Police Review Board

ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, May 30, 2019
4:00 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 León Cisneros
Board Members Absent: Tim Webb
Staff Members Present: Chris Zapata, Lylyana Bogdanovich, Deputy Chief Julian Harvey
OIR Group Members Present: Steve Connelly

• Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.
  Chair Phillip Wolfgramm called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Chair Phillip 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: Vice Chair Ryan Wagner offered a motion, seconded by Board Member Randall Brown and MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 5-0; Absent: Board Members Tim Webb and one vacant seat) that the Police Review Board does hereby approve the minutes from the Police Review Board meeting held on April 25, 2019 as presented.

• 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.

Chair Phillip 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.

Chairperson Phillip Wolfgramm opened the public comment period.

Brian Kaye thanked the members of the Police Review Board, police and staff for being there that evening. He spoke about Board Member VanKirk’s speech at the last meeting asking speakers to be honest about what they say and to make sure that what they say is true. He then referred to his case with the police department and issues around it.

Arthur Castillo believes in getting involved. He wants to start programs and with or without the City, he is going to do it. He wants programs for young kids at risk.

- **Parking Overview – Anaheim Police Department**

Deputy Chief Julian Harvey gave an overview of the parking permit process. The Residential Permit Parking Program provides neighborhoods with options to balance parking needs on public streets. The program was updated in March 2018 with new, larger permit-parking districts, quicker application process and issuance of permits based on number of bedrooms. Residents can petition for permit parking on streets within established districts to limit street parking to residents and visitors with permits. Once a permit-parking district is approved, the city installs signs and issues
permits and the enforcement starts 72 hours after signs in place. If a car is parked within that district without a permit it is subject to be cited.

Deputy Chief Harvey shared the citation statistics for the current fiscal year. From July 1, 2018 to May 30, the Police Department issued 1,755 citations related to parking permit violations. Code Enforcement issued 4,082 parking permit violations during that period.

Chairperson Phillip Wolfgamm asked the police department to bring back at a future meeting a breakdown of parking citations by zip code.

- **Family Liaison/Use of Force- Anaheim Police Department**

  Deputy Chief Julian Harvey shared the Anaheim Police Department does not have a Family Liaison Unit, however, a lieutenant from the Anaheim Crime Unit along with a representative from the District Attorney’s Office meet with the decedent’s family the night or day of an incident and walks them through the various investigations which will be forthcoming. They offer single points of contact should there be questions and a worksheet with a brief rundown is provided to the family. Deputy Chief Harvey believes there would be a big benefit to have a person outside of the investigative process to serve as the liaison, and that is something he would absolutely welcome.

  Chairperson Phillip Wolfgamm asked if the person who meets with the family is part of the investigative team. Deputy Chief Harvey clarified he or she is a lieutenant who oversees the homicide detective who works concurrently with the DA’s office.

  Vice Chair Wagner asked if the person was hospitalized, would the lieutenant or DA unit ever allow an immediate family member to go to the hospital to be with that close relative. Deputy Chief Harvey responded it would depend on a few things. If the person is in custody and they are likely to survive, the answer would be no. If however, the person were in grave condition where survivability is in question, then they would allow that to happen in a controlled environment.

  Vice Chair Wager asked in grave conditions, when would the close relative be able to visit an injured close family member? Deputy Chief Harvey responded it is going to be case by case. If the person is alive and awake and they are a suspect in a felony, then that conversation may not happen.

  Chairperson Wolfgamm asked is there a written policy that guides the decision-making process. Deputy Chief Harvey responded there is no written policy and agreed that perhaps there should be.
Chairperson Wolfgramm asked what the process would be to implement such a policy. Deputy Chief Harvey responded the board could ask for it now.

Lylyana Bogdanovich pointed out in terms of the board’s recommendation, this is certainly something that the board has talked about and recommended that the board take vote in a future meeting and include it in the annual report so that there is formal recommendation.

Deputy Chief Harvey stated he is taking this as an informal request that they go down that road and that the board is more than welcome to put it in writing and formalize it.

- **Board Comments**

  Board Member León Cisneros stated he is in favor of freedom of speech and the first amendment of the US Constitution and he is not in favor of limiting people speech, but does advise members of the public to please not threaten people or make disturbing comments. Board Member Leon shared that on Ana Drive, there are multi-family apartment households and they do use the garages, but there are not enough parking spaces because there are multiple family members in a single apartment unit and they only have one space in the garage, so they park on the street. Finally, Board Member Cisneros suggested that the Police Department should consider using a social worker to communicate with the family members that have been affected by police shootings, not a lieutenant or someone else who works with the police because they may feel threatened or have trust issues.

  Board Member Diana VanKirk thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting.

  Board Member Randy Brown stated the board is still learning a lot in the process that they going through.

  Board Member Ryan Wagner appreciated everyone being there on the 5th Thursday of the month instead of the 4th. He and Board Member VanKirk are going to be handing out brochures in the neighborhoods in hopes of getting more community participation.

  Chair Phillip Wolfgramm stated he put his name down to join this board to see if he could help improve or better the relationship between the police and the residents. However, he does appreciates the police. If they listen to each other and understand they all trying to make the City of Anaheim a better place where the citizens can feel safe and that the police can feel like they have support from the community in doing their job to protect them then it will help a long way. He also thanked the City Manager and his staff for putting this board together to allow them to have a say in the things being done in the City.
• **Adjournment**
  There being no further business, Chair Phillip Wolfgramm adjourned the meeting to Thursday June 27, 2019 at the Gordon Hoyt Conference Room on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Floor of the Anaheim West Tower at 6:00 p.m.