

**CONVENE / ROLL CALL:**

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Board members present were Doris Brown, Sal Gomez, John Garvey, Krista Gulbransen, Angela Haller, Chairperson Marcus Johnson, Vice Chair John Nichols, Renia Webb and Vertis Whitaker.

Absent were Castro, Gomez, Gulbransen, Webb, Whitaker, and Williams, **NO QUORUM**

Vacancies are two mayoral appointments; Note: By resolution 84673 on November 5, 2013, Sheryl Walton was appointed to the Community Policing Advisory Board to serve a three-year term beginning March 26, 2013 and ending March 25, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Jeffrey Cash, by a Council vote of 8 Ayes.

Note: There was official recording of this meeting.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN FORUM:** Lou Katz

2. **ACTION RECAP:**

2.1. Chief of Police Recruitment Report

Due to lack of quorum, the board members discussed and responded to the five questions asked.

The board members agreed revisit responses at the December Meeting.

Deputy City Administrator Arturo Sanchez initially present and CPAB staff member DeVries facilitated and capture responses..

Public Comments: Lou Katz, Nancy Sidebotham, Jen Katz.

2.2. Meetings Minutes

Continued to December meeting

There was no public comments.

2.3. Committee Update

Member Nichols provided an update from the NCPC Resource Committee.

Chairperson Johnson noted the Executive Committee attempted to meet but did not have a quorum.

Public Comments: Lou Katz

2.4. Staff Report

Staff person DeVries reported that he had been facilitating the many Chief of Police recruitment meetings and also reported on the Robbery/Burglary Prevention Workshops

Public Comments: Nancy Sidebotham

2.5. Chair Report

Chairperson Johnson Chairperson Johnson discussed the Commander Area Advisory Meetings, Council District Redistricting, and presented the Wasserman Report-Strategic Policy Partner's "Best Practices Review" document planned for discussion at the upcoming December meeting.

Public comments: none

2.6 Agenda Building

Discussed the Chief of Police Recruitment, September and November minutes approval, the review and comment on the Wasserman Report-Strategic Policy Partner's "Best Practices Review and NCPC Resource Committee's certification forms.

**NOTE: PAST MEETING MINUTES ATTACHED.**

**ADJOURNMENT 7:54 p.m.**

mj

# Community Policing Advisory Board

## Draft Minutes

### Regular Meeting

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 6pm

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.

Members Brown, Johnson, Nichols, Haller, Hunter, and Garvey were present.

Members Castro and Williams were absent.

Members Gomez, Whitaker, Gulbransen, and Webb had excused absences.

**1. Open Forum:** There was one speaker, Lou Katz.

He went online to review the website and the minutes had not been posted nor could he find them on the City Hall bulletin board and he asked if this was a violation of the Brown Act. Joe DeVries noted that he had filed the agenda with the City Clerk and would look into what had happened.

#### **2.1 Chief of Police Recruitment Report:**

Chairperson Johnson acknowledged that there was no quorum but suggested the group still hold the discussion and answer the five questions being asked, document it in the minutes, and review it in a recap at the December Meeting.

The group agreed and Deputy City Administrator Arturo Sanchez was called forward to present. He introduced himself, noted that he would be turning the conversation over to Joe DeVries who had been facilitating all of the group discussions about the Chief of police recruitment thus far, and assured the Board that the members who are not present would still have the opportunity to be heard online as the City was asking for input through a variety of means including an online survey. He went on to note that this is the first time the City has elicited input so broadly and publicly in its search for a new Chief. The answers received tonight and throughout the process will shape the entire process.

The Chair thanked him and framed the item; he believes the Board should have five official responses to the five questions that it will shape and decide on as a group even though each individual Board Member can also give their input directly to the City.

#### **See attached file**

There were three public speakers on the item:

Lou Katz noted that the new chief should be informed of the large and expansive waterfront, Port, and Airport that are part of their job to protect, the fact that they will need to be able to assist the City when the budget is lousy because there will be tough budget times when they will not have the resources they need. He also was curious if the consultants have commented on the East bay Express article noting that while drug crimes are solved readily, there are over 600 unsolved homicides.

Nancy Sidebothem stated that she felt this was poorly timed and rushed. She feels that the City should leave Chief Whent in place as he was selected to oversee the implementation of the federal reforms. She believes that to hire someone to come and serve Oakland, we should hire someone who wants to serve and be proud of their work in Oakland, not someone who just wants to put a star by their name and move on. Last, she noted that the CPAB should be emphasizing Community Policing and the City's commitment to it. She feels that the best Chief was Chief Hart and Chief Batts was also good and we need a chief like them.

Jen Katz noted that she lives in Beat 22x and she wants a good manager for the department. They will have to work through backlogs, and deal with priorities that might be outside the priorities of her neighborhood. She doesn't mind that as long as the new chief can articulate why these other priorities are more important than the ones her neighborhood had identified. She wants a chief who will think out of the box and create solutions for a city that doesn't have enough cops instead of one who uses that lack of officers as an excuse to not get the job done.

**2.2 Minutes:** Since there was no quorum, this item was continued to next month.

### **2.3 Committee Updates:**

Member Nichols provided an update from the NCPC Resource Committee. The committee met three times since September and has been developing the NCPC Certification/re-Certification form. They will be finalizing that form soon. Also, they are creating a list of which NCPCs have or have not been certified and when. This will be time consuming but important work to conduct this inventory to gauge each council's status. He also noted the group has been working well with everyone attending their meetings. He then turned the reporting over the Member Haller.

Member Haller concurred about the group's work, especially around the recertification forms which they have approved and would like to bring them forward to the full Board for approval soon so they can begin recertifying NCPCs starting in January. She noted some minor changes due to staffing changes that were important on the paperwork.

