

MARCH 31, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in the Bayview District, Grace Lutheran Church, 465 Woolsey Street, San Francisco in a Regular Meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Marshall Mazzucco, DeJesus, Lee, Hammer, Onek, Pan

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL MATERS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION

None

VOTE ON WHETHER TO HOLD CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Mazzucco, second by Commissioner Pan. Approved 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION (5:35 p.m. to 5:39 p.m.)

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: Anticipated Litigation City as Defendant: Number of Potential Cases: One
(PRESENT: Commissioners Marshall, Mazzucco, DeJesus, Lee, Hammer, Onek, Pan, Lt. Reilly, City Attorney L. Ross)

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT: Commissioners Marshall Mazzucco, DeJesus, Lee, Hammer, Onek, Pan

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

VOTE TO ELECT WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSION HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Mazzucco, second by Commissioner Pan for non disclosure. Approved 7-0.

REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION

- a. **Chief's Report**
- **Update on significant policing efforts by Department members**

Chief Gascón brief the Commission and stated that he was invited as a keynote speaker at USC Law School Latino Students Association for their annual Lawyers and Judges Night and stated that what he found interesting is the process that they have called the Teen Court and stated that he will try and implement the same process in San Francisco. The Chief then went on to report crime numbers for the Department.

- b. **OCC Director's Report**
- **Review of Recent Activities**

Director Joyce Hicks addressed the Commission and the audience and described the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Citizen Complaints.

- c. **Commission Reports**
- **Commission President's Report**
- **Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Marshall read part of a letter received from an Australian tourist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Francisco Dacosta discussed concerns regarding an incident involving juveniles and an elderly gentleman.

Daniel Landry suggested reports to the public in regards to the PERF recommendations and its implementation.

Ameling Lee, Bayview resident, discussed concerns regarding Asian/Chinese being targeted and about not feeling secure.

CAPTAIN GREGORY SUHR, COMMANDING OFFICER OF BAYVIEW STATION, TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON POLICE ACTIVITIES IN THE BAYVIEW DISTRICT

Captain Suhr addressed the Commission and the community on police activities in the Bayview District, and described the demographics of the district.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marlene Tran, Visitation Valley Asian Alliance, discussed concerns regarding the senseless beating of an 83-year old elderly man by juveniles.

Ace Washington, Western Addition, discussed need for community policing.

Unidentified discussed concerns regarding an incident involving a former police officer showing up at a meeting with a gun and the investigation being held in the Ingleside and not the Bayview.

Unidentified, Portola District, discussed concerns about drug trafficking in their community and what can be done for the youths in the community.

Edward Hom discussed concerns regarding 83-year old elderly man attacked by juveniles and asked why Asians are being targeted.

Alison Chan, Portola resident, discussed crimes around the San Bruno corridor.

Lynette Sweet, Portola resident, discussed concerns regarding the incidents and stated that it is not isolated in the Asian community and that it happens in the African American community also and hopes that everyone can just get along.

Daniel Landry discussed concerns regarding former officer attending the meeting with a gun.

Neesie Joshua asked that the Commission should have these meetings once a month in every district and expressed her sadness to the Asian community regarding the incident and further discussed incident of former officer attending a meeting with a gun.

Francisco Dacosta stated that everybody should represent what is good.

Howard Woo, Bayview resident, commended the Chief and Captain Suhr for a job well done. He also commended the beat officers at San Bruno Avenue. Also asked for more passing cars by the schools and asked the Chief to talk to Captain Brown, Central, to not ticket jaywalkers at Chinatown.

Unidentified discussed concerns regarding a former officer attending a community meeting with a gun and asked for justice.

Carol Harvey, journalist, Marina resident, discussed concerns regarding the meeting with a former officer carrying a gun and asked for a thorough investigation of the incident.

Malia Cohen stated that we need to move beyond just listening and asked that action has to be taken.

Steven Kish discussed concerns regarding drug problems and prostitution in the area and stated that there is a problem in calling the non emergency number and stated that there is confusion as to which district they belong to. Captain Suhr assured him that they belong in the Bayview District.

Helen Yee, Visitation Valley, (through interpreter) discussed concerns regarding deaths of Chinese-American victims and asked why Chinese seniors are

being targeted and asked that the community work together to make the community safe.

Unidentified discussed concerns regarding his father who was assaulted by African-Americans and asked why perpetrators are not in custody.

Blanca Dominguez, Portola resident, discussed concerns regarding drugs and prostitution in the neighborhood and asked for more patrols.

Unidentified discussed concerns regarding drugs in the neighborhood.

Lieutenant Joe McFadden announced that there is an anonymous tip line available and asked that as much information be reported so that the Department can properly respond to the concern.

Unidentified, asked that he not be videotaped because of fear of retaliation and express fear of going to other parts of the city. Commissioner Marshall stated that if he wants to go to a public meeting, he will personally take him to the meeting.

Unidentified discussed concerns regarding incident on the T line and asked why the incident was not publicized.

Supervisor Sophie Maxwell stated that fear is not the answer and stated that the community needs to get together and fight back to get their community back and thanked the community for coming.

Commissioner Hammer asked if the Department has any updates in regards to the T Line incident and the incident in regards to the man with a gun at a community meeting.

Captain Suhr stated that leads are being followed and that the investigation is ongoing in regards to the Muni incident. Captain Suhr explained, in regards to the incident at the mosque, the gentleman was taken into custody by the Bayview officers and the police report forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review and investigation. He stated that he will have a meeting at the station tomorrow in regards to the mosque incident.

Commissioner Pan thanked the Captain for his presentation and discussed what can be done to make information available to the public and also discussed incidents on Muni. Commissioner Pan also stated that the Department should come up with some solutions specific to the inter-racial violence. Captain Suhr stated that he does have an advisory group that is exclusively Chinese.

Ms. Marlene Tran stated that the Police website is only in English and should be translated to other languages. She also asked why Muni officers are not present.

Commissioner Lee addressed the audience and stated that it takes the whole community to make the system work. Commissioner Lee stated that the Police cannot solve all the problems, it takes the community to pull together and one community cannot be blamed.

Commissioner Onek thanked the audience for coming out.

ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

a. Commission Announcements

- **Assignment of Disciplinary Charges filed in Case No. SM C10-081 to an individual Commissioner for the taking of evidence on a date to be determined by the Commissioner** (Resolution No. 10-37, Assigned to Commissioner Thomas Mazzuco)
- **Assignment of Disciplinary Charges filed in Case No. SM C10-082 to an individual Commissioner for the taking of evidence on a date to be determined by the Commissioner** (Resolution No. 10-38, Assigned to Commissioner Thomas Mazzuco)

b. Items identified for consideration at future Commission Meetings

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lee asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Assistant Chief James Lynch on his retirement.

Motion by Commissioner Lee, second by Commissioner Onek. Approved 7-0.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned.

Lieutenant Joseph Reilly
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission

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