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Minutes
Community Relations Board
1340 "E" Street - Conference Room
September 13, 1972

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mrs. McClure.

ATTENDANCE: Members in attendance were: Paul Cossette, Luther Crawford, Mrs. Ollie Edwards, Paul Francis, Doretha Graham, Fred Kunzel, Larry Marshall, Ardelia McClure, Robert Macdonald, Rev. George McKinney, Oscar Morlett, Ethellynn Neal, Joseph Ortega, Mike Sgobba, Jose Villa, Carrie Wooden. Ed Millican was present representing the District Attorney's office in the absence of Phil Saenz.

Excused: Ruben Dominguez

Staff: Wilbur Hagler, Wesley Whetstone, Curtis Long, Hector Lopez, Blanche Lockridge, Connie Fedeli.

Visitors: Max Verduzco, Capt. Don Davis, San Diego Police Department, and Don Lyles, State Service Center.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION WAS MADE SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. McClure read a statement from Attorney Fred Castro regarding an inquiry by the Board at the last meeting with regard to making public the form of disciplinary action taken by the Police Department against officers in the department. The statement read "a public agency has no obligation to make public the results of any internal investigation of that agency unless criminal charges are brought."

MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 1972.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Hagler read a letter sent to the Grand Jury regarding the Harvey case in which a request was made for an audience with the Grand Jury to discuss a possible Grand Jury indictment, and a reply from the Grand Jury informing the board that such an audience would serve no useful purpose.

A communication was read from the department directed to Mr. Frank Woodson, Department of Honor Camps, informing him that the Board was interested in setting up a supplemental transportation system for friends and relatives of inmates and requesting necessary information.

COMMUNICATIONS:
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The Board's attention was directed to a letter included in the package from Larry Marshall regarding legislation being considered for recommendation by the City Council concerning arrest records. The recommendation has gone on the Council docket and has been approved. There was discussion about the proposed legislation and clarification of the meaning by Mrs. McClure and representatives from the Police Department and the City Attorney's office.

The Harvey case was discussed, and the possibility of going to the Attorney General for advice on the avenues that are open to the Harveys at this time.

MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED TO PROCEED WITH THE HARVEY CASE.

It was suggested that we seek the advice of the Attorney General's office, and also that the Harveys and their attorney be consulted before any action is taken.

Mrs. McClure called the attention of the Board to a report included in the package on a workshop she had attended in Moraga Valley entitled "Youth, Crime and the Police". She discussed the workshop and the recommendations that had come out of it. She also informed the Board that there would be another workshop sponsored by the National Council of Christians and Jews held in San Diego in late October or early November. The six members from San Diego who attended the workshop in Moraga Valley will be on the planning unit for this workshop and the Board will be kept informed of the progress.

A report from staff on the return visit to the Honor Camps and Work Furlough Center was also included in the package.

Some members of the Board and staff had visited the correctional facility at Chino. Those who had attended reported to the Board their experiences and impressions. The consensus of opinion was that there could be much improvement in the area of rehabilitation and preparing the inmates to return to society. It was suggested that perhaps the board could consider supporting the idea of correctional facilities closer to the community.

Mr. Lyles reported that he had been approached by one of the conselors, who had asked if any of the group would be interested in coming in on a regular basis and becoming more closely involved with the men. Mr. Lyles asked the counselor to provide more specific details and promised to keep the Board informed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hagler reported that he had appeared that morning before the California Council on Criminal Justice Appeals Committee regarding the appeal for funding to extend the operation of the CRB throughout the City. Mr. Hagler stated that he doubted very much if CCCJ would fund the program this year, but that he had made his appeal looking forward to the 1973 funding year in hopes that CCCJ would review their priorities for the coming year.

Mr. Hagler directed the attention of the Board to the studies included in the package, and informed the Board that these studies had been prepared in draft form by staff to be submitted to the Board for consideration. It was requested that the members look the studies over and have an opinion for staff within approximately ten days so that the studies can be submitted to the City Manager's office.

There was discussion of the problem of senior citizens being attacked and robbed. Mike Sgobba reported that the Police Department is well aware of the problem and is doing all possible to solve it.

Mr. Lopez reported on the progress of plans for the 16th of September celebration in San Ysidro, and invited all members to attend. Some members objected to the fact that the Board had not been consulted regarding this event and asked that in the future the Board be contacted, by phone if necessary, in advance of a planned event.

MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

BUDGET AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS WRITTEN.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board was informed that the election of officers was scheduled for this time. Mr. Ortega, Chairman of the nominating committee, explained that the election had been postponed at the last meeting since there were not enough members present.

Oscar Morlett was requested to take the chair during the election.

MOTION WAS MADE THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED AND THAT THE SLATE OF OLLIE EDWARDS, JUAN GALLARDO, JOSE VILLA AND ARDELIA MCCLURE BE ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD.

There was no second.

OTHER BUSINESS:
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MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT ELECTION BE HELD BY SECRET BALLOT.

Ballots were marked and collected for counting by Mr. Whetstone and Max Verduzco.

Mike Sgobba requested that he be allowed three consecutive excused absences during the months of October, November and December while he attends the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and informed the Board that Capt. Hugh French, Commander of the Community Relations Unit, would substitute for him during that time with the Board's approval.

MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THREE CONSECUTIVE EXCUSED ABSENSES FOR MIKE SGOBBA, AND THAT CAPT. HUGH FRENCH BE ACCEPTED AS HIS SUBSTITUTE DURING THESE ABSENCES.

The Board was informed that the opportunity to attend the FBI academy was a highly sought-after appointment and those people who are selected to attend are highly thought of by the Department.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Sgobba.

Staff's contact in the Police Department during Mr. Sgobba's absence will be Capt. Don Davis until Capt. French returns from vacation, and then Capt. French for the balance of the time.

Oscar Morlett gave the Board the background of the Conference on Criminal Justice and the Mexican-American which was held in Phoenix,Arizona. Mr. Lopez read his report on the conference.

The results of the election were read to the Board as follows:

TREASURER: OLLIE EDWARDS
SECRETARY: BETTY STEINBACK
VICE-CHAIRMAN: ETHELLYNN NEAL
CHAIRMAN: ARDELIA MCCLURE

Mrs. Neal asked if it was possible to have a training program or small workshops to inform the Board members with regard to law and justice agencies, correctional facilities, etc. Agency members said that there were films and speakers available upon request. Mr. Hagler agreed that if the Board so desired staff would arrange to have such workshops.

OTHER BUSINESS:
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Mr. Lyles was asked to investigate the possibility of the Board visiting the larger correctional facilities.

There was a discussion of the function of the Board and the purpose of the various festivals. The Mountain View Park project was brought up and Mike Sgobba assured the members of the Board that he felt the project had been worthwhile since there had been no serious incidents during the summer. Mr. Sgobba also explained the situation in the 5000 block of Logan Ave. and the fact that with the cooperation of the citizens in the area, the police were able to go into the area and clear it out without incident or complaint. Because of the efforts of the CRB in these two areas it is felt the Police Department has become more responsive to the needs and desires of the people in the Model Neighborhood area.

The Board was asked to provide constructive ideas for new programs that will inform the community of CRB's existence and of their rights.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN.