



Community Policing Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

May 4th, 2016

Oakland Police Department, Eastmont Substation

2651 73rd Avenue, Oakland CA 94605

Committee Membership: Chairperson Jay Ashford (M), Cathy Leonard (Dist. 1) John Garvey (Dist. 2), Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4), Sal Gomez (District 5), Colleen Brown (Dist. 6), Emily Rogers-Pharr (At-Large), Angela Haller (NW), Don Link (M), Sheryl Walton (M), and Renia Webb (OHA), Nancy Sidebotham (NW).

Vacancies: District 3, District 7, and OUSD.

Staff: Joe DeVries

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1. **Open Forum:** (6:00 – 6:10)
2. **Welcome New Members:** (6:10-6:15)
3. **Minutes:** Approval of April 2016 minutes (Joe, Board) – (6:15 – 6:20)
 - a. **Presentation by the Public Ethics Commission on the Government Ethics Act** (6:20-6:40)
4. **Review Proposed Committee Structure for CPAB** (Board) – (6:40 – 7:30)
 - a. **Outcome:** CPAB review and approval of a proposed committee structure and functions, including designation of committee chairs/members.
5. **NCPC Funds Process:** Updates on status of Funds Disbursement Process (Joe D.) - (7:30 – 7:40)
 - a. **Outcome:** hear an update on NSS's communication out to NCPC chairs regarding the funds disbursement process.
6. **Staff Report:** (Joe) – (7:40 – 7:50)
7. **Agenda Building:** (Board) – (7:50 – 8:00)

Next Meeting: June 1st, City Hall



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April 6, 2016

1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland City Hall
City Council Chambers, 3rd floor Oakland City Hall

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1. Open Forum:

Asada Olugbala noted that the CPAB mission of strengthening relationships between the police and the community should cover concerns around racial profiling as it relates to Next Door since so many neighborhood groups use this service. She noted that this item was brought forward by Neighbors for Racial Justice at the Life Enrichment Committee of the City Council because of concerns raised about many of the posts indicating racial profiling and damaging to the community. She encouraged the CPAB to invite the group to present at a future meeting.

Carolyn Burgess commented that she attended a racial Bias Event at McClymonds High school sponsored by the mayor with Dr. Jennifer Eberhardt that covered much of this same topic and it would be good to continue these discussions at the CPAB level.

2. Minutes: Approval of January 2016 minutes

The January Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Review and Re-certify the following NCPCs: Beats 7x, 11x, 14y16x, 14x, and 28x

The Board discussed the recertification process that took place in 2014-15 and what the goals were. Member Brown noted that when she was on the CPAB years ago the goal was to hear from NCPC leaders and to learn what they needed from the CPAB to be more effective. Member Leonard asked how often recertification was done and Member Brown

noted that in the past it was an average of every three years for each NCPC; they would often aim to certify one per month on an ongoing basis.

Beat 7x: Carol Wyatt spoke about her NCPCs current status. She noted that there are rapidly changing demographics in her area of West Oakland with diverse new neighbors who are often not as familiar with urban problems as older residents. There are also accompanying communication challenges. Specific to crime and neighborhood issues her biggest concern is the constant changing of their Community Resource Officer. Her area is struggling with growing homeless encampments and associated blight and, on a positive note, her neighbors are very active on social media.

The Beat 7x recertification was approved unanimously.

Beat 14y16x: Grand Lake Neighbors. David Flack spoke on behalf of his NCPC which represents two police beats that merged in the 1990's. He only had one request for how the CPAB could support the NCPCs and that is in advocating for the City to address the financial concerns of the many NCPCs in facing banking fees that detract from their limited funding. He noted that the City could use its considerable clout with its bank to establish free bank accounts for all the NCPCs so that neighbors would not have to come out of pocket to cover monthly fees.

The Beat 14y16x recertification was approved unanimously.

Beat 11x NCPC: Don Link noted that his is the oldest NCPC in Oakland and has only missed one meeting since its creation in 1994 and that was only due to not having a meeting location! They are constantly bringing in new members and over time have trained 70-80 Sector Leaders as part of their network model of organizing. The entire beat is subdivided so that issues are dealt with effectively throughout the entire beat. The sector leaders elect a chair (not the general membership) and they only adopted by-laws a year ago to meet the CPAB Criteria. They have effectively governed themselves through consensus building and leadership development since their inception.

The Beat 11x recertification was approved unanimously.

Beat 14x: Adam's Point Neighbors: Mary Burgess spoke on behalf of her group whose biggest challenge is the transient nature of the neighbors since the area has so many renters in apartment buildings. Also, starting Neighborhood Watch can be difficult so they created a modified Neighborhood Watch program for individual apartment buildings. One of their bigger ongoing problems is speeding on Grand Avenue and one of their biggest successes is their Mosaic Tile Art Project on all of the public garbage cans along Grand. They have been very successful raising funds from area businesses and individuals to pay for the mosaic project and a banner project as well.

The Beat 14x recertification was approved unanimously.

Beat 28x NCPC: Maxwell Park: Don Dalke spoke on behalf of his NCPC which has a strong core leadership group but is challenged with developing active coordination with the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. He cites this in part, due to a lack of information sharing (NCPC leaders are not provided individual NW leaders contact info by the City). He also noted that his NCPC would like to have access to the data in the OPD SARA Database about their neighborhood to allow neighbors to be more involved in the problem solving process. On a positive note, his neighborhood has over 200 private security cameras that were installed by an NCPC Member to aid with private security patrols.

The Beat 28x recertification was approved unanimously.

4. Review of a Draft Q1 2016 Report by CPAB to Public Safety Committee

The Board reviewed and suggested a few minor changes to the draft report including adding the new recertifications that took place this evening. It was passed unanimously and will be scheduled for the Public Safety Committee most likely in May.

One Public Speaker on this item was Asada Olugbala who suggested the report should cover more than just NCPCs, she felt it should do more to cover NSCs and CROs as well as fundraising that takes place at the neighborhood council level.

5. Review Proposed Committee Structure for CPAB

This item was tabled until May.

6. NCPC Funds Process:

Joe DeVries reported out that many spending plans were submitted and OPD fiscal staff was finalizing how to handle disbursement.

One Public Speaker on the item, Asada Olugbala aired concern that NCPCs who were un-certified would receive funding. She feels they should have to demonstrate that they have been recertified recently in order to receive funds.

7. Staff Report:

N/A

8. Agenda Building:

The group agreed to schedule a presentation by Neighbors for Racial Justice, as well as follow-up with the Assistant Chief of Police regarding Dr. Jennifer Eberhardt.

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