

Community Policing Advisory Board
ACTION RECAP
Regular Meeting
May 7th, 2014

CONVENE / ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. QUORUM

Board members present were Ashford, Castro, Garvey, Gomez, Gulbransen, Chairperson Johnson, Vice Chair Nichols, Walton, and Webb.

Absent: Haller

Vacancies are one mayoral, one District 1, 3, 7 and OUSD appointments (total 5 vacancies)

Note: There was official recording of this meeting.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN FORUM: None

2. ACTION RECAP:

2.1 Continued Item, Action Plan-develop Initial Statement and Supporting Statement.

No public speakers

Action: Chair Johnson assigned to Ad-Hoc Committee, chaired by member Castro. Update at June CPAB meeting.

2.2 OPD Technical Bulletin, Index Number: III-A.5 DRAFT, Capt. Tull Presentation

No public speakers

Action: Continued to June CPAB meeting

2.3 Continued Item, Public access to NCPC email addresses / Political Candidates and Measures promotion at NCPC meetings,

No public speakers

Action: Chair referred to NCPC Resource Committee

2.4 Public Safety Initiatives throughout the City (**informational**), Staff Devries

2.5 Committee Update- none

2.6 Staff Report: Mayor's Town Hall meeting (**informational**)

2.7 Chair Report & Updates- OPD Open House and 170th Police Academy (**informational**)

2.8 Agenda Building- Action Form Ad Hoc Committee update, Area Captains Report, OPD Training Bulletin, and Safety & Services Measure.

NOTE: PAST MEETING DRAFT MINUTES ATTACHED

ADJOURNMENT

Community Policing Advisory Board
Draft Meeting Minutes
May 5th, 2014

The meeting started at 6:16 with roll call:

Members present: Ashford, Castro, Garvey, Gomez, Gulbransen, Johnson, Nichols, Walton, and Webb.

Absent: Haller

1. Open Forum

Jim Dexter raised concerns that the report on Public Safety Initiatives to the City Council Public Safety Committee was inadequate. Specifically he complained that police officers (PSOs) were being pulled from their beats, the Crime Reduction teams (CRTs) should not be funded with Measure Y dollars, the CRTs work is not tracked anywhere publicly to hold them accountable, and the SARA database that OPD often refers to is not available to the public and should be.

2. Agenda Items:

2.1. Continued Item, Action Plan Initial Statement and Supporting Statement, Arturo Sanchez, City administration, **Short Discussion/ Action** including formation of Ad-Hoc Committee and forwarding item to Ad-Hoc Committee

Interim Assistant City Administrator Arturo Sanchez made himself available again to assist in this conversation. Chairperson Johnson suggested that instead of reviewing and refining the Action items in front of the entire Board again, he recommended an ad hoc committee meet separately with Ms. Sanchez and bring a more complete product back to the full board for approval.

Member Garvey voiced concern over the difference between the Oakland and Federal definitions of community policing. He noted that in the third Wasserman Report they indicate that they would change the Oakland definition away from the problem solving model and Member Garvey would be reluctant to do so without serious consideration. Chairperson Johnson pointed out that even if Board Members are not on the ad hoc committee, they can still provide their thoughts and feedback before anything is finalized.

Members Castro, Ashford, and Walton agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee and bring a progress report back in June.

2.2. OPD Technical Bulletin, Index Number: III-A.5 DRAFT, Capt. Tull Presentation, **CPAB Comments, Action**

Police Chief Sean Whent spoke before the presentation of the training bulletin. He wanted to personally thank the Board for its work noting how important the partnership between OPD and the community is in problem solving.

Chairperson Johnson asked the Chief about data collection on traffic stops and the Chief noted that the data was incomplete in the past. Member Walton asked if now the police tracked everything from the computers in their vehicles.

Chairperson Johnson asked the Chief about Shot Spotter and what would happen if it is ended, what would replace it. The Chief explained that Shot Spotter is NOT going away and that it is a useful tool, he just would like more officers to be able to respond to Shot Spotter alerts more quickly to make it an even more effective tool. He would like to be able to expand the areas Shot Spotter covers but with limited staffing that is a big challenge.

Member Garvey asked the Chief about the reauthorization of Measure Y and what the new measure would look like in terms of community policing and the current structure with dedicated PSOs in each beat versus a more flexible plan that leaves deployment up to the Chief.

Chief Whent responded that it depends on how the measure is marketed; if it advocates community policing, the measure could dedicate officers to beats to serve in a problem solving role. However, if the measure is targeting violent crime then it would be inaccurate to confine the officers to being PSOs because PSOs are pulled in many different directions including traffic enforcement, parking issues, and a whole range of quality of life problems. They are not dedicated to specifically reducing gun violence.

Chief Whent closed by emphasizing that BOTH reducing violent crime, and problem solving are essential to the department's mission.

Captain Tull next presented the OPD Technical Bulletin to the Board and asked for feedback. He explained that idea is to have one comprehensive document that includes the many components of Community Policing. He explained that this bulletin would be for all officers, not just PSOs so that everyone in the department is in line with the philosophy.

Member Gulbransen noted that she really appreciated the work and the opportunity to give input. One recommendation is to move away from the words "Good Customer Service" and instead note that Community Policing is about building a partnership of trust within the community. Instead of seeing residents as customers, OPD should see them as partners in their work. This is especially significant in getting residents to provide witness statements—without trust, people will not come forward and partner with OPD.

