



Meeting of the City of Sacramento Community Racial Profiling Commission



SUMMARY

Thursday, June 12, 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

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

Called to Order – 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call - A special meeting of the Community Racial Profiling Commission was called to order by Chair Crystal Taylor at 6:06 p.m. Thursday, June 12, 2008 at the Public Safety Center, Hall of Honor. Sean Coletta, Alani Cridge, and Walter Kawamoto absent.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair 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. 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; two applications were received and are 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.

2. Approval of Minutes for May 15, 2008.

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve minutes.

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

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Meyer/Louie; Absent – Coletta, Cridge, Kawamoto) to approve the minutes for May 15, 2008.

3. Approval of Commission's First Quarterly Report to Council for 2008

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve report.

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

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (E. Carter/Floyd; Absent – Coletta, Cridge, Kawamoto) to approve the First Quarterly Report to Council for 2008.

4. Vehicle Stop Study - 1) Communications Plan Approval; 2) Commission Report Approval; 3) Schedules for Presentation to City Council and Stakeholder Meetings; 4) Selection of Moderator for Stakeholder Meetings; 5) Stakeholder Invitation Letter; 6) Selection of Stakeholder Meeting Locations; and 7) Standard Format for Commission Member Biographies.

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and discuss presented information and materials and provide direction.

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

Action: 1 and 2) Michele McCormick reported that she will be sending the Communications Plan and Commission Report to Council to Commission members for changes and input and that the Report will be finalized before presentation to Council in August. Members moved, seconded, and carried (Floyd/R. Carter; Absent – Coletta, Cridge, Kawamoto) to approve the Report in its current form. 3 and 6) Presentation of the Commission Report to Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2008, to be followed by Stakeholder Meetings on Wednesday, August 13 at the South Natomas Community Center and on Thursday, August 14 at the Oak Park Community Center. 4) Members proceeded along several avenues to select a moderator for the Stakeholder Meetings. Alani Cridge will speak with one previously considered individual, and other Commission members will provide names and biographies of moderator candidates. Daniela Lopez-Garcia, Julia Vera, and Renee Carter formed a subcommittee to send an invitation letter to moderator candidates, to make the final selection, and to present the selection at the July CRPC meeting. 5) Michele McCormick is drafting the moderator candidate invitation letter and will send the draft to Commission members for review. 6) See item 3. 7) Michele McCormick reminded Commission members who have not yet done so to submit their biographies and pictures.

5. Attendance of Commission Members at Sacramento Police Department Meetings with Lamberth Consulting

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Crystal Taylor, Commission Chair.

Action: Chief of Police Rick Braziel confirmed that the CRPC Chair may be present at meetings between study consultant Dr. John Lamberth and the City of Sacramento. Chief Braziel explained that the City is committed to transparency; however, the Police Department will reserve the right to discuss individual employee issues in private. Chief Braziel stated that regardless of the traffic stop study results, the Police Department will continue to train employees in racial profiling, will use fully reimbursable training from the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance, will continue traffic stop data collection, and will continue community outreach in the form of public meetings and workshops. The Chief informed the Commission that Lamberth Consulting had just finished training all Department management staff, sergeants, and field training officers. In addition, the Department continues to train sworn personnel in the POST (Peace Officer Standards

and Training) mandated racial profiling curriculum. Chief Braziel also discussed the increased involvement of City Neighborhood Services in creating public safety partnerships.

6. Police Department Activities Influencing Study Data and Report Out 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 Department traffic stop study compliance rate is in the high ninety percent range. Directed enforcement continues for an assault series in the North Area, a robbery series in the Mack Road corridor, and a robbery series at 24th Street and Meadowview Road.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

7. None.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

8. Commission member Francine Tournour requested that the Chiefs of the Rancho Cordova Police Department, the Citrus Heights Police Department, and the Folsom Police Department be added to the Stakeholder List.

Adjournment – 6:56 p.m.

Submitted,


Sylvia Moir, Commission Clerk

Approved,


Crystal Taylor, Chair