Citizens Police Review Board
Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: August 8, 2017

CITY SECRETARY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Convened: 1:00 p.m.  Adjourned: 2:43 p.m.

Boardmembers Present:
Janice Coffee
Jesuorobo Enobakhare, Jr.
William Freeman
Loren Gilbert-Smith
Mario Gutierrez
Carl Raines, Chair
Joshua Vernon

Boardmembers Absent:
Felix Saucedo
Paul Hille, Vice-Chair

Technical Advisors Present:
Lieutenant Leo Daniels, (Technical Advisor – City of Arlington)
Lieutenant Leonard Elgin, (Technical Advisor – City of Ft. Worth)

Staff Present:
Dallas Police Department Internal Affairs
Pavala Armstrong, Assistant City Attorney, DPD
Genesis Gavino, City Manager’s Office

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
   Presiding: Carl Raines, Chair

   Action Taken/Recommendation(s):
   Chair Raines called an Open Session of the Citizens Police Review Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Room L1FN – Conference Center Auditorium, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present and attendance documented with each member stating their name and district they represent for the record.

2. Approval of Meeting Record for June 13, 2017 meeting
   Presenter: Carl Raines, Chair

   Action Taken/Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes.

   Motion by: Janice Coffee
   Item passed unanimously: X
   Item failed unanimously: ___

   Motion seconded by: Mario Gutierrez
   Item passed on a divided vote: ___
   Item failed on a divided vote: ___

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cases appearing on the Board’s agenda)
   Presenter: Carl Raines, Chair

   Action Taken/Recommendation(s): A quorum was present for public hearings. Ms. Gilbert-Smith provided an overview of the Board’s functions, limitations, powers and the
mission statement of the Board. Complainant Monica Wallace, Rodney Montgomery and the Dallas Police Department representatives were sworn in by Mr. Raines. The complainants were asked if they had any pending litigation with the City of Dallas as a result of their case.

4. **New Case – Monica Wallace – Division Referral Investigation – DR2017-034**
   Presenter: Carl Raines, Chair

   **Summary (Nature of Complaint):**
   Ms. Wallace stated the patrol officer that responded to her 911 call was unprofessional. Ms. Wallace also alleges the detective has failed to properly investigate her case and not filed charges on the security guard.

   Sergeant Kelly with Internal Affairs provided an overview to Ms. Wallace investigation. The Board discussed the allegations and findings of the investigation.

   **Findings (Conclusion):**

   **Allegation #1:**
   **NOT SUSTAINED – Uncaring and unprofessional**

   This investigation reveals based on testimonial, and documentary evidence collected during the course of the investigation, the allegation that Officer Barnes was uncaring and unprofessional can neither be proven or disproved and is therefore classified as NOT SUSTAINED.

   A motion was made by Mr. Freeman to concur with the Division Findings of Not Sustained. Mr. Gutierrez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Raines provided an overview of the Board’s ruling to Ms. Wallace.

   **Allegation #2**
   **UNFOUNDED – Failure to investigate**

   This investigation reveals based on documentary and video evidence, the allegation that Detective Bishop failed to fully investigate his case is proven to be false. The documentary and video recordings provide a preponderance of evidence that every effort was made to thoroughly investigate the Assault case. Therefore, allegations of Failure to Investigate is classified as UNFOUNDED.

   A motion was made by Ms. Coffee to concur with the Division Findings of Unfounded. Mr. Enobakhare, Jr. seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Raines provided an overview of the Board’s ruling to Ms. Wallace.

   Presenter: Carl Raines, Chair
Summary (Nature of Complaint):

On August 1, 2016, Mr. Rodney Montgomery was contacted by Central Patrol officers as he sat in his vehicle on Main Street under the Highway 75W Expressway. Mr. Montgomery had just left the pumps area near the Central Patrol Division. Mr. Montgomery had been identified by Senior Corporal Jacob Alanis, Narcotics Division, as the father of an individual who was the focus of a threat assessment related to July 7, 2016, police tragedy that occurred in downtown Dallas. Mr. Montgomery alleges that when Police Officers Sterling Hollis and Danquell Cameron made contact with him, one of the officers frisked him and squeezed his testicles so hard that MR. Montgomery had to seek treatment for the pain and swelling.

Sergeant White with Internal Affairs provided an overview to Mr. Montgomery investigation. The Board discussed the allegations and findings of the investigation.

Findings (Conclusion):

Allegation #1:
Not Sustained – Excessive Use of Force

Based on testimonial and documentary evidence collected, this investigation was unable to prove or disprove the allegation that Officers, Hollins, Cameron, or any other officer at the scene used excessive against Mr. Montgomery during a pat down of his person. Therefore, this investigation is classified as NOT SUSTAINED.

A motion was made by Ms. Gilbert-Smith to disagree with the Internal Affairs Findings of Not Sustained. Mr. Vernon seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Raines provided an overview of the Board’s ruling to Mr. Montgomery. A motion was made by Mr. Freeman to send a recommendation to the City Manager and Chief of Police a review of the Mr. Montgomery’s case for timeliness in conducting the investigation. Ms. Gilbert Smith seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The August 8, 2017 Citizens Police Review Board Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

APPROVED BY:  
Paul Hille, Vice-Chair  
Citizens Police Review Board

ATTEST:  
Genesis Gavino, Board Coordinator  
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