



Police Review Board ACTION MINUTES January 25, 2024

5:00 pm - Private Briefing

Anaheim City Hall – 7th Floor Conference Room
200 S. Anaheim Blvd, Anaheim

6:00 pm - Public Meeting

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Anaheim City Council Chambers

Chairperson: Jason Khoo

Vice Chairperson: Mayra Gomez

Board Members: Steve Valencia, Louie Cota

Board Members Absent: Diana VanKirk, Mayra Gomez

- **Call to Order – 6:13 p.m.**

Chair Jason Khoo called the meeting to order at 6:13pm.

- **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Board Member Valencia offered a motion, seconded by Board Member Cota and MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 3-0) that the Police Review Board does hereby approve the minutes from the Police Review Board meeting held on August 24, 2023 and November 2, 2023 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 Jason Khoo clarified and outlined the role of the Police Review Board and discussed the instructions for public comment.

Chair Khoo called forward the following speakers:

Brian Kaye spoke about his arrests and his concerns about obtaining more information on his case.

Mazatl spoke about his concerns with police interaction with native groups in Anaheim. He discussed the history of native and indigenous tribes in the United States.

Mark Richard Daniels spoke about his concerns regarding shootings in the City of Anaheim. He requested to have the details regarding the shootings made public.

Art Castillo spoke about his concerns regarding the SROs in public schools. He shared his concerns with the safety of the children in the schools.

Vern Nelson shared his concerns regarding past shootings in the City of Anaheim.

Chair Khoo closed public comments. He also stated that the Board has met multiple times to address the police cases brought up in Public Comment but cannot disclose information until it is made public.

- **Approval of 2024 Meeting Calendar**

MOTION: Board Member Valencia offered a motion, seconded by Board Member Cota and MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 3-0) that the Police Review Board does hereby approve the 2024 Police Review Board Meeting Calendar.

- **Presentation on Orange County Family Justice Center**

Sergeant Gustavo Maya gave a PowerPoint presentation on the OC Family Justice Center.

Chair Khoo outlined the guidelines for filling out Presentation Question Cards.

Sergeant Maya stated that the center primarily deals with victims and families of sexual, dependent, elder, and senior abuse. He stated that the centers have assisted with 7,000 calls to help victims within the last year.

The program was started to create a singular place where victims could get assistance. Previously, the victims would go to many different entities.

Sergeant Maya outlined the different steps for victims, once a police case has been filed. The center helps guide the victims through each step with an advocate that they provide for them.

The Orange County Family Justice Center strives to focus on making the lives of the victims easier going through their process after reporting a case.

Sergeant Maya also mentioned the classes and program directors that host classes on different topics like self-esteem and education, that can help victims and their families. The Orange County Family Justice Center partners with other agencies during the holiday season and adopts families to provide them with a holiday experience. The center also hosts a dance team that is open to the community and host a community jazz program at the amphitheater once a year.

Sergeant Maya outlined the techniques and procedures for abuse and sexual crimes involving children and how the Orange County Family Justice Center plays a role in the process.

Chair Khoo asked Sergeant Maya to elaborate on the transitions of victims. He also asked what the approach is for victims who have more complex cases. Sergeant Maya responded that the

police officers try to make contact with the victims and encourage them to use the resources at the center.

Chair Khoo asked if there are family members who become involved in the police cases. Sergeant Maya responded that they must ensure that there is credible evidence to make a report, but they can still provide information and services to that family.

Board member Valencia asked what residents the center serves. Sergeant Maya responded that the center serves all residents of Orange County.

Board member Cota asked what the qualifications and background a person would need to become an advocate. He also asked if treatment services were available to the victims. Sergeant Maya responded that all advocates must go through training and become familiar with all of the services and resources that the center provides. Sergeant Maya also highlighted the different programs that are offered for treatment services.

Board member Cota asked for more information about the scholarship program and what the timeline is for the students who apply. He also asked for information about how the scholarship program is advertised. Sergeant Maya responded that they utilize the community policing and school districts teams and events to spread the word about the scholarship program. Sergeant Maya also mentioned that the scholarships are given to the Youth Ambassadors, which requires 10-week training and an interview process to be approved for the scholarship.

