POLICE ADVISORY AND REVIEW BOARD

POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM 909 MACHIN AVE. THURSDAY, March 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board Chairperson Catherine Dacre

ROLL CALL: Present: Catherine Dacre, Chair

George Coley, Vice Chair Bruce Ritter, Board Member Martina Bedar, Board Member Larry Harrison, Board Member

Absent: None

Staff Present: Matt McCaffrey, Acting Chief of Police

Dan Weakley, Human Resources Manager

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

It was moved (Coley) and seconded (Ritter) to approve the final agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved (Coley) and seconded (Harrison) to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

It was moved (Coley) and seconded (Bedar) to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

i Review of Citizen Complaints

Acting Chief McCaffrey indicated that no new Citizen Complaints have been filed since the last meeting on January 7, 2016.

ii Update on General Police Activities

Acting Chief McCaffrey provided the following updates:

- The newest Community Academy began on March 1.
- The most recent Coffee with the Cops and Firefighters was on Saturday, February 27.
- The Police Department is working with representatives from the Downtown Street Team program to bring the program to Novato. The program engages homeless individuals in community beatification projects, such as street cleaning and creek restoration. The program helps individuals rebuild their lives and provides support and instills accountability.
- In response to a question about automobile burglaries, Acting Chief McCaffrey noted that the City experienced its lowest crime rate in years in 2015, but he expects the rate to increase for a variety of reasons, including due to the effects of Proposition 47, which reclassified a number of felony crimes to misdemeanors. Acting Chief McCaffrey also discussed residential burglaries.
- In response to a question about the surveillance camera registry program, Acting Chief McCaffrey noted there has not been as much interest as hoped for, but the Department will continue to promote participation.
- The Department is conducting a promotional examination next week for Sergeant to fill a recent vacancy. Another vacancy is expected in July due to a retirement. There will also be a Lieutenant vacancy due to a retirement in April.
- There are two new Officers in field training and three vacant Officer positions.
- In response to a question about crisis intervention team (CIT) training, Acting Chief McCaffrey indicated that almost all Officers are trained and that they successfully handle interactions with individuals who suffer from mental illness.
- Acting Chief McCaffrey responded to general questions about the use and effectiveness of Tasers and bean bag guns.

BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS

There were no Board or staff comments.

DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting of the PARB will be May 5, 2016.

ADJOURMENT

It was moved (Ritter) and seconded (Coley) to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

/ Dan Weakley /
Dan Weakley, Human Resources Manager