

COMMUNITY AND POLICE RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

ONLINE ONLY MEETING

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LIVE WEBCAST

Council Chambers – City Hall

1243 National City Blvd

National City, CA 91950



NOTICE: The health and well-being of National City residents, visitors, and employees during the COVID-19 outbreak remains our top priority. The City of National City is coordinating with the County of San Diego Health Human Services Agency, and other agencies to take measures to monitor and reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). **The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak a global pandemic and local and state emergencies have been declared providing reprieve from certain public meeting laws such as the Brown Act.** As a result, the National City Community and Police Relations Commission (CPRC) meeting will occur only online to ensure the safety of City residents, employees and the communities we serve.

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 - Speakers will not be shown on video.
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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Excused Absences

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Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting November 18, 2021

Public Comment

Non-Action Item I – Introduction of Tonya Hussain, City Clerk’s Office Executive Secretary

Non-Action Item II – November 2021 Vice-Chair Election Update from City Attorney Bell

Non-Action Item III – Update on the City Council second reading of the Operating Procedures and Bylaws

Non-Action Item IV – Crime Stats

Non-Action Item V – NCPD Community Events

Action Item I – Complaint Review Subcommittee

Action Item II – Review Proposed 2021 Annual Report

Closed Session -
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
Government Code Section 54957(e)

City Staff Comments – Low Rider Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Comments

Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next Regular Meeting of the CPRC is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment

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COMMUNITY AND POLICE RELATIONS COMMISSION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Chairperson Lesley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioners:
Marianne Delatorre
Zachary Gomez
Michael Lesley
Department
Emiliano Nunez
Daniel Orth
Andy Sanchez
Shane McClure

City Staff:
Charles Bell Jr., City Attorney’s Office
Lauren Maxilom, City Manager’s Office
Sergeant Omar Ramirez, National City Police

EXCUSED ABSENCES

N/A

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Commission approved the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2021.
(Gomez/Orth - unanimous).

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission did not receive any public comment.

NON-ACTION ITEM

Non-Action Item I - Update on the City Council’s consideration of proposed edits to the Operating Procedures and Bylaws

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item I - Elect a new Chair and Vice Chair

Motion to nominate Chair Michael Lesley as Chair (Orth/Lesley; City Staffer Lauren Maxilom announced the motion passed due to a majority vote.)

Delatorre - No
Gomez - No
Lesley - Aye
Nunez - Abstain
Orth - Aye
Sanchez - Aye

Motion to nominate Commissioner Daniel Orth as Vice-Chair (Lesley/Sanchez; City Attorney Bell advised that the motion did not pass due to the lack of a majority.)

Delatorre - Abstain
Gomez - Abstain
Lesley - Aye
Nunez - Abstain
Orth - Aye
Sanchez - Aye

Motion to nominate Commissioner Zachary Gomez as Vice-Chair (Delatorre/Gomez; City Staffer Lauren Maxilom announced the motion passed due to a majority vote.)

Delatorre - Aye
Gomez - Aye
Lesley - No
Nunez - Aye
Orth - No
Sanchez - Abstain

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
Government Code Section 54957(e)

City Attorney Bell provided the report out of closed session. The Commission heard two matters in closed session, the first item received a unanimous vote that the disposition of the investigation is supported by the evidence, the second item received a majority vote that the disposition of the investigation is supported by the evidence.

Item 1: unanimous

Item 2: 4 yes, 2 abstentions

CITY STAFF COMMENTS

No comments requiring action were presented.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No comments requiring action were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. (Gomez/Orth - unanimous).

The next Regular Meeting of the CPRC is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Accepted by:

Lauren Maxilom, City Staff

Mike Lesley, Chair



Action Item II – Proposed 2021 Annual Report

Community and Police Relations Commission

Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

CC: City Manager's Office

From: Chairman, Michael Lesley

Re: 2021 Annual Report

During the first quarter of 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic and local and state emergencies were declared providing reprieve from certain public meeting laws. The health and well-being of National City residents, visitors, and employees during the COVID-19 outbreak remains a top priority. As a result, the National City Community and Police Relations Commission Meetings transitioned from in-person meetings to online in August 2020 to ensure the safety of City residents, employees and the communities and remained virtual throughout 2021.

Background

The National City Community and Police Relations Commission (CPRC) was established in October 2003 under the leadership of the Mayor and City Council. Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The Commission is comprised of eight individuals of which seven members are voting members. The one non-voting member is a member of the National City Police Officers Association (NCPD/POA). Commissioner terms are three years and subject to reappointment by the City Council.

