



Police Review Board ACTION MINUTES March 28, 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 Present: Steve Valencia, Diana VanKirk

Board Members Absent: Louie Cota, Mayra Gomez

- **Call to Order – 6:11 p.m.**

Chair Jason Khoo called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.

- **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Board Member Valencia offered a motion, seconded by Board Member VanKirk and MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 3-0) that the Police Review Board does hereby approve the minutes from the Police Review Board meeting held on January 25, 2024 and February 22, 2024 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 shootings in the area and police reports. Kaye expressed his concerns with the response from the police department.

Art Castillo spoke about the SRO's program and his concerns with children in the surrounding neighborhoods. He advocated for the officers to also work with our gang unit and community policing officers.

Chair Khoo asked for clarification on a comment made by Art Castillo.

Art Castillo clarified his comments regarding officers and internal affairs and anonymous evidence.

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.

- **Presentation on Theft Crimes**

Sergeant Ryan Tisdale gave a presentation on theft crimes.

Sergeant Tisdale gave an overview of the different types of police cases that the criminal investigations unit oversees.

Sergeant Tisdale gave information about the grant that was received from the State of California to deter organized retail theft. He stated that this grant allowed the Police Department to start an organized retail theft unit to address these issues.

Board member Valencia asked how APD is canvassing specific areas. He asked about how Anaheim Anytime facilitates the process.

Sergeant Tisdale stated that a large number of retail theft crimes are not being reported. He stated that the majority of the theft numbers are not accurate, but they are working on educating the public and working with more retail stores.

Board member Valencia asked how APD is training retail stores when using their camera systems.

Sergeant Tisdale stated that APD has been working with retail stores in Anaheim to help better address organized retail theft.

Chair Khoo asked if Anaheim has been experiencing an increase in organized retail theft.

Sergeant Tisdale responded that there are not specific numbers that can be compared to know for certain if organized retail theft is on the rise.

Chair Khoo asked if smaller retail stores are also experiencing organized retail theft.

Sergeant Tisdale mentioned that APD focuses on both the larger corporations and the smaller stores in Anaheim. APD is working on educating the local stores on how to be aware and address organized retail theft.

Chair Khoo asked if business owners have insurance and how businesses are reimbursed for the stolen goods and how APD helps in the process.

Sergeant Tisdale stated that APD focuses on the incident, and it allows them to focus and address the trends in organized retail theft, regardless of reimbursement with insurance companies.

Chair Khoo asked for clarification on why retail theft crimes go underreported.

Sergeant Tisdale stated that the crimes would go unreported because APD previously did not have the funding for organized retail crime.

Board member VanKirk thanked Sergeant Tisdale for his presentation. She spoke about her experience with talking to retail workers. She asked for clarification on the follow up process after a crime and how many people are involved in a single crime.

Sergeant Tisdale explained that technology has created a new process for retail theft crime. He added that it can be difficult to keep track of all the individuals who are involved in a crime.

Board member Valencia asked what recommendations that APD is relaying to the state and federal level to ask for more assistance on retail theft crime.

Board member Valencia also asked about different officers within the organized retail theft unit and each of their roles.

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

- **Police Review Board Fourth Annual Report**

Chair Khoo introduced the Police Review Board's Fourth Annual Report. He explained that every year, the Board collectively comes up with recommendations for the City Manager and Anaheim Police Department to consider. These recommendations are the result of insights we developed in the past years, especially as a result of our public and private dialogue with APD.

Chair Khoo stated that from 2022-2023, PRB has held monthly public meetings to learn about a range of topics from the Anaheim Police Department including school safety, mental health, recruiting and hiring, and more.

The Board introduced their eight (8) recommendations:

1. **Community Outreach.** APD should make sure to provide residents representatives from at least one other unit within the Department to join Community Policing team events to share information about the range of services and programs that the agency offers.

2. **NACOLE Conference.** APD should consider sending a representative to the annual NACOLE conference as a way to gain the oversight community's perspective on law enforcement issues and opportunities for enhanced collaboration.
3. **Periodic Updates on PRB Report Recommendations.** APD should provide the PRB with periodic updates (semi-annual) regarding the progress of any accepted recommendations from past PRB reports with a minimum of two updates per year.
4. **Transparency:** APD should continue its efforts to enhance transparency and accountability by making additional information about use of force and other key operational issues available on the Department website.
5. **School Resource Officers.** APD should consider ways to balance contemporary concerns about police presence in schools through strategies that humanize the officers (such as 'soft'/casual uniform options) and promote the development of positive connections on campus.
6. **Chaplain Program:** APD should look at options for expanding its Chaplain program to develop additional interfaith options for Department members and residents.
7. **Dispatch.** APD should develop a protocol to follow-up with members of the public who have called 911 in conjunction with a crime in progress or critical incident, in order to provide available information, answer questions about the process and recognize the caller's contribution to addressing an incident.
8. **Briefings on future City Council agenda items.** APD should brief PRB on upcoming agenda items that will be brought forward to the City Council for their approval.

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- **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Jason Khoo adjourned the meeting at 8:00p.m. to Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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