Captain Tull agreed and noted that if the community is driving the department's priorities, it will help build that trust. He added that better response time will build trust as well.

Member Garvey asked about providing measurable positive outcomes would help the program as recommended by the Wasserman report, as opposed to simply measuring activities.

Captain Tull said outcomes like reducing violent crime are great but measuring how well the department is trusted, and whether they are listening to people's concerns (especially witnesses who feel vulnerable, is significant.

A discussion about how to measure trust ensued. Member Walton asked if there was baseline data to analyze trust, and although many surveys have been done, the results vary widely but slow response times come up repeatedly.

Member Castro noted the bulletin is purely informational and not directive. He asked about flipping the role of patrol and PSOs for special events and emergencies. In other words, there was a recommendation to have PSOs handle calls for service in their beats and send patrol units to downtown protests or events instead of the current practice of pulling the PSOs.

Captain Tull noted that the OPD Leadership found serious deployment/logistical concerns and challenges in trying to switch to that model.

Chairperson Johnson noted that there was an online survey last year and he wanted to see the results. Captain Tull did not know what happened with that data. Chairperson Johnson also asked if the bulletin was related to Item #47 from the NSA and if the document should be forwarded to all the Area Advisory Committees and what the timeline for input is on the document. Captain Tull stated there is no timeline since the document captures what is already being done and he would welcome input from the advisory committees as well.

Member Gulbransen made a motion to move the training bulletin back to the agenda for the June meeting for members to compile and provide the Captain input. Member Walton seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

2.3. Continued Item, Public access to NCPC email addresses / Political Candidates and Measures promotion at NCPC meetings, **Public Input /Action including** sending to NCPC Resource Committee

Chairperson Johnson stated that he is referring this item to the NCPC Resource Committee to develop a policy and bring back to the Board.

2.4. Public Safety Initiatives throughout the City, Staff: Joe DeVries

Chairpersons Johnson noted that this is an informational item and asked Joe DeVries to briefly explain.

Joe DeVries explained that the report was an informational report to give the City Council a "30,000 foot" view of the many public safety investments and initiatives throughout the City as a way to frame the discussion around a future Safety and Services Ballot Measure (reauthorization of Measure Y). He noted it included Community Policing, Neighborhood Watch, as well as the Fire Department, Public Works, and Social Service investments.

He explicitly noted that this report was not a replacement for, or in conflict with the ongoing effort at developing a Citywide Public Safety Action Plan as recommended by the third Wasserman Report. He explained that the process of meeting with various stakeholders and asking for their contribution to a Public Safety Plan is slow work and does not expect a final product until the fall. That process involves a detailed conversation with each group, developing narrowly focused action items (as the

Board is doing with Arturo Sanchez). Conversely, the report to the City Council is a broad overview in hopes of focusing their conversation about a future measure.

Chairperson Johnson commented that in regards to a ballot measure, things can get political and public safety should never be political.

Member Castro asked if Joe DeVries said the report was a result of a conversation about Measure Y and he clarified that no, it was the result of many disjointed different conversations about public safety in general that needed to be focused into one dialogue. He went on note that was the reason for the one page framework that attempts to capture all of the many initiatives into one document.

Member Castro recommended that the CPAB Board begin to address the potential impact if Measure Y is not reauthorized.

2.5. Committee Updates – Discussion / Possible Action

There were no committee updates.

Member Gulbransen asked if the NCPC Resource Committee had standards for by-laws as her NCPC wants to rewrite their by-laws. She also asked about the certification process since there are probably other NCPCs who want to get re-certified.

Joe DeVries noted that Jacque Long mentioned a desire from Member Haller to present the certification process to the Area Advisory Boards soon.

Chairperson Johnson raised the issue of NCPCs raising money as an item the Fundraising Committee might want to discuss.

2.6. Staff Report, Possible Action

Joe DeVries noted he was asked by the Mayor's Office to participate in an interview with three potential new CPAB Candidates.

Regarding the Chief of Police Recruitment, he could not provide any specifics but that the input provided by the Board was shared with the recruiters and considered very valuable.

He reminded the Board that the next Mayor's Town Hall Meeting was taking place on Saturday May 10th at Bret Hart Middle School and that the City Council Public DSafety Committee would conduct their regular meeting at Castlemont High School on May 13th to allow for better community access. He also announced that he would be presenting the Wasserman Plan to the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee on May 29th at 6pm. Last, he announced that the Board would be invited to a reception for new officers by the Oakland Police Foundation on June 5th at Foothill Square.

2.7 Chair's Report:

Chairperson Johnson announced that the OPD Open House is on May 9th from 4-7. He also announced that he had a chance to talk with the 170th Police Academy and saw a lot of young, diverse recruits with a lot of enthusiasm to be part of OPD! He was really pleased with what he saw.

2.8 Agenda Building

The Ad Hoc Committee will be coming back with the Action Item development in June.

Chairperson Johnson also thought it would be good to have the five Area Commanders come back as a group.

The Training Bulletin will be discussed in June.

Joe DeVries suggested the Board should have a conversation about the upcoming Safety and Services Measure in general so that they can make some recommendations to the City. Member Gulbransen noted with a lot of new members on the Board, she thinks the Board should have a conversation about the measure. Member Castro agreed that the CPAB should discuss the measure and should provide a definition for Community Policing Officers if that is what will be placed in front of voters.

Chairperson Johnson suggested the conversation with the Captains should be postponed to have this discussion about the Measure.