



Meeting of the City of Sacramento Community Racial Profiling Commission



SUMMARY

Thursday, August 7, 2008

Public Safety Center - 5770 Freeport Boulevard - Hall of Honor

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Brian Louie
Alani Cridge
John Floyd
Sean Coletta
Renee Carter

Francine Tournour
Walter Kawamoto
Daniela Lopez-Garcia
Vacant
Crystal Taylor, Chair

Brent Meyer
Vacant
Julie Vera
Danette Brown
Ernest Carter

CITY STAFF:

*Brian Louie, Deputy Chief
Sylvia Moir, Lieutenant
Helga Sprung, 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.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (3 minutes maximum) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

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

Called to Order – 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call - A meeting of the Community Racial Profiling Commission (CRPC) was called to order by Chair Crystal Taylor at 6:05 p.m. Thursday, August 7, 2008 at the Public Safety Center Hall of Honor. Danette Brown, Alani Cridge, Daniela Lopez-Garcia, and Julia Vera absent.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Crystal Taylor.

Chair Crystal Taylor introduced City Manager Ray Kerridge. Mr. Kerridge thanked the CRPC members for their hard work in guiding the development of the racial profiling study and emphasized the City of Sacramento's commitment to accuracy and transparency in government.

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. Sylvia Moir, (916) 808-0850, Police Department.

Action: Lt. Moir reported that postings had closed for vacant seats on the Commission representing Districts 3 and 8. No applications were received for District 3; one application is under review for District 8. Applications for all board/commission seats expiring in 2008 are currently being accepted and will close on October 17, 2008. CRPC seats expiring in 2008 include one At-Large seat and one each representing Districts 2, 4 and 6. Lt. Moir requested that Commission members network to encourage qualified candidates to apply for all vacant seats.

2. Approval of Minutes for July 17, 2008

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve minutes.

Contact: Helga Sprung, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-0838, Police Department.

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Floyd/R. Carter; Absent – Brown, Cridge, Lopez-Garcia, and Vera) to approve the minutes for July 17, 2008.

3. **Vehicle Stop Study – 1) Review Detailed Plans for the Lamberth Consulting Vehicle Stop Study Results Rollout to the Racial Profiling Commission and the City Council; 2) Review Detailed Plans for Stakeholder Meetings, including: a) Moderator Invitations; b) Meeting Facilities; c) Stakeholder Invitations; d) CRPC Member Attendance; e) Meeting Structure; f) Materials.**

Location: (Citywide)

Contact: Michele McCormick, Consultant, (916) 567-6309.

Action: 1) Members reviewed the plans for the study rollout to the CRPC, the City Council, and the Mayor of Sacramento. CRPC Chair Crystal Taylor attended briefings with the Mayor and several members of the City Council and will attend future briefings. 2) Chair Crystal Taylor and Ms. McCormick expect to meet briefly with all moderators. Ms. McCormick explained that each moderator will structure his or her meeting individually, and that she expected the August 13 and August 14 meetings to follow the agenda closely. The August 15 meeting will begin and end with small group discussions. Ms. McCormick reported that all stakeholder invitations had been mailed and that she expected an especially good representation of the community at the stakeholder meeting on Friday, August 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Samuel Pannell Meadowview Community Center. Ms. McCormick reminded members that no roll will be called at the stakeholder meetings but that staff will count attending CRPC members. If a quorum is present, stakeholders will be required to fill out “Request to Speak” slips for questions or comments, and speakers will be limited to 3 minutes each. If no quorum is present, CRPC members will be required to sit apart from each other and refrain from discussion of CRPC matters. Consultant McCormick mentioned that the Traffic Stop Study Report would be posted on the City and the CRPC websites tomorrow (Friday, August 8, 2008).

4. **Discussion of Status of Videotaping Stakeholder Meetings and Posting Videos on City of Sacramento and CRPC Websites**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Lt. Sylvia Moir, (916) 808-0850, Police Department.

