



Meeting of the
City of Sacramento
Community Racial Profiling Commission



SUMMARY
Thursday, March 19, 2009

Public Safety Center - 5770 Freeport Boulevard - Hall of Honor

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Alani Cridge, District 1	Julia Vera, District 6	Terilyn Jackson, At-Large
Walter Kawamoto, District 2	Sean Coletta, District 7 (Chair)	Crystal Taylor, At-Large
Riley Chavis, District 3	Vacant, District 8	Brian Louie, SPD (Vice Chair)
Vacant, District 4	Danette Brown, At-Large	Francine Tournour, OPESA
Ashiya Odeye, District 5	Ernest Carter, At-Large	Brent Meyer, SPOA

CITY STAFF:

*Brian Louie, Deputy Chief
Katherine Lester, Lieutenant
Sharon Iida, Administrative Analyst*

The Community Racial Profiling Commission is a board of the City Council whose purpose is to provide recommendations to the Council concerning racially biased policing.

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All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Community Racial Profiling Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 6:12 p.m.

Roll Call – Chair Sean Coletta called a meeting of the Community Racial Profiling Commission (CRPC) to order at 6:12 pm Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the Public Safety Center, Hall of Honor. Riley Chavis, Crystal Taylor, Francine Tournour absent.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Sean Coletta.

Discussion / Action Reports

Discussion and action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

1. Update on Commission Membership

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Lt. Katherine Lester, (916) 808-0800, Police Department

Action: Lt. Lester reported that Terilyn Jackson was appointed as the new At-Large member; District 2 candidate has been appointed and is awaiting confirmation; District 4 is open for applications until 5:00 pm on March 27, 2009; District 8 was closed for applications and one application was under review; seats for Standing SPD, District 1, District 7 and At-Large, expiring in 2009, are open for applications with no closing date set at this time.

2. Approval of Minutes for February 19, 2009

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve minutes.

Contact: Sean Coletta, Commission Chair

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Meyer/Kawamoto; absent – Chavis, Taylor, Tournour) to approve the minutes as amended for February 19, 2009.

3. Presentation on SPD Internal Affairs Investigative Protocol, Policy, and Software

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Lt. Neil Schneider, (916) 808-0800, Police Department

Action: Sgt. Dave Hargadon provided a brief overview of IA Pro, an Internal Affairs case management system, which tracks cases from initial complaint throughout its investigation process. SPD has converted five years worth of data from the previously utilized Access database to IA Pro. An early warning feature is available to monitor "at risk" employees and provide an alert mechanism. To prevent unauthorized access to case files, IA Pro is able to maintain a transaction log of all users accessing case files, as well as a security feature limiting case file access to specific users. The suggestion was made to make available the statewide comparison information to the public. Committee members requested the number of IA cases currently pending. Lt. Neil Schneider will report back with this information at the April 16th meeting.

4. Formulating and Presenting Resolution Refuting Racial Profiling to the Law & Legislation Committee and the City Council

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Lt. Katherine Lester (916) 808-0800, Police Department; Jerry Hicks, (916) 808-5346, Office of the City Attorney.

Action: Motion was moved, seconded, carried (Odeye/Kawamoto) to table this item to the April 16th meeting, or until the Commission completes its finalization of the recommendations relating to the traffic stop study (Item 5).

5. Discussion, Formulation, and Approval of CRPC Recommendations to the Sacramento Police Department Related to Traffic Stop Study Report

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment; approve.

Contact: Sean Coletta, Commission Chair.

Action: Committee members discussed the most effective process for compiling the recommendations relating to the traffic stop study. It was decided that the committee would take the four adopted recommendations from the November 20, 2008 meeting as a basis for a letter to City Council. Chair Sean Coletta offered to prepare a draft letter listing the Commission's recommendations and provide this draft to members prior to next month's meeting for review and finalization. The Chair acknowledged that no motion was needed in this case.

6. Update on Methods of Requesting Videos of Stakeholder Meetings on CRPC Website; Update on Posting Videos on “YouTube”

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Lt. Katherine Lester, (916) 808-0800, Police Department.

Action: Lt. Lester reported that no stakeholder meeting videos have been requested on the City’s website, and updated the Commission on the ability of posting videos on YouTube. YouTube is public space, with no cost attached, however, the video stream postings are limited to approximately 10 minutes. Each video is approximately 3 hours in length, which would require 18 separate clips to cover one meeting. One concern expressed by Lt. Lester is that typically, video postings such as these are done by private citizens, not government agencies, and that a possible Brown Act issue could be raised due to blogging.

The committee members expressed that more outreach needs to be done to get the videos out to the community. Some suggestions were as follows:

- Post on CRPC website
- Discuss the video availability at City Council meetings
- Public outreach at community meetings
- Stakeholder mailing lists
- Availability at local public libraries
- Press releases
- Post a teaser on YouTube

The Chair recommends that city staff not pursue YouTube option any further, and that the committee should find alternative methods to get the videos out to the community. Committee has requested that city staff research the process of getting the videos catalogued in the public libraries. DC Louie invited committee members to attend the March 31st presentation to City Council on the update to the traffic stop data analysis project and the implementation of recommendations made by Lamberth Consulting.

7. Police Department Activities Influencing Compliance Data and Report on Compliance Statistics

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Deputy Chief Brian Louie, (916) 808-0800, Police Department.

Action: Deputy Chief Louie reported that the vehicle stop data form compliance statistics remain in the mid-90 percentile. Directed enforcement in the south/southwest portion of the city is related to daytime burglaries. Seven arrests were made yesterday, with several more arrested today. Burglaries continue to be a problem in this area.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

8. None.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members


9. SPOA President, Brent Meyer, announced that he will be attending next month's annual conference of the top 50 police union leaders at Harvard University, where current issues are discussed, and where he will be presenting material on our racial profiling study along with our response. US Attorney General, Eric Holder, will also be participating in this presentation.

Adjournment – 7:43 p.m.

Submitted,


Katherine Lester, Commission Clerk

Approved,


Sean Coletta, Chair