



Meeting of the City of Sacramento Community Racial Profiling Commission



SUMMARY

Thursday, May 15, 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 – 6:09 p.m.

Roll Call - A regular meeting of the Community Racial Profiling Commission was called to order by Chair Crystal Taylor at 6:09 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Public Safety Center, Hall of Honor. Renee Carter and Brent Meyer arrived at 6:14 p.m. Daniela Lopez-Garcia and Francine Tournour 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 under review for District 8. Lt. Moir explained the new City Board/Commission openings procedure. 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 March 20, 2008.

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve minutes.

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

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Cridge/E Carter; Absent – Lopez-Garcia, Tournour) to approve the minutes for March 20, 2008.

3. Vehicle Stop Study - Status of Lamberth Data

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment on presented information.

Contact: John Lamberth, Consultant, (610) 358-5700.

Action: Dr. Lamberth reported that the traffic stop data for December 2007 through February 2008 reflected a high officer compliance rate. He is gathering information on the activities of special units in the Police Department to consider their effects on traffic stop data in benchmarking areas. Dr. Lamberth will therefore be on track to analyze all data after the first week of June; he anticipates that the full analysis will take two months to complete.

4. Vehicle Stop Study - 1) Release Communications Plan and Timeline; 2) Stakeholder Plan and Format; 3) Materials to be Included in Study Rollout; 4) Commission Report Component; and 5) Inclusion of 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) Michele McCormick reported that she will update the communications plan with input from members and present the plan for Commission approval in June. 2) Members moved, seconded, and carried (Meyer/E Carter; Absent – Lopez-Garcia, Tournour) to approach a potential moderator for the stakeholder meetings in writing. 3) Members discussed including a glossary of terms, a condensed version of Dr. Lamberth traffic stop study summary, and talking points with study rollout materials. 4) Michele McCormick requested members' ideas to complete the Commission Report; she will present the Report for Commission approval in June. 5) Members discussed methods of including their biographies and photos in their final report, including handouts, online access, a press release, and a poster board display. Michele McCormick will draft a standard biography format for member use and distribute it before the June meeting. 6) Members discussed putting the presentation of the Commission report on the City Council calendar in August. In addition, members developed a list of community centers to consider as locations for the stakeholder meetings. Michele McCormick will evaluate the centers and reserve one each in the northern and southern areas of Sacramento.

5. Vehicle Stop Study – Police Department Staff Report Out on Information Exchange with Lamberth Consulting

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Captain Jim Maccoun, (916) 808-0400, Police Department.

Action: Captain Maccoun fulfilled the Commission's request at the March meeting for a summation of the issues Dr. Lamberth and members of the Police Department discussed during Dr. Lamberth's visits to Sacramento in March and May 2008. Captain Maccoun described the current status and efforts of various Police Department units to support the needs and requirements of the traffic stop study, including reviews of data collection, gathering special unit activity data, presenting training on racial profiling, and planning the completion of the study.

6. **Attendance of Commission Members at Sacramento Police Department meetings with Lamberth Consulting**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Crystal Taylor, Commission Chair.

Action: Item was continued to the June Commission meeting.

7. **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 discussed the current police response to a series of stabbings in the Del Paso Heights area. He presented handouts detailing 1) the racial breakdown of sworn personnel in the Police Department as a whole and the Office of Operations (Patrol) in particular and a list of languages spoken by sworn personnel in Police Department and in the Office of Operations.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

8. None.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members


9. Commissioner Meyer requested that the Police Department conduct a study to determine the staffing and costs to the City of the racial profiling effort.

Adjournment - 7:46 p.m.

Submitted,


Sylvia Moir, Commission Clerk

Approved,


Crystal Taylor, Chair