



Meeting of the
City of Sacramento
Community Racial Profiling Commission



SUMMARY

Thursday, December 18, 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
Ashiya Odeye
Vacant
Crystal Taylor, Chair

Brent Meyer
Vacant
Julia Vera
Danette Brown
Ernest Carter

CITY STAFF:

*Brian Louie, Deputy Chief
Katherine Lester, 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.

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

Called to Order – 6:19 p.m.

Roll Call – Chair Crystal Taylor called a meeting of the Community Racial Profiling Commission (CRPC) to order at 6:09 p.m. Thursday, December 18, 2008 at the Public Safety Center, Hall of Honor. Renee Carter, Alani Cridge, Brian Louie, Brent Meyer, and Francine Tournour absent.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Crystal Taylor.

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 introduced new Commission member Ashiya Odeye, who represents Council District 5. Lt. Lester reported that Council Districts 2 and 4 would reopen for applications; that the application period for Districts 3, 6 and the At-Large Seats had ended and that applications are under review; and that District 8 was closed for applications and one application is under review.

2. Approval of Minutes for November 20, 2008

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve minutes.

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

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (E. Carter/Vera; Absent – R. Carter, Cridge, Louie, Meyer, Tournour) to approve the minutes for November 20, 2008.

3. **Update on Section 2.110.090 of Chapter 2.110 of the Sacramento City Code Relating to the Frequency of CRPC Meetings and Discussion on Selecting CRPC Meeting Dates**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Lt. Katherine Lester, (916) 808-0800, Police Department; Crystal Taylor, Commission Chair.

Action: Lt. Lester reported that the ordinance change had been approved by the City Council and that henceforth, CRPC meetings would be mandatory at least once a quarter, rather than at least once a month. No changes were made regarding the penalties assessed members for missed meetings. Commission members discussed deciding at each CRPC meeting the date for the next meeting, depending on issues and needs at that time.

4. **Update on Posting Videos of Stakeholder Meetings on CRPC Website**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

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

Action: Lt. Lester reported that Bill Taylor, the City of Sacramento webmaster, planned to have the videos posted on the CRPC website during the week following the meeting. The stakeholder video files are large, necessitating the search for a different server that can hold the files. The videos will probably be viewed with Media Player and will not be downloadable; however, interested parties will be able to request that a copy be burned and sent to them.

5. **Discussion and Recommendation of General Order 210.05 Draft – Bias Related Enforcement Actions**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment; recommend.

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

Action: Lt. Lester reported that the draft of the revised General Order (GO) 210.05 regarding bias-related enforcement actions is under review by SPD management staff and that Chief Braziel will provide the final draft to Commission members for their input. The revision is being written to comply with recommendations in the Lamberth Traffic Stop Study Report. Commission members viewed the outgoing GO 210.05 and asked that mention of corrective action be added to the draft. Lt. Lester explained that corrective action and discipline are covered in a separate publication and showed Commissioners the Internal Affairs Investigations Manual. The Lieutenant also stated that the level of discipline for officers depends on the scope of the violation. Each violation is reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and the level of discipline is decided by the Chief of Police and reviewed by the Office of Public Safety Accountability. Members recommended that SPD add the following to the GO 210.05 draft: "Reports shall be processed with an emphasis on openness, and consequences for inappropriate conduct will reflect the Department's zero tolerance for bias."

Commission members requested that Jerry Hicks of the City Attorney's office report on the proper procedure to request that the Sacramento City Council create an ordinance or resolution to refute the practice of racial profiling.

6. Report on (a) SPD Hiring Process re Screening Applicants for Racial Bias and (b) SPD Training on Bias Related Enforcement Actions

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

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

Action: Lt. Lester provided Commissioners with a list of questions asked prospective SPD hires during the Department backgrounding process, which SPD updated in 2005. The Lieutenant reported that SPD provides its academy attendees with at least 31 hours of cultural diversity training, although the State of California mandates only 12 hours of training. Members expressed an interest in viewing the training materials, and Lt. Lester will research whether the Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) materials can release the materials.

7. Selection of 2009 CRPC Chair

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment; vote.

Contact: Crystal Taylor, Commission Chair

Action: It was moved, seconded, and carried (Floyd/Vera); Absent – R. Carter, Cridge, Louie, Meyer, Tournour) that members vote for the 2009 CRPC Chair in writing. The vote resulted in a tie between the two candidates, Sean Coletta and Danette Brown. This item was carried over to the next meeting.

8. Discussion, Formulation, and Approval of Future Goals, Responsibilities and Scope of the CRPC

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment; approve.

Contact: Crystal Taylor, Commission Chair.

Action: Members consulted a list of goals produced at a 2006 workshop to use as a foundation for formulating their current goals. The Commission created the following goals:

- ❖ Foster better police/community relations through activities such as the CRPC community forums and the stakeholder workshops.
- ❖ Analyze relationships between racial profiling and social issues using quality research.
- ❖ Understand policing from a police perspective.

The Commission lost its quorum at 7:40 p.m. and this item was carried over to the next meeting.

9. 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: None.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

10. Public comments:

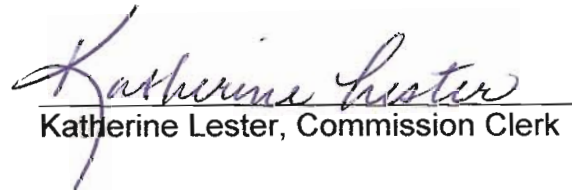
- ❖ Citizen John Moore recommended that to become a better commission, the CRPC ensure that the community knows who they are and what they do.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

11. None.

Adjournment – 7:40 p.m. – The Commission lost its quorum and ended the meeting.

Submitted,


Katherine Lester, Commission Clerk

Approved,


Crystal Taylor, Chair