



Police Review Board

ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, July 25, 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 – *absent*

Vice Chairperson: Ryan Wagner

Board Members Present: Randall Brown, León Cisneros, Mayra Gomez, Diana VanKirk and Tim Webb

Board Members Absent: Phillip Wolfgramm

Staff Members Present: Chris Zapata, Alyssa Guerrero, Jorge Cisneros, Julian Harvey, Edgar Hampton, Joe Reiss, Rocio Burress and Robert Benavidez

OIR Group Members Present: Mike Gennaco, Steve Connelly

- **Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.**

Vice Chair Ryan Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Vice Chair Ryan Wagner 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.

Vice Chair Ryan Wagner reported that during Closed Session they went over SB1421 and AB748 with City Attorney Rob Fabela. These laws have to do with public release of critical incidents.

- **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Board Member Diana VanKirk offered a motion, seconded by Board Member Randall Brown and MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 6-0; Absent: Chair Phillip Wolfgramm) that the Police Review Board does hereby approve the minutes from the Police Review Board meeting held on June 27, 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.

Vice Chair Ryan Wagner 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.

Vice Chair Ryan Wagner opened the public comment period.

Arthur Castillo spoke about traffic issues. He gave an update on people running red lights. He would like to know if anything is being done to adjust the speed in which yellow lights switch to red. He stated construction causes disorientation on turning right or left. He would like to talk to someone from Traffic to see how things can be improved.

- **Anaheim Police Association – Presentation by Edgar Hampton, President**

Edgar Hampton, President of the Anaheim Police Association, gave some background about himself including that he served in the U.S. Navy for 8 years and was Deputy Sheriff in San Diego for 5 years before he came to Anaheim. He is in the second term as President of the

Anaheim Police Association (APA). He explained he is the centralized voice for the Police Association that is made up of approximately 387 men and women that work for the Anaheim Police Department. His main responsibility are the police officers inside of the association, but he is employed by the Anaheim Police Department.

He explained the Anaheim Police Association manages the Short-term and Long-term disability plan for officers that are injured on duty. He is also the voice of the Association when it comes to policy and procedure changes within the organization and with respect to pay benefits and a negotiating body for the police officers that are sergeants and below. The Association has a survivor's scholarship fund for officers killed in the line of duty. The scholarships are for their children. Last year, APA gave out \$22,000 in scholarships. They are also partners within the community. They attend and sponsor charity events such as Anaheim Beautiful, WAND BBQ and other events in the community.

APA worked with the constitution of the board; he was in favor of the PRB Board and body-worn cameras. That was a direct result of working with the Police department and the City to get that done. They agreed with 28 of the 30 items the Police Review Board asked for. He thinks it is a healthy to have that transparency within the organization.

He left his personal cell, email address with the PRB Board, and made himself available to answer any questions.

Mr. Hampton answered questions related the Association's stand regarding subpoenaing officers. He also answered questions regarding the Association's role in representing officers when the officers believe they were wronged and when there is the possibility of disciplinary action involved. He also answered questions regarding their support for City Council candidates and SB230 related to deadly force issues.

- **Community Outreach Overview – Presentation by Anaheim Police Department**

Police Captain Reiss and his team gave a presentation on Community Outreach. The full presentation is available at <http://www.anaheim.net/PRB>.

Captain Joe Reiss has been with the Anaheim Police Department for 34 years. He is in charge of Patrol, Community Policing, Homeless Outreach Team and the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team. Joining Captain Reiss that evening were Crime Prevention Specialist Rocio Burress who spoke about community engagement and crime prevention and Officer Robert Benavidez who talked about the homeless outreach and the psychiatric emergency response team.

- **Board Comments**

Board Member Diana VanKirk thanked Captain Reiss and his team for coming to the meeting that evening and for the great presentation. The board has been talking about community engagement since the very first meetings and officers making that one to

one connection with the population is very important to build relations. She also thanked Mr. Hampton for the union news.

Board Member Mayra Gomez reported she had the opportunity to go on a ride along with a police officer so she could see firsthand what the department deals with. She went on a Friday night, so it was very alive. She had a fantastic time. The ride along lasted about 5 hours. It turned out to be slow night with not a lot happening. Most of the calls happened to be with transients. It was a very positive experience and she developed a newfound respect for the police department and all the great work the police officers do.

Vice Chair Ryan Wagner shared when he did his ride along with an officer the thing that impacted him the most was the level of engagement the officers had with kids. He sees that as a very positive thing for kids and the positive impact it could have for their future.

- **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Ryan Wagner adjourned the meeting to - Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the Gordon Hoyt Conference Room on the 2nd Floor of the Anaheim West Tower at 6:00 p.m.