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**Citizen Police Oversight Commission (CPOC)
Meeting
June 13, 2012
City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall
Minutes**

Members Present:

Chairperson Alex Padilla
Vice Chairperson Alicia Smith
Commissioner Woody Hollier
Commissioner Paul Smith
Commissioner Wayne Spencer
Commissioner Adrienne Sears
Commissioner Rita Hall

Members Absent:

Commissioner Maria Smietan (excused)
Commissioner Linda Soto (unexcused)

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael D. Falkow, Assistant City Manager
Acting Chief Mark Fronterotta, Inglewood Police Department
Captain Marie DiBernardo, Inglewood Police Department
Mr. James Henry, Supervisor of Vincent Park
Mrs. Kathy Givens, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Padilla at 6:51 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sears.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Spencer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Dawson commented that she was pleased to report that the police department has been responsive to her request regarding training on stalking for police officers. She thanked the CPOC for its assistance.

Mr. Willie Agee commented that the CPOC is making a difference and that he is proud of the CPOC.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Spencer and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the minutes of the May 9, 2012, meeting be approved. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Report from Inglewood Police Department on Enforcement Actions within the City

Acting Police Chief Fronterotta reported that violent crimes are down 5% overall in the City. There is an uptick in robberies and burglaries.

Acting Police Chief Fronterotta advised the CPOC that AB109 in the penal system enables lower level offenders to be pushed down to the county system. At this point, approximately 7,000 individuals have been released to L.A. County, which began in October 2011. He stated that he will be attending a meeting next month with other chiefs of police to discuss AB109 and will report the findings to the CPOC.

Chairperson Padilla asked about the plan as it relates to visibility and enforcement actions.

Acting Police Chief Fronterotta stated that there is allocated money that was received from the Metro Transit Authority. It enables the police department to put an additional average of eight officers a day on the streets; they are placed on the main thoroughfare to ride busses and create a sense of safety and visibility on the streets. A primary beat car is assigned and a secondary beat car is placed into each individual beat. The primary car will take care of service, and the secondary car is able to drive through neighborhoods.

Chairperson Padilla asked how many police officers are we down.

Acting Police Chief Fronterotta stated that they are operating with 179 police officers. The highest period of time was 213, 214, and 215.

Acting Police Chief Fronterotta advised the CPOC that he will be meeting with the Department of Justice on June 27 and June 28, 2012.

Acting Police Chief Fronterotta advised the CPOC that a number of foot patrols have been conducted inside of Rogers Park and that a weapon and marijuana were found inside the restroom. He stated that they are continuing those patrols also in the surrounding park area of Rogers Park.

He stated that at Vincent Park there is graffiti on both restrooms in both parks. He further stated that he has spoken with Ms. Barnes to have the graffiti removed.

Acting Chief Fronterotta stated that there have been issues regarding restrooms being unlocked at the park. He stated that Ms. Barnes does not have enough staff to lock the doors. The police will see if they can help and hopefully have the matter resolved by next week.

Acting Police Chief Fronterotta stated that he needs to put in place a long-term solution regarding loitering and lewd conduct going on inside of the park. He stated that they are enforcement and curfew actions being taken.

Commissioner Sears commented on the City's Emergency Response Plan. She stated that Mr. Falkow, Lt. Madia, in partnership with the City of Los Angeles, the Police Department, and her students from UCLA reviewed the City's hazard mitigation plan, and in particular one school had submitted their emergency response plan.

Mr. Falkow stated that the City's emergency preparedness coordinator has contacted the Inglewood Unified School District regarding their emergency response plan.

Mr. Falkow announced that the Community Emergency Response Team program is scheduled for this Saturday and the two Saturdays following at City Hall. Funding was secured through Los Angeles County Fire. He advised the CPOC that if you know anyone who lives or works in Inglewood who would like to attend, please contact staff.

Mr. Falkow stated that Councilman Franklin's town hall meeting is scheduled for next Saturday, and a component of the meeting will be related to emergency preparedness and disaster planning.

