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**Citizen Police Oversight Commission (CPOC)
Meeting
May 12, 2010
City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall
Minutes**

Members Present:

Chairperson Adrienne Sears
Vice Chairperson Alan Kaplan
Commissioner David P. Stewart
Commissioner Kofi N. Nartey
Commissioner Wayne Spencer
Commissioner Judy Bowles
Commissioner Gilbert Mathieu

Members Absent:

Commissioner Joy Brown-Price (excused)
Commissioner Donald Nicholson (excused)
Commissioner Rita Hall (excused)

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael D. Falkow, Deputy City Administrator/CIO
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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Spencer.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Nartey.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Mathieu and seconded by Commissioner Spencer that the minutes of the April 14, 2010, meeting be approved. The motion carried.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that Council Member Dunlap appointed the last member to the Blue Ribbon Committee on May 11, 2010. Mr. Falkow stated that he has spoken with the City Attorney, and that he indicated we will move forward with the activation of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Mr. Falkow distributed copies of the CPOC webpage. He requested updated photos of the commissioners and requested that the commissioners make edits to their biography and return to him.

Mr. Falkow stated that the Medal of Valor luncheon was held on May 6, 2010. He also stated that several members of the police department were honored for their heroism at the event.

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that the City Council has been meeting frequently regarding layoffs. He stated that there has been no formal direction given to implement the layoffs. The direction that was given to staff was to reduce the operating budget by 20%; 15% personnel and no more than 5% of maintenance and operations. Those requests were turned in by every department including the police department, and the City Council has begun reviewing the reports.

Mr. Falkow stated that there was a request to begin publication of a CPOC newsletter (copies were distributed to the CPOC). Mr. Falkow further stated that he would use the CPOC letterhead for the newsletter and insert a date and volume number. Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that the newsletter would be placed on the CPOC's website.

Commissioner Mathieu suggested that whatever the CPOC writes that the content remain neutral and independent.

It was the consensus of the CPOC that the newsletter be produced quarterly and that the newsletter be given to the CPOC one month prior to publishing.

Mr. Falkow suggested that prior to publishing that Vice Chairperson Kaplan provides a draft copy of the newsletter to staff so that it may be mailed to the CPOC for review.

Commissioner Nartey suggested that the word "ballyhooded" be deleted from the newsletter.

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that staff will check for typographic and grammatical errors but will not change the content of the newsletter unless instructed to by the CPOC.

Commissioner Mathieu suggested that in the newsletter the acronym for the Citizen Police Oversight Commission not be used but spelled out. He also suggested that the acronym for Inglewood Police Department not be used but spelled out.

Chairperson Sears suggested that a sentence be added to the newsletter that states the purpose of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Mr. Falkow stated that a hyperlink for the Blue Ribbon Committee could be created, and a separate page be added to include the Blue Ribbon Committee Resolution.

Chairperson Sears thanked Vice Chairperson Kaplan for taking time to produce the CPOC newsletter.

DISCUSSION ITEM
Commission Outreach

Chairperson Sears tabled the item "Commission Outreach."

CLOSED SESSION

The Citizen Police Oversight Commission recessed for closed session at 7:20 p.m., and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

Mr. Falkow reported that Closed Session was held and directions were given to staff.

STAFF REMARKS

There were no staff remarks.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS

Commissioner Mathieu commented on a letter that was given to the City Council members regarding allegations against the police department.

Commissioner Bowles wished everyone a good evening.

Commissioner Stewart commented on the mayoral election. He advised the CPOC to be mindful of the things that they say. Commissioner Stewart stated that he believes the CPOC is headed in the right direction.

Commissioner Spencer commented that the commissioners diligently worked in closed session. He thanked the CPOC for their teamwork.

Commissioner Nartey thanked Vice Chairperson Kaplan for taking the initiative on the newsletter. He stated that he looks forward to working with Commissioner Kaplan on future newsletters. Commissioner Nartey stated that closed session was productive and wished everyone a good evening.

Vice Chairperson Kaplan commented on the upcoming election and newsletter. He stated that the CPOC should use the election opportunity to have perspective candidates make a public pledge to the purpose of the CPOC. Vice Chairperson Kaplan wished everyone a good evening.

Chairperson Sears stated as Chairperson she is making an effort to keep the CPOC on track and on task. In that regard, she asked the commissioners to assist her by curbing the sidebar conversations.

Chairperson Sears thanked Council Member Dunlap for making her selection to the Blue Ribbon Committee. She also thanked Vice Chairperson Kaplan for producing the CPOC newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.