

**FEBRUARY 23, 2005**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Police Commission met in the Northern District, at Rosa Parks Elementary School, 1501 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, at 6:19 p.m., in a Regular Meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Orr-Smith, Keane, Sparks, Marshall, Veronese  
ABSENT: Commissioners Renne, Chan

The Commissioners welcomed the audience and introduced themselves and gave a brief bio.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**a. Review of Recent Activities**

Chief Fong introduced the Command Staff. Present were Deputy Chiefs Suhr, Pengel, Parra, Tabak, and Commander Shinn. Chief Fong introduced Deputy Chief Parra to give an update regarding the new academy class.

Deputy Chief Parra stated that the Department is starting a new class of 50 officers as of Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Chief Parra also stated that the Department is currently performing examinations for entry level police officers. Currently the Department is at the stage of the oral examination. There is currently 917 candidates progressing to the oral interview board. These boards are composed of members of the police department as well as members from the community. Chief Parra announced that contact information sheet is available for anyone in the public wishing to participate in the selection process for their police officers in the future.

Commissioner Sparks asked Chief Parra how many candidates were initially recruited. Chief Parra stated that for the written portion of the test, there were 1,150 candidates that passed the written portion. There were over 2000 responses from the community during the recruitment drive. 1,056 were scheduled for the physical agility and now down to 917 candidates for the oral board.

Deputy Chief Parra stated that as far as demographics, White is 40 percent, African-American 8 percent, Hispanic 18 percent, Asian 22 percent, Filipino 8 percent, and Native American 4 percent; 88 percent male, 12 percent female for this particular class. This is the last portion of the E119 list.

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
None

**OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**a. Report on the function of the Office of Citizen Complaints**

Director Allen introduced himself and described the function and duties of the Office of Citizen Complaints.

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

Motion by Commissioner Keane to approve the minutes. Second by Commissioner Marshall. Approved 5-0.

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**CAPTAIN KEVIN DILLON, COMMANDING OFFICER OF NORTHERN STATION TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON POLICE ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT**

Captain Dillon described the Northern District's boundary and introduced Lieutenants John Sanford, Terry Barrett, Frank Lee, and Sharon Ferrigno. He further discussed the demographics of Northern Station and crimes occurring in the Northern District. Captain Dillon talked about different arrests and good work done by the members of the Northern Station.

Commissioner Sparks thanked Captain Dillon for his presentation. She asked what the response time is for A, B, and C type of calls. Captain Dillon stated that he can't answer the question and stated that he does not know if the C-type calls have increased but response time is always dependent on what else is going on in the district. Commissioner Sparks asked if the shortage in personnel have affected the ability of Northern Station to provide excellent service to the residents of Northern District. Captain Dillon stated that no, it doesn't. He stated that the station is able to provide the same level of service and at the same time still reduce the number of complaints received.

Commissioner Veronese asked Captain Dillon what is the perception from the public in the district of police officers following the Boyd incident. Captain Dillon stated that whenever there is an incident like the Boyd incident, it causes a strain on the relationship between the officers and the community and especially those who knew Cammerin Boyd. After that incident, extra beat officers were added that are now working seven days a week in that area. The officers spend a lot of time on Larch Avenue where that incident occurred.

The Commission acknowledged the presence of Supervisor Mirkarimi, Commissioner Leroy King and Commissioner Caroline Divine.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Unidentified commended Captain Dillon and stated that he has seen a lot of improvement since Captain Dillon became Captain of Northern.

Richard Johnson, Vice Chair of Northern District Police Community Relations Forum, welcomed the Commission to the Northern District. He invited the Commission to meet with the Northern District PCRFB to address various issues in regards to the District. He asked for more beat officers.

Linda Jo Fookoo, Executive Director of Japantown Task Force, stated that they have enjoyed a good working relationship with Northern Station and with the Police Department. She asked that the Department preserve the level of community policing.

Susan King, Community Leadership Academy & Emergency Response Program, thanked the Commission, Chief Fong, and the Officers for Justice, and the other officers who stood with the members of Visitacion Valley on February 4<sup>th</sup> for the anti violence march and rally. She thanked Commissioners Orr-Smith and Marshall for their support in working with the families of victims of violence. She also thanked Commissioner Veronese for wanting to work with the organization on their publicity campaign on abating violence.

Mark Gruberg, SF taxi driver, discussed concerns regarding limousines, town cars, out of town taxis and unlicensed taxis illegally performing taxi services. He asked for more enforcement.

Rua Graffis, Chair of United Taxicab Workers, discussed concerns regarding illegal limos.

Marla Selby, taxicab driver, discussed concerns regarding illegal limos and asked for more enforcement.

Mary Inglestein, St. Francis Square resident, discussed concerns regarding recent shootings and drugs in the area.

Sue Chang, Friends of Moscone Park and Rec Center, commended Captain Dillon and his staff for the wonderful job they have been doing and for keeping the park clear of homeless people.

Barry, taxicab driver, discussed concerns regarding illegal limos and stated that there is no enforcement against illegal limos.

Judy Edmund, Safety Network Program, wanted to express her appreciation to Northern Station. She thanked Captain Dillon and his staff at Northern for the support given her as a community organizer and for their willingness to be partners.

Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, District 5 Supervisor, thanked the Commission and the public for their input. He talked about how to make community policing more effective.

Jim and Gail, Hayes Valley residents, asked for funding for community policing.

Ace Washington welcomed the Commission to the Northern District. He stated that the police officer ratio does not reflect the African-American communities.

Gabe Barlow, Taxicab Workers, discussed concerns regarding illegal limos.

Brian Johnson, Director of Business Operations Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, thanked Captain Dillon for his efforts in policing of the community. He acknowledged four officers for building a good rapport with the workers at the community center as well as the individuals who visit the community center.

Otis Harris, Larch Way resident, stated that the community and the police department should come together to be able to distinguish between a community area or a crime area.

Michael Anderson, St. Francis Square resident, thanked the Commission for coming to the community and stated that no information is available in regards to the investigation of a current shooting that had occurred in the area.

Tammy Ryan stated that parolees who want to change their life, there should be rehabilitation and alternatives to crime in the community.

Michelle Terrell, Larch Way resident, stated there is no security for the residents who live in the area.

Marylon Boyd, Campaign for Justice for Cammerin Boyd, gave a status in regards to the shooting of Cammerin Boyd.

Sandra Bolden, SF Neighborhood Partnership, stated that she wants officers that like people and that talks to children about what is going on in their lives. She asked the community to come up with creative solutions. She thanked Captain Dillon.

Aris, Brothers for Change, discussed concerns.

Silvester Pollard asked for a moment of silence for people killed by police violence.

#### **SCHEDULING OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

None.

Motion by Commissioner Keane to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Veronese. Approved 5-0.

Thereafter the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Sergeant Joseph Reilly  
Secretary  
San Francisco Police Commission