Commissioner Hall commented on AB109. She stated that the sheriff's department is actively conducting an educational component for inmates while they are incarcerated and when they exit. She further stated that she had witnessed a graduation and that she is optimistic and feels that the program is another tool in keeping our citizens safe.

Chairperson Padilla thanked Acting Chief Fronterotta for his enforcement actions at the parks.

Mr. James Henry, Supervisor of Vincent Park spoke regarding his vision of Rogers Park that would enhance both the City and Rogers Park.

Review of Upcoming Cases

Mr. Falkow stated that staff met with the lieutenant from Internal Affairs regarding ideas and thoughts about how to facilitate the review of cases. He further stated that the issue had to go to the City Attorney's Office. The concern that the City Attorney raised was that there was no way to protect the data once it left City Hall. The concern that the City Attorney raised was that even by providing a CD, it is clear that a hacker could break through any type of password that could be deployed.

Mr. Falkow stated that the files are very complex and have many pages. If documents are scanned, the amount of requirements to provide the commissioners with the ability to go through the information would be a tremendous burden.

Mr. Falkow further stated that he had discussed with the lieutenant another idea that the commissioners had brought up regarding hiring a part-time professional case reviewer. The lieutenant thought this may be a viable option.

Mr. Falkow stated that another option would be a rotation and have a commissioner review cases.

Commissioner Hall opted to hire a case reviewer. Commissioner Sears agreed.

Commissioner Hall suggested that the commissioners go back six months to review cases.

Commissioner Spencer stated if the CPOC brings someone in how much information will the Commissioners receive from the case reviewer.

Chairperson Padilla stated that the commissioners would create a template of what the commissioners will be requesting from the case reviewer.

Chairperson Padilla directed staff to move forward to inquire with the City manager as to the feasibility of hiring a part-time employee to review cases.

National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference in San Diego, California, October 14-18, 2012

Chairperson Padilla requested that staff approach the City manager regarding funding for five commissioners to attend the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that the City Council chose Consolidated Waste Disposal Services as the waste hauler.

Mr. Falkow stated that a five-year forecast was produced by Management Partners. Management Partners projected a \$9 million to \$19 million shortfall starting next year. The mid-year budget that was produced by the finance department indicated a possible \$9.4 million shortfall.

Mr. Falkow stated that he had spoken with Councilwoman Dunlap regarding a replacement to fill the vacancy for District 2. Councilwoman Dunlap indicated that she is currently reviewing nominees and hopefully will have someone very shortly.

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that Commissioner Hernandez resigned last week in favor of taking a part-time position with the City. Mr. Falkow further advised the CPOC that you cannot have a position with the City as an employee and be on the Commission.

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that for the next two weeks he will be at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

There was no closed session.

STAFF REMARKS

Mr. Falkow stated that he will see the Commissioners next month.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS

Commissioner Sears thanked staff for being here. She stated that it appears that the CPOC may be getting something done in terms of a case reviewer that was suggested.

Commissioner Hall thanked staff for a fabulous job. She stated that she is optimistic and looks forward to getting a case reviewer.

Commissioner Spencer stated that he is pleased with the Chief and his vision, and he wishes him the best.

Commissioner Hollier thanked staff for their involvement and patience. He stated that he is very optimistic about moving forward.

Commissioner Smith wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Vice Chairperson Smith stated that she appreciates staff's help and looks forward to getting down to business. She further stated that she was happy that Mr. Henry will be the supervisor at Rogers Park. She stated that she has high expectations for the CPOC.

Chairperson Padilla requested staff contact Commissioners Smiten and Soto to ensure that they are available to participate on the CPOC.

Chairperson Padilla requested that the commissioners' biographies be submitted to Mr. Falkow.

Chairperson Padilla stated that he appreciates the discussions that the CPOC is having moving forward as a Commission. He further stated that it is important to have people here from the public and that they know that they can bring an issue to the CPOC and the CPOC will address it in a timely manner. He further stated that it is important to have the police department here to represent what they are doing in the community as it relates to public safety. Chairperson Padilla thanked staff for all they do.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.