

Citizens Police Review Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: December 12, 2017

Convened: 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:08 p.m.

Boardmembers Present:

Janice Coffee
Loren Gilbert-Smith
James Birdsong
Ricky Phillips
Paul Hille, **Vice-Chair**
Bill Freeman
David Kitner
Brian Williams, **Chair**

Boardmembers Absent:

David LaBrec
Mario Gutierrez
Joshua Vernon

Staff Present:

Dallas Police Department Internal Affairs
Fort Worth Police Department
Pavala Armstrong, Assistant City Attorney, DPD
Genesis D. Gavino, City Manager's Office
Thomas Taylor, Chief of Staff to Chief Hall, DPD

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Action Taken/Recommendation(s):

Paul Hille called an Open Session of the Citizens Police Review Board meeting to order at 1:06p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 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 October 10, 2017 Meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2017.

Motion by: Janice Coffee

Motion seconded by: Bill Freeman

Passed unanimously

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cases appearing on the Board's agenda)**

A quorum was present for public hearings. Ms. Coffee provided an overview of the Board's functions, limitations, powers and the mission statement of the Board.

4. **Daniel Hernandez – CN2016-176**

Mr. Hernandez failed to appear before the Board for his 2nd request to reschedule.

Motion to dismiss Mr. Hernandez case for failure to appear: PASSED

Motion by: David Kitner

Motion seconded by: Ricky Phillips

Passed unanimously

5. **Dennis Bryant – CN2016-019**

Summary (Nature of Complaint)

On January 18, 2016, Police Officer Martin Rivera, #8352, Southeast Patrol Division, was working a special assignment at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, located at 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Mr. Dennis Bryant was involved in a disturbance in which Officer Rivera intervened and placed him in handcuffs for officer safety. Mr. Bryant alleges Officer Rivera put the handcuffs on him excessively tight causing him to bleed. Mr. Bryant also alleges Officer Rivera used unnecessary and/or appropriate force when he removed the handcuffs from him, causing pain and bruising on Mr. Bryant's body.

Allegation #1 – Inappropriate or Unnecessary Force

Based on the conflicting testimonial evidence collected during the course of this investigation and the lack of an independent witness, there is not a preponderance of evidence to prove or disprove the allegation that Officer Rivera used inappropriate or unnecessary force on Mr. Bryant. Therefore, this allegation is classified as '**NOT SUSTAINED**'.

Motion to concur with findings of NOT SUSTAINED: PASSED

Motion by: Bill Freeman

Motion seconded by: Janice Coffee

In Favor:

Opposed:

Brian Williams

Loren Gilbert-Smith

David Kitner

Ricky Phillips

Bill Freeman

Janice Coffee

Jim Birdsong

Allegation #2 – Inappropriate Language/Comments

Based on conflicting testimonial evidence collected during the course of this investigation and the lack of independent witness, there is not a preponderance of evidence to prove or disprove the allegation that Officer Rivera used inappropriate language with Mr. Bryant. Therefore, this is classified as '**NOT SUSTAINED**'.

Motion to concur with findings of NOT SUSTAINED: PASSED

Motion by: Bill Freeman

Motion seconded by: Janice Coffee

In Favor:

Against:

Brian Williams

Loren Gilbert-Smith

David Kitner

Ricky Phillips

Bill Freeman

Janice Coffee

Jim Birdsong

The December 12, 2017 Citizens Police Review Board Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



Brian Williams, Chair
Citizens Police Review Board



Genesis D. Gavino, Board Coordinator
Citizens Police Review Board

