

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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Citizen Police Oversight Commission Meeting February 11, 2009 City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall Minutes

Members Present:

Chairperson Adrianne Sears
Vice Chairperson Joy Brown-Price
Commissioner David P. Stewart
Commissioner Cleveland Brown
Commissioner Wayne Spencer
Commissioner Gilbert Mathieu
Commissioner Rita Hall

Members Absent:

Commissioner Donald Nicholson (excused) Commissioner Judy A. Bowles (excused) Commissioner Herman Boykin (unexcused)

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 6:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairperson Brown-Price.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Hall.

Commissioner Spencer arrived at 6:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Brown-Price and seconded by Commissioner Spencer and carried that the minutes of the January 14, 2009 meeting be approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Outreach Committee

Chairperson Sears explained that the purpose of the community outreach committee is to create a committee which would consist of three to four commissioners that would plan activities in the community such as mobile meetings. The committee would bring recommendations to the commission for a vote.

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Chairperson Sears recommended that the community outreach committee consist of the following commissioners:

- 1. Chairperson Sears
- 2. Vice Chairperson Brown-Price
- 3. Commissioner Brown
- 4. Commissioner Hall

Vice Chairperson Brown-Price, Commissioners Brown and Hall agreed to serve on the Community Outreach Committee.

Citizen Police Oversight Commission protocol for correspondence

Chairperson Sears recommended that correspondence such as get well and sympathy cards be purchased by staff and signed "Citizen Police Oversight Commission." The commission concurred.

ACTION ITEM

Appointments to ad hoc committee to review administrative manual

Chairperson Sears appointed the following commissioners to the ad hoc committee to review the administrative manual:

- 1. Chairperson Sears
- 2. Vice Chairperson Brown-Price
- 3. Commissioner Nicholson
- 4. Commissioner Mathieu

Vice Chairperson Brown-Price and Commissioner Mathieu agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee. Commissioner Stewart stated that he would serve on the ad hoc committee if Commissioner Nicholson was unable to serve.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Falkow reported that the citizen academy has begun. He advised the Commission that one of the portion, within the citizen academy session has been reserved for the Citizen Police Oversight Commission.

Chairperson Sears advised the Commission that the session for the citizen police oversight commission is scheduled for March 18 from 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. The commission will give a 20 minutes presentation and there will be 25 minutes allotted for questions and answers.

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CLOSED SESSION

The Citizen Police Oversight Commission recessed for closed session at 6:52 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

Mr. Falkow reported that two complaints were reviewed and that directions were given to staff.

STAFF REMARKS

There were no staff remarks.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS

Commissioner Hall commented that she was glad to be back.

Commissioner Spencer commented that he was glad to have Commission Hall back.

Commissioner Brown commented that the meeting was good.

Vice Chairperson Brown-Price requested the status of the identification badges.

Mr. Falkow commented that the request for identification cards was denied by the City Administrator. He also commented that the request to provide the watch commander a listing with the name of commissioners to verify identity at a crime scene was denied by the Chief of Police.

Chairperson Sears asked if a rationale was given regarding the denial of identification cards.

Mr. Falkow stated that a rationale was not given.

Chairperson Sears requested an explanation for the denial of identification cards.

Chairperson Sears commented that the Commission is the eyes and the ears of the community. She also commented that forming a community outreach committee would allow the commission to meet the community and provide them with an overview of the commission's job duties.

Chairperson Sears also commented that next month the Office of the Independent Review will submit its report and recommendations pertaining to the Commission and at that time the city will accept of reject their recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.