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Citizen Police Oversight Commission
Meeting
August 13, 2008
City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall
Minutes

Members Present:
Chairperson Adrianne Sears
Vice Chairperson Donald Nicholson
Commissioner Cleveland Brown
Commissioner Joy Brown-Price
Commissioner Wayne Spencer
Commissioner Judy A. Bowles
Commissioner Rita Hall

Members Absent:
Commissioner David P. Stewart
Commissioner Gilbert Mathieu
Commissioner Herman Boykin

Staff Present:
Mr. Michael Falkow, Acting Assistant City Administrator
Ms. Kathy Ares, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sears at 6:47 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Commissioner Brown-Price led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Spencer arrived at 6:51 p.m.

INVOCATION
Commissioner Hall gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mr. Emmitt Simmons commented on the Police Bill of Rights. He also spoke on the officer involved shootings on Crenshaw and Manchester Boulevards, and Hillcrest Boulevard.

Mr. Tut Hayes commented on the Brown Act requirements.

Minister Tony Mohammad commented on his support of a town hall meeting hosted by the Citizen Police Oversight Commission.

Mr. Morris Griffith commented on the officer involved shootings on Crenshaw and Manchester Boulevards, and Hillcrest Boulevard. He also commented on a proposal that was submitted to the City Council requesting more power be given to the Commission.

Mr. Wallace Sumbring spoke on the officer involved shooting that took place on Hillcrest Boulevard.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Brown-Price, seconded by Commissioner Bowles and carried that the minutes of the June 11, 2008 meeting be approved.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS

There were no commission advisor reports.

ACTION ITEM

There was dialogue by the Commission regarding hosting a Town Hall Meeting. Vice Chairperson Nicholson made a motion that a vote be taken to find out if the commission will host a town hall meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joy Brown-Price. The following vote was taken in support of hosting a Town Hall Meeting:

Ayes: Chairperson Adrianne Sears, Vice Chairperson Donald Nicholson, Commissioners Cleveland Brown, Judy Bowles, and Rita Hall.

Noes: Commissioners Joy Brown-Price and Wayne Spencer.

Commissioner Cleveland Brown left at 7:46 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

"Discussion of process of investigations for citizen complaints" was tabled to the next scheduled meeting.

"Discussion of process of investigations for officer involved shootings and excessive force cases" was tabled to the next scheduled meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Citizen Police Oversight Commission recessed for closed session at 7:52 p.m.

Closed session adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The public session reconvened in the City Council Chambers at 9:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

The recording secretary reported that the Commission has requested that the name of officers included in the complaints from March through June 2008 not be redacted. The Commission also requested full investigations on complaint numbers 08E033 and 08E036.

STAFF REMARKS

There were no staff remarks.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS

Commissioner Brown-Price commented that she was happy to receive the public input and encourage the public to attend future meetings to express their thoughts.

Commissioner Spencer commented that he was happy to have the public in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Vice Chairperson Nicholson requested that staff find out what needs to be done so that the recording secretary may be present during closed session.

Chairperson Sears commented on procedures being altered concerning agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.