The Commission meets quarterly on the third Thursday in the months of February, May, August and November at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the National City Civic Center, 1243 National City Boulevard, 2nd Floor, National City, CA 91950, unless otherwise designated.

2021 Year Review

During the 2021 calendar year, the Commission was composed of the following members: Chair Michael Lesley, Vice-Chair Marianne Delatorre and Commissioners Zachary Gomez, Candy

Morales, Emiliano Nunez, Daniel Orth, Andy Y. Sanchez, and M. Cristine Stein, including NCPD/POA non-voting member, Daniel Long.

Commissioner Shane McClure was appointed to replace Commissioner Long. Commissioner Stein resigned her position mid-term. The Commission concluded the year with one vacancy.

On November 18, 2021, the Commission elected Commissioner Lesley to serve as Chair and Commissioner Orth to serve as Vice-Chair from January 2022 – December 2022.

Complaint Review Subcommittee

The complaint review subcommittee is scheduled to meet with National City Police Department (NCPD) - Internal Affairs (IA) Department on a regular basis. All complaints that are reviewed by this subcommittee are presented to the Commission in closed session for further review and discussion. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the reviews were limited. Chairman Lesley and Commissioner Gomez remain as primaries in the Complaint Review Subcommittee and Vice-Chairman Orth as the alternate.

Cases Reviewed in 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 14 cases were brought before the full commission for their review and consideration during 2021. All cases reviewed received a unanimous or a majority vote that the disposition of the investigation was supported by the evidence. To date, all 2019 and three 2020 NCPD Internal Affairs cases have been reviewed by the CPRC.

Training and Special Presentations / Discussions

The annual (NACOLE) Conference:

- Due to COVID-19, no commissioners attended the in-person annual conference.

National City Police Department:

- Presentation and discussion by National City Police Captain Graham Young on the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (P.E.R.T). (2/18/2021)
- Presentation and discussion by National City Police Lt. Chris Sullivan on Officer Training. (5/20/2021).
- Presentation and discussion on National City Police Department (NCPD) Compliance with SB54: California Values Act. (5/20/2021)
- Memo from National City Police Chief Tellez to the CPRC regarding low rider events. (5/20/2021)

City Staff:

- Presentation and discussion of National City's Homeless Outreach Efforts by Joseph Olson, Neighborhood Services Manager. (2/18/2021)

Other:

- Presentation by the Museum of Tolerance (5/20/2021)
- Special Joint Meeting with Lowrider Ad-Hoc Committee (9/9/2021)
 - Presentation by the Low Rider Collation

Operating Procedures and Bylaws Sub-Committee

At the February 2021 meeting, the Commission created a sub-committee to review its operating procedures and bylaws. Commissioners Gomez and Orth were appointed to the sub-committee. Over the ensuing months, Gomez and Orth met on multiple occasions to review, amend, and update the Commission's operating procedures and bylaws.

The sub-committee presented its recommendations to the full Commission at the October 7 meeting. The approved changes will be heard for City Council consideration at the City Council meeting occurring on February 15, 2022. If adopted, the revised Operating Procedures and Bylaws would go into effect on February 15, 2022.

Meeting Attendance for 2021

Thursday, February 18, 2021:

Meeting held via Zoom Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Voting Members Present – Delatorre, Gomez, Lesley, Orth, and Plazola

Non-Voting Members Present – Long

Excused Absences – Morales

Thursday, May 20, 2021:

Meeting held via Zoom Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Voting Members Present – Delatorre, Gomez, Lesley, Nunez, Orth, Sanchez, and Stein

Non-Voting Members Present – Long

Thursday, September 9, 2021: Special Joint Meeting with Lowrider Ad-Hoc Committee

Meeting held via Zoom Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Voting Members Present – Delatorre, Gomez, Lesley, Nunez, Orth, and Sanchez

Non-Voting Members Present – McClure

Ad-Hoc Committee – Mayor, Alejandra Sotelo-Solis and Councilmember Mona Rios

Thursday, October 7, 2021:

Meeting held via Zoom Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Voting Members Present – Delatorre, Gomez, Lesley, Nunez, Orth, and Sanchez

Non-Voting Members Present – McClure

Thursday, November 18, 2021:

Meeting held via Zoom Video Conference due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Voting Members Present – Delatorre, Gomez, Lesley, Nunez, Orth, and Sanchez

Non-Voting Members Present – McClure

2022 Goals

1. Subcommittee review all 2020 and 2021 NCPD IA cases.
2. Pursue community outreach and engagement efforts to increase community participation in CPRC meetings.
3. Advise NCPD on operations and policy issues.