Board member Valencia asked for more information about the requirements under Megan's law. Sergeant Maya said that all registered sex offenders must be made public due to the law, but more restrictions are given based on the type of crimes committed.

Chair Khoo asked for more information about what the priorities are for the justice center. Sergeant Maya said that they are focused on many different aspects of breaking the cycles of violence.

Chair Khoo asked what the biggest challenge the justice center is facing. Sergeant Maya responded that the stigma surrounding being called a victim.

Chair Khoo asked what collaboration the justice center has with other agencies. Sergeant Maya highlighted the volunteers that joined the center to assist and help other victims.

Board member Valencia asked if there are personnel that can identify if an individual needs more specified care. Sergeant Gustavo Maya responded that the center advocates can refer an individual and make sure they are connected to the services they need.

Chair Khoo asked why the center uses an Anaheim email address. Sergeant Maya responded that Anaheim has started and leads the efforts for the center.

Chair Khoo asked how the staff's wellbeing and wellness is managed at the center. Sergeant Maya mentioned that supervisors make sure that all of the employees use the services and peer support options.

Chair Khoo asked Steve Connolly to open the public questions to be read:

Mr. Connolly asked for clarification about how non-residents receive resources at the justice center. He also asked if the calls received are 911 calls. Sergeant Maya responded that the 7,000 calls for services were non-emergency calls, they were cold calls requesting services for residents.

The public asked what to elaborate on the portion of the presentation that discuss the suspicious of abuse.

The public asked what mechanisms are in place for outreach within the community.

The public asked what would happen if the suspect was an Anaheim officer or if there were any special procedures. Sergeant Maya responded that all crimes are treated the same.

The full presentation including the video recording is available at <http://www.anaheim.net/PRB>

- **NACOLE Conference Update**

Chair Khoo mentioned a topic from the conference regarding crimes of sexual assault involving police officers. He highlighted that the presentation from the conference mentioned a civilian oversight for sexual violence cases involving a police officer. Chair Khoo mentioned the steps that the Chicago police department goes through when there is a case involving a police officer.

Chair Khoo read through a chart that showed the steps and agencies involved as part of the investigative group.

APD gave an overview of the process for internal investigation and internal affairs when addressing a case involving an officer.

Chair Khoo asked what the first step would be to file a complaint. Mr. Connolly responded that it would be reported anonymously or through the police department.

Chair Khoo relayed that COPA is involved in the investigation with both on-duty and off-duty officers.

Board member Valencia mentioned he attended two presentations. The presentations were regarding a specific police case in Chicago. The presentation analyzed the actions and policies of the police department. The second presentation was regarding recommendations for the Chicago police department when interacting with mental disabilities or people on the autism

spectrum. Board member Valencia asked if APD had been contacted by the Justice Department regarding similar recommendations and requested a presentation.

Mr. Connolly responded that police officers receive initial mental health training and then have refresher trainings yearly. There are state mandated mental health trainings and well as de-escalation trainings yearly. There are clinicians in the field that work with the public, instead of police officers.

Board member Valencia explained that he would like to hear from dispatch in the future.

Board member Cota asked if APD's approach is consistent with cases involving police officers who are on duty or off duty.

APD responded that it is an internal affairs situation and mentioned that there could be an internal affairs presentation in the future.

The future meetings requested were listed to the Board for clarification.

- **Board Comments**

Chair Khoo opened up board comments.

Chair Khoo suggested having a presentation on stolen electronics when the location of the device is available.

Chair Khoo announced that there will be bi-monthly meetings for Police Review Board going forward. The Board will still meet every month for private briefings but will public meetings every other month.

Board member Valencia highlighted recent incidents at schools and the importance of having SROs on campus for safety. Board member Valencia thanked Sergeant Maya for his informative presentation and showing all the resources available at the center.

Board member Cota thanked APD for their presentation and for the public involvement. Board member Cota mentioned the importance of the SROs in schools and to remain flexible with new changes.

Chair Khoo mentioned that he will work with the City of Anaheim to address the public's follow ups and thanked everyone for being present.

Alyssa Guerrero announced the Board member applications are open for District 4 and one at large member. The information regarding the applications are available on the City's website.

- **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Jason Khoo adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. to Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.