Commissioner Sparks asked if Captain Corrales thinks it is a good idea to have just 25 year plus officers on Harleys in the City. Captain Corrales stated that no, it is not. He stated that riding motorcycles is a young man's activity. Captain Corrales stated that currently there is an agreement that when 250 is reached on the list, then everyone will be on a five-year rotation.

Commissioner Sparks asked about 19th Avenue and the Richmond District enforcement. Captain Corrales stated that last year there were more incidents on 19th Avenue and that brought a lot of focus to the area but that has not been the case this year. Captain Corrales stated that there are two motorcycle officers in every District Station but the Traffic Company still responds to community concerns.

Commissioner DeJesus asked if all the transfers within the Department subject to a meet and confer with the POA. Captain Corrales stated that the transfers was agreed upon with the POA and someone who completes probation gets three units that they can put their name on the list for it's when your name comes up. One of the reason one is eliminated from the list is when

they get promoted. Captain Corrales explained the P2 Program in which the officer accepts the assignment with the understanding that it is only for five years.

Commissioner Renne asked about officers at Post and Kearny. Chief Fong explained that those officers are placed there via the 10B Program and that's paid for by the private sector in some cases because of street construction, whether it's PG&E or some other entity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Hewitt commends the Commission for looking at recruiting minorities.

OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Review of Recent Activities

Director Allen talked about egregious crime matters. Director Allen also stated that 311, Local Information System, will be visiting the OCC offices to work with the OCC.

Commissioner Campos asked about the status of the OCC's Community Outreach Plan. Director Allen stated that they are trying to put together an manual of outreach as well as training. Director Allen stated that he could have a draft manual by next month.

Commissioner DeJesus asked about quarterly reports. Director Allen stated that the quarterly reports are ready to go to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 19, 2006

Motion by Commissioner Campos, second by Commissioner DeJesus to approve the minutes. Approved 5-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REORGANIZE DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETINGS AND SET THE LOCATIONS OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Commissioner Sparks suggested the following:

- That District Meetings be more about specific community activity and specific community crime and focus on the areas on what specific district station has a higher levels of crimes.
- That all handouts and information presented to the Commission should also be made available to the general public at least a few days in advance.
- That prior to the normally scheduled time of the District Station meeting, that the Commission tour significant high crime areas to get a better context of what these crime areas are, what they look like.
- That there should be a greater effort by the District Stations and the District Captains beyond just their normal newsletter, beyond their normal email, to do direct mailing a few weeks in advance to the major community-based organizations and follow up with phone calls to give them a heads up on when this

meeting will be and to encourage them to come and make small presentations as the their issues within the district as opposed to merely applauding the efforts of the district stations.

- That the Commission talk specifically about community policing efforts in those particular districts. Specifically, it may include foot patrols, it may not. It may include outreach efforts, it may not. It may include community barbeques or taking the kids on rafting trips because it's important for the Commission to understand what the Department is doing and how the Department is actually interacting with those communities on one-on-one basis.
- That members of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender, and the local Supervisors, along with representatives from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services be invited so that the public can ask questions of all the governmental officials who interact in communities.
- That food be provided.

Commissioner Campos agreed with Commissioner Sparks and suggested the following:

- That the Commission provide community-based organization to tell the Commission in advance what issues are affecting them.
- That the Commission reach out to non English speaking communities and speaking to leaders in the community to help the Commission reach out to those communities.

Commissioner DeJesus would like to invite speakers and to have dialogue with them and suggested that the Bayview be on of the first District on the list.

Commissioner Marshall expressed his frustration as to not being able to have dialogue with the community and asked what can and cannot be done by the Commission.

Commissioner Renne stated that the City Attorney be consulted.

Commissioner Sparks stated that there are some things that the Commission can do and (1) is to ask clarifying questions; (2) is directed to an individual staff member to look into it.

Commissioner Renne asked the City Attorney to give some thought to some of the suggestions and suggested that a Commissioner be assigned to each district meeting to work with the Captain.

Commissioner Campos suggested that the first community meeting be on September 27th at the Bayview District.

Commissioner DeJesus will be the Commissioner assigned for the Bayview District Meeting.

Commissioner Sparks asked that the Commission meet in the different districts once a month.

Commissioner Renne stated October 25th will be in the Mission and Commissioner Campos will be the contact person.

Chief Fong stated that with respect to the Mission meeting of October 25th, there is a lot of preparation for Halloween and asked that the Mission District Meeting be moved to another month.

Commissioner Renne stated that November 29th for the Mission District Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RESOLUTION NO. 57-06

SETTING THE LOCATION(S) OF ONE OR MORE OF THE MONTHLY “DISTRICT” COMMISSION MEETINGS, WHICH ARE HELD IN A NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATION, TO DISCUSS ISSUES ARISING IN THE PARTICULAR POLICE DISTRICT

RESOLVED, that the following District Meetings will be held in the following Police Districts:

September 27, 2006	Bayview Station
November 29, 2006	Mission Station

AYES: Commissioners Renne, Campos, DeJesus, Marshall, Sparks
ABSENT: Commissioner Veronese

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sergeant Reilly announced that the Commission is set to have a regular meeting at City Hall on the 30th of August.

Commissioner Renne announced that the Commission received an invitation for Inspector Marty Bastiani on Friday, from 11 to 1 p.m., and asked that the Commission send a special letter from the Commission thanking Inspector Bastiani for his service and congratulating him on his years of service.

Motion by Commissioner DeJesus, second by Commissioner Marshall to send a special letter to Inspector Bastiani. Approved 5-0.

SCHEDULING OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Renne stated that the week of September 18th will be the week of hearings.

Commissioner Sparks asked for a public hearing for placement of security cameras and to have Director Nance be involved.

Commissioner DeJesus asked that DGO 7.01 be scheduled.

Commissioner Renne also asked to discuss the “Tony Ribera” report including giving the Chief more authority.

Commissioner Renne also stated that the subject of Foot Patrols be discussed.

Commissioner Sparks also stated DGO 3.16 and 8.09 about public information release be scheduled.

Commissioner Campos also asked that Immigration Laws be revisited.

Commissioner Sparks asked Sgt. Reilly to get DVDs of the Board's Select Committee on Ending Gun and Gang Violence which meets every other Monday.

Motion by Commissioner Marshal, second by Commissioner Sparks to adjourn the meeting. Approved 5-0.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Sergeant Joseph Reilly
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission

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