Member Nichols noted their committee would not meet in December, they will be meeting next on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Joe DeVries noted that if the committee gets the certification forms to the full Board in December for approval, they could begin that work in January.

Chairperson Johnson noted the Executive Committee was scheduled to meet but did not have a quorum, only two of four were available so no action was taken. However, he noted that committees do not have to meet every month, they do need to meet initially to form the committee but once they have, the frequency of meetings really depends on the workload. He went on to note that if any member signs up for a committee but cannot make the meetings, they could inadvertently hold up the work of the committee by causing the committee to not have a quorum.

There was one public speaker, Lou Katz, who asked how the committee could pass new certification forms without a quorum. Chairperson Johnson clarified that this question was based on an inaccurate statement—there have been quorums at meetings and nothing gets passed without one.

### **2.4 Staff Report:**

Joe DeVries reported that he had been facilitating the many Chief of Police recruitment meetings and the input received was positive and thorough. He also reported back on the Robbery/Burglary Prevention Workshops that had been occurring. All of the workshops have been really well attended and positive with the exception of the West Oakland Workshop that happened to be on the same day as Game 5 of the Major League Baseball playoffs between the Oakland Athletics and the Detroit Tigers.

He noted that Member Haller had been at every workshop helping to facilitate and had done a phenomenal job helping to pull the workshops together. He also noted the final workshop was coming on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Area 4 and already had several dozen people signed up.

Member Haller commented that burglaries are way down in Oakland and she attributed some of that to these workshops increasing people's awareness and that the West Oakland Workshop while small was still very well received.

Joe DeVries noted that the Division Manager is considering another series of workshops next year with a focus on surveillance camera systems since there has been a strong interest in that.

Chairperson Johnson commented that many NCPC members seem interested in the workshops, but they don't necessarily want to go out to a separate meeting; they would rather have the workshop come to them. Joe DeVries

pointed out it is hard, with staffing shortages, to go to every NCPC and Member Haller noted its also hard for the vendors; they can't go out every Thursday night to present the information.

There was one public speaker, Nancy Sidebothem, who noted that most of the workshops were videotaped so that they can be shared with others without burning out the vendors or other participants. She also suggested that the CPAB meetings need to come to the neighborhoods as opposed to neighbors coming downtown. She suggested that the small number of public participants is an example of that—people don't want to come all the way downtown.

## **2.5 Chair's Report:**

### Area Advisory Meetings

Chairperson Johnson encouraged members to participate in the Captains' Area Advisory Committee Meetings. He reached out to the Captains and two responded with some valuable information. For example, Captain Lewis informed him that in the last 28 days, robberies are down 38%.

Member Nichols spoke about his (Area 4) meetings that Captain Tull is organizing. He noted that he and Captain Tull have moved past the problem of the Captain missing his NCPC meeting. Member Nichols shared that about 6 NCPCs are represented and a lot of good data is being shared.

Because of his participation at the most recent advisory meeting, he was invited to speak to cadets in the police training program which was a great opportunity for them to learn a lot about the community. He also noted that he hopes to participate in future OPD trainings as well to bring the community policing perspective.

Member Haller has been attending the Area 3 Advisory Committees with Captain Orozco. She also noted that the captain walked her business district and generally has been out and about and accessible and its very positive.

Chairperson Johnson attended the Area 1 Meeting with Captain Lewis and also found it valuable. He said he hoped Member Castro could have made the meeting to discuss the Area 2 meetings as Captain Toribio has been sharing a lot of information including staffing changes at the beat level that is so important to community members and NCPC Leaders. He noted that this "Cascading" of information is vital.

### Redistricting

Chairperson Johnson noted that he included the redistricting maps in the packet as well as the Police Area Maps for the Board to review. He did not expect any action from the Board; he just wanted to provide the information so that people could look at it and be part of the process.

### Wasserman Report

Chairperson Johnson distributed copies of Strategic Policy Partner's "Best Practices Review" which is the second report to the City on the reorganization of OPD done by Bob Wasserman's consulting team. He noted that this is the second report and a third and final report is on its way in December.

Chairperson Johnson invited Deputy Chief Downing to comment on the report and he pointed out that a lot of what is in this report is already being implemented and some of it will have to wait for more officers or are procedure changes that will take time and public input to implement successfully.

Chairperson Johnson also noted that the CPAB should get information (similar to a press release) when good things happen so that the Board can get the word out to the NCPCs or even be part of the event such as an academy graduation. DC Downing acknowledged that the CPAB should be able to share in things of this nature.

Chairperson Johnson noted that these things are perfect for a newsletter. Member Haller pointed out that both the CPAB and the Neighborhood watch Steering Committee consider themselves part of the OPD Team and want to be involved as such.

DC Downing noted that as the geographic policing model takes root, more of this involvement will be possible.

Member Garvey asked; if and when a new chief is selected, will it be difficult for them to insert themselves in to the model that has been created at OPD? DC Downing believes that the model is a Compstat model that is shared by many departments and because the strategies are working, it will be an easy transition for the new chief.

Joe DeVries commented that this current geographic model seems much better than in the past. He went on to note that the City does need to celebrate this victory. DC Downing said the celebration will be at the end of the year when there is some solid data to demonstrate the effectiveness of the changes.

## **2.6 Agenda Building**

Chairperson Johnson said he wanted to finish the discussion about the Chief of Police, approve the minutes, and review and comment on the second report from Strategic Policy Partners that was released and discussed above in the Chair's report.

Member Haller asked that the NCPC Resource Committee's certification forms be on the agenda for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.