Police Review Board

ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

4:30 pm-Private Briefing
Anaheim City Hall – 7th Floor Conference Room
200 S. Anaheim Blvd, Anaheim

6:00 pm- Public Meeting
Anaheim West Tower-Gordon Hoyt Conference Room
201 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim

Chairperson: Phillip Wolfgramm
Vice Chairperson: Ryan Wagner
Board Members Present: Randall Brown, Diana VanKirk and Tim Webb
Board Members Absent: Karin Celosse and León Cisneros
Staff Members Present: Chris Zapata, Lylyana Bogdanovich, Julian Harvey, Bob Conklin
OIR Group Members Present: Mike Gennaco, Steve Connelly

• Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.
Chairperson Phillip Wolfgramm called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Chairperson Wolfgramm stated the board welcomes comments and questions. He encouraged the members of the public who wish to speak to fill out a speaker card located at the back of the room. Though it is not required to fill out a speaker card in order to speak, those who fill out a card will be recognized first and more importantly it will help the board follow up with them if they have questions or concerns that cannot be addressed at the meeting.

• Approval of Minutes
MOTION: Board Member Tim Webb offered a motion, seconded by Board Member Ryan Wagner and MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 5-0; Absent: Board Member Karin Celosse and León Cisneros) that the Police Review Board does hereby approve the minutes from the Police Review Board meeting held on January 24, 2019 as presented.

• Status Update
Chair Wolfgramm stated in their Closed Session meeting the board had a presentation from the Police regarding the carotid hold. The board continues to have interest in hearing from Police on how that procedure is being passed on to the officers.
• **Public Comments**

*Public Comments on any agenda items or subject matter within the scope of the Police Review Board. Please note: Individual audience participation is three minutes per speaker.*

Chairperson Wolfgramm clarified a few things about the public comment period. The board’s role is to monitor the Department’s review process, including for deadly force incidents, and to make recommendations about policy and procedure. However, the board does not do their own investigations, and they do not have authority to discipline officers.

If a member of the public is registering a specific allegation of misconduct, then the board can help facilitate that by making sure it comes to the attention of the right people. In addition, the board and the City Manager’s Office will follow up on what happens, and get back to them. However, the Department will conduct the investigation and decide the disciplinary outcomes or other resolutions.

Once the meeting is over, the board will keep track of the individual issues that the public brings to their attention. They will give the Department a chance to review, and then they will give the board a status update during the next closed session that comes before each public meeting. It might be to tell the board that an investigation is underway but not complete, that it is something they already looked at, or that they have completed a review and made findings.

The board is limited in what they can share about the details of specific cases, but OIR Group has access to those materials, and they report to them about their impressions of the process and concerns they may have.

After the board gets a private briefing, they will share what they can about the status of any pending complaints or inquiries during the public portion of the meeting.

Chair Wolfgramm opened the public comment period.

William Fitzgerald, H.O.M.E. (Homeowners for Maintaining our Environment) spoke about the number of people that have been killed by Anaheim Police Officers in the last few years and the reasons why, in his opinion.

John Dunton, Community Activist and Advocate, donates flowers for all the funerals of police officers in the state of California. Mr. Dunton spoke about corruption in the Anaheim Police Department and other incidents involving officers of the Anaheim Policing team. He provided copies of lawsuits involving police officers from APD. He also spoke briefly about a personal encounter with an officer of the Anaheim Police Department.
Brian Kaye thanked the board for being there that evening. He gave the board a copy of the original police report he filed after his encounter with an Anaheim police officer.

Arthur Castillo spoke about the issues with traffic and people running red lights and the shooting that took place at Chaparral Park. He wants to know where he can get more information on these incidents so that the community is well informed.

Vincent (last name not audible) expressed concern for the use of taxpayers’ money to have a board waste their time listening to little complaints. If someone has an issue with police, they should deal with them directly and stop wasting the board members’ time, as they should be with their family.

Vern Nelson spoke about SB1421. He is concerned with the amount of money that the Anaheim police department is charging Theresa Smith for the records of her son’s incident. They are charging her $80 an hour and are asking her to put down $3,000. Others are going to want to request records too and they will not be able to afford them. He would like the board to look into why they are charging so much.

Chair Wolfgramm asked staff to address Art Castillo’s comments regarding communication when incidents occur.

Lylyana Bogdanovich stated an Anaheim Alert notification went out when the shooting happened at Chaparral Park. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Anaheim Alert if they have not already done so as it is one of the mechanisms used to notify the community when there is an incident.

Deputy Police Chief Harvey added an Anaheim Alert notification is always sent out regarding incidents that are impactful to the community. Coupled with that, if there is a homicide or a major incident involving the police department, they send out another notification and they hand flyer the neighborhood in a radius around the incident letting residents know of a community meeting usually within a few days of the incident. Police officers come to those meetings and provide as much information as they can without jeopardizing any criminal or administrative investigation. In the matter of the Chaparral Park homicide, a homicide unit went out to the community and provided the information they could.

Chris Zapata further added there is a constant opportunity with District Council Meetings. When the districts have meetings in their neighborhoods, there is always a place reserved for police updates. The Police Department also does Coffee with Cop throughout the City.
Chair Wolfgramm stated in response to Mr. Nelson’s comments regarding fees, the Police Department gave a presentation about that in the previous meeting. Chair Wolfgramm requested more detail of how the fees are calculated for these types of requests.

- **School Lockdown Information- Presentation by Anaheim Police Department**

  Police Sergeant Bob Conklin with Youth Services Detail gave a lengthy presentation regarding School Lockdowns.

  The full presentation is available at [http://www.anaheim.net/PRB](http://www.anaheim.net/PRB).

- **Board Comments**

  Tim Webb brought up the cost of providing records. He recalls the discussion at the last meeting that it was not going to cost that much, but it sounds like it is.

  Chair Wolfgramm reiterated his request to get a breakdown on exactly how the costs are calculated.

- **Adjournment**

  There being no further business, Chair Wolfgramm adjourned the meeting to Thursday, March 28, 2019 at the Gordon Hoyt Conference Room on the 2nd Floor of the Anaheim West Tower at 6:00 p.m.