Action: Lt. Moir reported that Doug Skinner, of the Sacramento Police Department’s Media Services Unit, would videotape the stakeholder meetings, and that no determination had yet been made as to which website(s) would link to the videos. Members discussed the possibility of broadcasting the meetings on a public access channel.

5. **Discussion of – 1) FAQ Handouts at Stakeholder Meetings; 2) August CRPC Meeting Schedule including Cancellation of August 21, 2008 CRPC Meeting**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Crystal Taylor, Commission Chair.

Action: 1) Commission members studied a draft of the FAQ handout for the stakeholder meetings and suggested changes and additions. Michele McCormick stated her intention to send the final draft of the FAQ sheet to CRPC members before the first stakeholder meeting. 2) Members reviewed the CRPC and stakeholder meeting schedules for August, including the cancellation of the August 21, 2008 CRPC meeting. The stakeholder meetings on August 13, 14 and 15 will also be CRPC meetings if a quorum of CRPC members is present at each.

6. Police Department Activities Influencing Study Data and Report of Compliance Statistics

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

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

Action: DC Louie reported that the two main areas of enforcement for robbery activity in the City are the North Natomas area and the Mack Road corridor area.

7. Briefing on the Lamberth Consulting Traffic Stop Study Report

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Chief Rick Braziel, (916) 808-0800, Police Department.

Action: Chief of Police Rick Braziel:

- ❖ Discussed the study results and stated that he and the Police Department were very concerned about the report numbers;
- ❖ Described the Lamberth report as the first stage, and finding out the reasons for the results as the second stage in dealing with the findings;
- ❖ Expressed the need to drill down to answer the “WHY?” questions that the study did not address so the Department can treat the causes, not the symptoms;
- ❖ Stated his intention, once the “WHY?” questions had been answered, to implement remedies that have been identified, including the six recommendations in the Lamberth report;
- ❖ Expressed the hope that the City Council would direct him to look for the answer to “WHY” and to report back with recommendations;
- ❖ Described steps the Department had already taken to prevent racial profiling, including training on the subject by Jerry Clayton of Lamberth Consulting. This in-house training has been presented to Department sergeants, Field Training Officers, and command staff;
- ❖ Affirmed his intention to produce a video describing the report to show at all Department roll calls, to hold “town-hall” meetings within the agency to discuss the report and remedies, to reinstate a Police Advisory Committee, and to post information on the CRPC website to allow the community to track the identified problems and the progress of solutions;
- ❖ Announced that the personnel from the Police Department’s Internal Affairs unit would attend all stakeholder meetings to take and address community complaints;

- ❖ Stated that officers must ensure that they use objective data in selecting the drivers they stop;
- ❖ Emphasized that the Sacramento Police Department did not ask Lamberth Consulting to collect data on egregious violators, nor did the Department assume that egregious violators would differ in race from other groups of drivers;
- ❖ Suggested that the CRPC members could help implement changes and act as liaison to the community;
- ❖ Conveyed a special “Thank You” to John Floyd, a long-standing CRPC member as representative from District 4, for his dedication and hard work.

Captain Jim Maccoun:

- ❖ Reviewed an executive summary of the study report comprised of direct quotes from the report.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

8. None.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

9. Commission members:

- ❖ Announced that CRPC will bring forth three recommendations to the Police Department during their September meeting;
- ❖ Expressed disappointment that the Lamberth report did not address the issue of why African Americans are stopped at twice the rate of other races;
- ❖ Stated that the Department is doing community policing and that the race of crime report suspects and calls for service suspects need to be researched;
- ❖ Questioned whether the Police Department has a deep seated culture of racism;
- ❖ Opined that the issues involved in the report are not solely police issues.

Adjournment – 7:38 p.m.

Submitted,

Katherine Lester, Commission Clerk

Approved,

Crystal Taylor, Chair